

MINUTES of

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on 25 May 2021 at 12:30pm

Attendance at Meeting:

Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)
Cr I Strutt (Deputy Mayor)
Cr R Bell
Cr R Crouch
Cr M Dusting
Cr N Ledger
Cr T O'Connor (departed 5.11pm)
Cr T Toomey
Cr L Sampson

Staff:

Ms K Jessep, General Manager
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Mr T Seymour, Director Development & Infrastructure
Ms C Valencius, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Ms N Heaton, Coordinator Governance & Risk
Ms W Westbrook, Minute Clerk
Mr M Clarkson, Manager Planning & Development
Ms H McElnea, Communication & Engagement Officer

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CONFIRMED

1 OPENING & WELCOME

The chair declared the meeting opened at 12:35pm.

2 PRAYER

The Chair read the prayer.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

The Chair read the acknowledgement to country.

4 WEBCAST INFORMATION

The Chair advised the meeting was recorded, with the recording to be made available on Council's website following the meeting.

5 APOLOGIES & APPLICATION FOR LEAVE IF ABSENCES BY COUNCILLORS

The Chair advised there were no apologies.

The Chair advised there were no applications for leave of absence received.

6 DISCLOSURES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chair received the following declarations of non-pecuniary Conflict of Interest Declarations in relation to the 25 May 2021 Meeting

COUNCILLOR	ITEM OR REPORT NUMBER	PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST	NATURE OF INTEREST
T. Toomey	15.3	Non-pecuniary	Friendship

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes confirmed at the 25 May 2021 Meeting:

7.1 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING 27 APRIL 2021

MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council adopt the minutes the meeting held 27 April 2021, with the following amendments:

1. Signatures received for Basic (Primitive) Camping at The Glen as 41 not 3;
2. Signatures received for Upgrades to Rotary Park, opposite The Glen, as 41, not 42;
3. Delete: "(not dated) and advised the petitions"; insert: "Cr T Toomey tabled a petition on behalf of community members. The petition contains the following nine (9) projects along with the supporting signatures. These supporting signatures were provided in person at the public meeting of Thursday 22 April, at the Uralla Bowling Club, attended by around 50 people, at Burnet's Books on the following 4 days, and by email."
(numbers to be corrected with signatures received and number of emails submitted)
4. Delegates report for Mayoral Claim was incorrectly recorded, change to actual amount of \$508.64; and
5. Page 6 Item 6 Nature of interest for Cr Crouch should read "On the Board of the Uralla Showground Land Manager who has a financial association with the Uralla Pony Club"

as a true and correct record.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr M Dusing.

ABSENT: NIL

01.05/21 CARRIED

8 TABLING OF REPORTS & PETITIONS

No petitions tabled.

Report late item 9.1 – updated pages tabled: page 16 and pages 54-70.

Report item 16.3 – total estimated electrical costs for property owners to connect to Bundarra Sewer tabled.

9 LATE ITEMS/REPORTS OF BUSINESS, URGENT SUPPLEMENTARY

The Chair advised there was no urgent, supplementary items. The Chair referred Councillors to the late items of business recommended for addition to the published Meeting Agenda.

9.1 LATE REPORT TO COUNCIL- DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2021-2022

9.2 LATE REPORT TO COUNCIL - GRACE PERIOD FOR PRIVATE WORKS AND ONSITE PRESSURE SYSTEM WORKS TO CONNECT TO BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Disting

To consider Late Items of Business as additions to the Meeting Agenda.

That the late Item 9.1 of business be considered following Item 15.11 in the Meeting Agenda.

That the late Item 9.2 of business be considered following Item 15.5 in the Meeting Agenda.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Disting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

02.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey / Seconded: Cr Bell

That the Notice of Motion Item 16.3 of business be heard following Item 15.4 in the Meeting Agenda.

FOR: Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Disting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson,
Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr I Strutt, Cr M Pearce.

ABSENT: NIL

03.05/21 CARRIED

10 WRITTEN REPORT FROM DELEGATES

10.1 WRITTEN DELEGATE REPORT - CENTRAL NORTHERN REGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING, AND THE NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH EAST FULL ZONE - SUBMITTED BY CR I STRUTT

MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt/ Seconded: Cr Dusting

That Council receive the report on the Central Northern Regional Library General Meeting of 21 April 2021, and the NSW PLA North East Full Zone Meeting of 13 May 2021.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

04.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Councillors provided a verbal account of activities/meetings they have attended for the month

COUNCILLOR NAME:		Mark Dusting
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:		25 May 2021
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	Northern Tablelands Regional Weed Committee	Armidale
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance – JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:		Robert Crouch
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:		25 May 2021
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla - Chambers
7 May 2021	Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla Memorial Hall
10 May 2021	Utec (observer)	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	ARIC (observer)	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - The Glen – on site - Pioneer Park – one site - Long Term Financial Plan LTFP	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance - JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:	Levi Sampson	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	25 May 2021	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - The Glen – on site - Pioneer Park – one site - Long Term Financial Plan LTFP	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$93.84

COUNCILLOR NAME:	Natasha Ledger	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	25 May 2021	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
8 May 2021	Bundarra School of Arts Hall	Bundarra
7 May 2021	Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla Memorial Hall
11 May 2021	Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting & GM Workshop	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance – JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
24 May 2021	NEJO Observer	Glen Innes
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expenses Claim April & May Total		\$486.47

COUNCILLOR NAME:	Tara Toomey	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	25 May 2021	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla - Chambers
7 May 2021	Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla Memorial Hall
10 May 2021	Utec	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	ARIC	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - The Glen – on site - Pioneer Park – one site Long Term Financial Plan LTFP	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance – JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:		Robert Bell
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:		25 May 2021
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla - Chambers
7 May 2021	Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla Memorial Hall
8 May 2021	Bundarra Sewerage Meeting	Bundarra
11 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - The Glen – on site - Pioneer Park – one site - Long Term Financial Plan LTFP	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance – JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:		Tom O'Connor
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:		25 May 2021
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
9 Feb 2021	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	Uralla - Chambers
Noon on 9 Feb 2021 to 8 May 2021	Leave of absence	On leave
11 May 2021	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council meeting	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:		Isabel Strutt
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:		25 May 2021
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
4 May 2021	Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
7 May 2021	Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla Memorial Hall
10 May 2021	Utec Meeting	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	ARIC Meeting – Observer	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - The Glen – on site - Pioneer Park – one site - Long Term Financial Plan LTFP	The Glen, Pioneer Park and Uralla - Chambers
13 May 2021	NSW Public Libraries Association North East Full Zone Meeting	Walcha
18 May 2021	GM workshop and briefing - Insurance – JLT - Workers Comp & WHS - StateCover	Uralla - Chambers
16 May 2021	Centenary of Gostwyck Church	Gostwyck
19 May 2021	Mayor's Volunteer's Morning Tea	Uralla - Chambers
25 May 2021	Council Ordinary Meeting	Uralla – Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$0

COUNCILLOR NAME:	Michael Pearce	
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	25 May 2021	
DATE	COMMITTEE/MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
28 April 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. 2AD Radio interview. New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Regional Reference Group meeting.	Uralla - Chambers Armidale
29 April 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla - Chambers
03 May 2021	Mayor's Office - Admin	Uralla - Chambers
07 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Joint Forum New England Renewable Energy Zone	Uralla – Chambers Uralla Memorial Hall
10 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla - Chambers
11 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, ARIC – Observer. Councillor Strategic workshop.	Uralla - Chambers
12 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. 2AD Radio interview	Uralla - Chambers
13 May 2021	Mayor's Office - Admin	Uralla - Chambers
17 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Interview panel regarding Executive Officer position for New England Joint Organisation, NEJO	Uralla - Chambers
18 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Councillor Strategic Workshop.	Uralla - Chambers
20 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Northern Inland Regional Waste group meeting. Chair meeting, Non-Council delegate.	Uralla - Chambers
24 May 2021	New England Joint Organisation (NEJO) Board meeting.	Glen Innes
25 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. May Council meeting.	Uralla - Chambers
Expense Claims Total May 2021		\$359.04

The Chair advised the Delegates report have been tabled.

11 ITEMS PASSED IN BULK

There were no items passed in bulk.

12 MAYORAL MINUTE

No Mayoral Minute presented.

13 PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

No Speakers/Presentation.

14 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

14.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11 MAY 2021

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That the Minutes from the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 May 2021 be noted and that Council endorse the recommendations therein.

AMENDMENT: Cr Toomey/ Cr Bell

That

- I. the Minutes from the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 May 2021 be received, and
- II. that Council remind ARIC the committee is to provide advice to Council and cannot task the General Manager, and
- III. endorse the recommendations therein.

FOR: Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusing, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr M Pearce, Cr N Ledger.

ABSENT: NIL

05.05/21 CARRIED

The amendment become the substantive motion.

MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey/ Cr Bell

That

- I. the Minutes from the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 May 2021 be received, and
- II. that Council remind ARIC the committee is to provide advice to Council and cannot task the General Manager, and
- III. endorse the recommendations therein.

FOR: Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusing, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr M Pearce, Cr N Ledger.

ABSENT: NIL

06.05/21 CARRIED

14.2 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET REVIEW & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 4 MAY 2021

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council note the Minutes of the Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting held 4 May 2021.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusing, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

07.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.3 MINUTES OF THE BUNDARRA s355 SCHOOL OF ARTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 4 NOVEMBER 2020- 3 FEBRUARY 2021

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Bell/ Seconded: Cr Ledger

To move to Committee of the Whole.

08.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Bell

To resume Standing Orders.

09.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council receive the minutes of the Bundarra School of Arts Hall s355 Committee meetings held 4 November 2020 and 3 February 2021.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

10.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.4 MINUTES OF THE URALLA TOWNSHIP & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY – APRIL 2021

MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council

1. Receive advice from Cr Dusting, our delegate to and Chair of the New England Weeds Authority, on the progress of investigations into privet management in the Uralla Shire.
2. Receive a report from the General Manager on the annual plan of management for the maintenance of the CBD gardens blisters, and the funds allocated to the 21/22 budget.
3. Note the draft open spaces is still in development and has not been presented to Council or the community. Council advise UTEC that until a FINAL version of the Open Spaces Strategy is adopted by Council it is not appropriate for the DRAFT content to be relied upon or referred to as part of their deliberations.
4. Advise UTEC that the monthly meetings are permitted on the understanding that staff will only attend the quarterly meeting.
5. Receive the minutes of the Uralla Township and Environs Committee meetings held 9 February 2021, 8 March 2021, and 12 April 2021.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

11.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

15.1 CASH AT BANK AND INVESTMENTS

MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Ledger

That Council note:

1. The cash position as at 30 April, 2021 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$2,259,694, term deposits of \$14,907,319 totalling \$17,167,013 of readily convertible funds; and
2. The loan position as at 30 April, 2021 totalling \$2,016,276; and
3. The projected unrestricted cash position as at 30 June, 2021 totalling \$2,395,000.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusing, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

12.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.2 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS – THIRD QUARTER 2021

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey/ Seconded: Cr Bell

To move to Committee of the Whole.

13.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusing/ Seconded: Cr Crouch

To resume Standing Orders.

14.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Ledger

- a. That the third quarter budget review summary for the 2020/21 financial year be received and noted; and
- b. That the adjustments to budget allocations, including transfers to and from reserves, be adopted.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusing, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor,
Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt.

AGAINST: Cr T Toomey.

ABSENT: NIL

15.05/21 CARRIED

15.3 MODIFICATION OF DA-47-2018 SUBDIVISION

Cr Toomey, having previously declared a conflict of interest, left the meeting at 1:52pm.

MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch/ Seconded: Cr Bell

That Council resolve to modify condition 12 of Development Application 47/2018 from:

The driveway in the access handle to proposed Lot 163 is to be gravel and bitumen sealed or concreted for a width of 3 metres and for the length of proposed Lot 162. This is to be constructed to a standard approved by the Director of Infrastructure and Regulation and is to be at the expense of the developer.

To:

The driveway in the access handle to proposed Lot 163 is to be gravel for a width of 3 metres and for the length of proposed Lot 162. This is to be constructed to a standard approved by the Director of Infrastructure and Development and is to be at the expense of the developer.

Following debate a DIVISION was called with the result recorded as follows:

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt.

AGAINST: NIL.

ABSENT: Cr T Toomey (declared a non-pecuniary interest)

16.05/21

CARRIED

Cr Toomey returned to meeting at 1.54pm

15.4 BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME- PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Pearce - Chair/ Seconded: Cr Dusting

To move to Committee of the Whole.

17.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting/ Seconded: Cr Ledger

To resume Standing Orders.

18.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger/ Seconded: Cr Bell

That Council receive the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme – Project Update Report.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

19.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CONNECTION COSTS FOR PROPERTIES IN THE BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME

MOTION Moved: Cr Bell/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council:

- a. be advised of the total of the estimated cost of each property owner to connect to the new scheme;
- b. seek the approval of the Grant Funding body to expense all residents' connection costs from within the current contingencies budget;
- c. approve the Private Works under Section 67, NSW Local Government Act 1993 from the Sewer Fund;
- d. request the contractor confirm the variation amount for the work and bring it back to Council for consideration;
- e. be provided with details for the Project Manager including qualifications and experience; and
- f. seek the support of our Local State Government member, the Hon. Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands for this resolution.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

20.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.5 SHORT TERM LOAN AGREEMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL /PLUMBING UPGRADES – BUNDARRA SEWERAGE

Following the decision of council at item 16.3, Item 15.5 was not considered at this meeting.

Cr Ledger left the meeting 2:15pm

Cr Ledger returned to the meeting 2:16pm

Cr Toomey left the meeting 2:23pm

Cr Toomey returned to the meeting 2:25pm

9.2 LATE REPORT TO COUNCIL - GRACE PERIOD FOR PRIVATE WORKS AND ONSITE PRESSURE SYSTEM WORKS TO CONNECT TO BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME

Following the decision of council at item 16.3, Item 9.2 was not considered at this meeting.

15.6 PROJECTS SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING - PRIORITY LIST FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Pearce - Chair / Seconded: Cr Dusting
To move to Committee of the Whole.

21.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting / Seconded: Cr Strutt

To resume Standing Orders.

22.05/21

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved Cr Toomey/ Seconded Cr O'Connor

That Council reaffirms its position that it:

1. retains the projects:
 - a. Constellations of the South
 - b. adjacent Rotary Park upgrade and model boating lake together with Fibonacci theme at Pioneer park;
 - c. prioritised by Council Resolution 26.04/21 1a) and 1b) as the first priority for applicable grant funding applications,
2. endorses the Industrial Land at Rowan Ave as a Council top priority, and
3. Requests the General Manager lodge applications for these projects under all available grant opportunities, including Building Better Regions Fund round 6 and the currently open Stronger Country Communities Fund round 4.

FOR: Cr R Bell, Cr R Crouch, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr M Pearce, Cr I Strutt.

ABSENT: NIL

23.05/21

CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor /Seconded: Cr Dusting

That Council:

Endorse the *Proposed Project List* (listed below) of future capital projects, the progress of which are subject to future grant funding:

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Estimated Cost¹</i>
1. McMaugh Gardens upgrades – Outstanding works identified in Sixhills report (eg replacement of smoke alarms; extension of pathways; storm water drainage works; roof maintenance; widen doorways; routine re-painting and maintenance, upgrades to handrails, ramps, etc)	\$320,000
2. Uralla CBD Digital upgrade – Install WIFI/visual displays	\$50,000
3. Bridge Street Upgrade – Development of detailed design through community consultation and construction in accordance with consultation outcomes	\$1,500,000
4. Gilmore Park Toilets	\$50,000
5. Uralla Library refurbishment including building works and equipment (High Technology Hub) and study spaces. Additional scoping required.	\$360,000
6. Uralla Township Entry Signs/Structures	\$50,000

¹ Cost as at last project budget estimate. Some projects may require additional investigation to determine up-to-date cost estimates and/or project scopes. Up-to-date project estimates would be provided to Council at the time of the funding application.

7. Pioneer Park – Minor gardening and landscaping works	\$50,000
8. Mt Mutton Reservoir Murals	\$50,000
9. Uralla Court House restoration and refurbishment. Additional scoping required.	\$925,000
10. Upgrades/Maintenance to Council Chambers – Flooring	\$40,000
11. Upgrades/Maintenance to Council Chambers – Heating/cooling, furniture	\$120,000
12. Uralla Visitor Information Centre – Park seating and shelter upgrade	\$45,000
13. McMaugh Gardens upgrades – Addition of 14 rooms. Additional scoping required.	\$800,000
14. McMaugh Gardens upgrades – Internal footpaths	\$20,000
15. Installation of rainwater tanks on all public buildings. Additional scoping required.	\$160,000
16. Plant or plant production for waste at Council’s waste facility	\$200,000
17. Barry Munday Reserve upgrade – Munday Lane and Thomas Lagoon entry way, car park, viewing platform, maps	\$52,000
18. Bridge Street footpath upgrades - Hill Street intersection to King Street (both sides)	\$70,000
19. Uralla Main Street garden upgrade	Not yet scoped
20. Rocky River Shared Bike Footpath – From Rocky River to Uralla	\$810,000
21. Kingstown Hall upgrades following community consultation.	\$50,000
22. Dangars Lagoon Rest Stop	\$20,000
23. Council Depot buildings refurbishment – Asbestos removal, lead paint removal, update offices	\$500,000
24. Building Extension – Civic Centre/Administration Offices	Not yet scoped
25. Skate Park Upgrade	\$80,000
26. Amphitheatre in Alma Park	\$50,000
27. Bundarra Swimming Pool	Not yet scoped
28. Emu Crossing Campground Upgrades – Shower block and solar lighting	\$140,000
29. Bundarra Park upgrades – Fitness equipment and recommendations by Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee	\$30,000
30. Walking track - Mt Mutton to Wooldridge Fossicking Reserve along Rocky Creek	Not yet scoped
31. Fuller Park upgrade - Gardening and landscaping works	\$120,000
32. McMaugh Gardens upgrades – Staff lunchroom	\$30,000
33. Welcome to Uralla Shire signage – 8 entry signs on roads on Shire boundary	\$20,000
34. Bundarra Town Entrance Signs	\$7,500
35. Uralla CBD Carpark Toilets	\$80,000
36. Kentucky Memorial Hall air conditioners	\$25,000
37. Uralla Memorial Hall – Tiered seating	Not yet scoped
38. Racecourse Lagoon – Installation of composting toilets	\$60,000
39. McMaugh Gardens upgrade – Install bi-fold glass doors between the main dining/lounge and outside BBQ area	Not yet scoped
40. McMaugh Gardens upgrade – Install a lower false ceiling in the main dining/lounge room	Not yet scoped
41. Uralla Sports Complex – Rendering of buildings (Tennis club house, toilets, change rooms and squash courts)	\$55,000
42. Uralla Swimming Pool upgrade to year-round swimming pool with rehabilitation facilities	Not yet scoped
43. Uralla Sports Complex Bitumen Carpark	\$30,000
44. Barry Munday Reserve improvements (shelter, court improvements, tennis nets, BBQ facility, toilet, water tank)	\$175,000
45. Barry Munday Reserve removal of unsafe trees	\$15,000
46. All-weather walking track and bridge crossing at The Glen	\$110,000

47. Bundarra footpath extension and Park upgrades	\$30,000
48. Lions Park Bundarra – Updating of facilities including push-button gas BBQs, shelters and seating	Not yet scoped
49. Invergowrie Tennis Court upgrade/refurbishment	Not yet scoped
50. Bundarra Cemetery upgrades	Not yet scoped
51. Replacement of amenities at Wooldridge Fossicking Reserve	\$200,000
52. Bike/walking track - Alma Park to Fossicking Reserve	Not yet scoped
53. Mt Mutton Mountain Bike Track	Not yet scoped
54. Kellys Plains Road landscape	\$30,000
55. Zero energy resource centre	Not yet scoped
56. Agricultural centre	Not yet scoped
57. Tele Health centre	Not yet scoped

Place the *Proposed Project List* on public exhibition for a period of not fewer than 28 days and undertake community consultation during the period to ascertain the level of community support for the proposed projects and assist Council to allocate prioritisation when funding opportunities arise.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr M Dusing, Cr N Ledger, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt.

AGAINST: Cr R Crouch, Cr T Toomey.

ABSENT: NIL

24.05/21

CARRIED

Chair called for a short break at 2:48pm.

Meeting resumed at 2:57pm.

15.7 COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THUNDERBOLT ENERGY HUB SEARS

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE Moved: Cr Crouch/ Seconded: Cr O'Connor

That Council

1. Advise the General Manager that Council is losing confidence in the General Manager to:
 - a. implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the council, and,
 - b. to ensure the Mayor and other councillors are given timely information necessary to effectively discharge their functions.
2. Point 2 in Resolution 17.02/21 be fully implemented forthwith including the comments received from Councillors.

FOR: Cr R Bell, Cr T O'Connor, Cr R Crouch, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr M Pearce, Cr M Dusing, Cr N Ledger, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt.

ABSENT: NIL

MOTION LOST

MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt/ Seconded: Cr Dusting
That Council:

- I. Note that the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Thunderbolt Energy Hub SEARS is adequate for informing the developer of General Requirements, Key Issues, Plans and Documents, and Consultation that are to be addressed in the environmental impact statement.

- II. Writes to the developer confirming its position in that Council endorses sustainable development within the Shire, and expects the Development Application to be considered in the context of our Community Strategic Plan, particularly the following stated goals:
 - a) To preserve, protect and renew our beautiful environment;
 - b) Maintain a healthy balance between development and the environment;
 - c) An attractive environment for business, tourism and industry;
 - d) Growing and diversified employment, education and tourism opportunities;and further,
 - f) A 'cradle to grave' approach should be taken to ensure the project is environmentally sustainable during construction, operation, and decommissioning through appropriate bonding arrangements with the NSW Government;
 - g) That local employment be preferred;
 - h) Systems be put in place to preserve environmental values;
 - i) Any upgrades and maintenance to Council infrastructure to service the construction and/or operation of the development should be at the developer's expense;
 - j) No council infrastructure should be negatively impacted by the renewable energy project's construction and or operation; and
 - k) Protection of the amenity of residents surrounding the renewable energy projects and along transport routes should be the paramount consideration in the decision-making process.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr M Dusting, Cr N Ledger, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt.

AGAINST: Cr R Bell, Cr T O'Connor, Cr R Crouch, Cr T Toomey.

ABSENT: NIL

25.05/21 CARRIED

15.8 PRIORITISED PROJECTS FOR UPGRADING GRAVEL TO SEALED ROADS

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch/ Seconded: Cr O'Connor
To move to Committee of the Whole.

26.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Ledger left meeting 4:08pm
Cr Ledger returned to meeting 4:09pm

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey / Seconded: Cr Strutt
To resume Standing Orders.

27.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved: Cr Bell / Seconded: Cr Toomey

That Council:

1. Provide a current Transport Asset Management Plan including priorities for existing sealed roads rehabilitation;
2. Road hierarchy to be included in the road prioritisation tool.

FORESHADOWED MOTION – Crs Ledger and Strutt foreshadowed moving the recommendation in the business papers.

MOTION Moved: Cr Bell / Seconded: Cr Toomey

That Council:

1. Provide a current Transport Asset Management Plan including priorities for existing sealed roads rehabilitation;
2. Road hierarchy to be included in the road prioritisation tool.

FOR: Cr Crouch, Cr Toomey, Cr Bell, Cr O'Connor.

AGAINST: Cr Dusting, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

ABSENT: NIL

MOTION LOST

FORSHADOWED MOTION

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council:

- I. Approve the following road upgrades utilising Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant funding in 21/22

Road Name	Section	Length (m)	Year	Cost estimate (\$)
Old Gostwyck Road	To Corey Road	1,100	21/22	153,480
Corey Road	Full length	440	21/22	48,220
Harriet Gully Road	Full Length	760	21/22	83,300
				285,000

- II. Subject to additional grant funding, adopt the gravel roads upgrade to sealed roads prioritisation list as follows for subsequent years

Road Name	Section	Length (m)	Priority	Cost estimate (\$)
Gostwyck Road	14.9 to 16.9 km	2,000	1	490,000
Bendemeer Road	0.5 to 2.5 km	2,000	2	490,000
Gostwyck Road	16.9 to 19.0 km	2,100	3	515,000
Williams Road	0.2 to 2 km	1,800	4	441,000

- III. Places the other candidate roads list on public exhibition and invite nominations from the community for other gravel road candidate projects for investigation and prioritisation in the future.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

AGAINST: Cr Crouch, Cr Toomey, Cr Bell, Cr O'Connor.

ABSENT: NIL

28.05/21 CARRIED

15.9 WORKS PROGRAM

MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt/ Seconded: Cr Dusting

That Council receive the report for the works completed or progressed during April 2021 and works programmed for May 2021.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Crouch, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Toomey, Cr Bell, Cr O'Connor, Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

29.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.10 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-21 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Bell

To move to Committee of the Whole.

30.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting / Seconded: Cr Sampson

To resume Standing Orders.

31.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger/ Seconded: Cr Strutt

That the 2020-21 Operational Plan Progress Report at 31 March 2021 be received.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Crouch, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Toomey, Cr Bell, Cr O'Connor, Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

Against: NIL

Absent: NIL

32.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.11 RESOLUTIONS REGISTER ACTIONS STATUS

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey / Seconded: Cr Strutt

To move to Committee of the Whole.

33.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting/ Seconded: Cr Sampson

To resume Standing Orders.

34.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Ledger

That Council receive the Resolution Action Status as at 19 May 2021.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Crouch, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Toomey, Cr Bell, Cr O'Connor, Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: NIL

35.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 LATE REPORT TO COUNCIL- DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2021-2022

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Bell/ Seconded: Cr Toomey

To move to Committee of the Whole.

36.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey / Seconded: Cr Bell

That at 4.56pm move out of Committee, extend the meeting past 5pm, and resume Committee of the Whole.

37.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting / Seconded: Cr Crouch

To resume Standing Orders.

38.05/21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

Cr Ledger left the meeting 5:08pm

Cr Ledger returned to the meeting at 5:09pm

MOTION Moved: Cr Bell/ Seconded: Cr Dusting

That the Draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2021-2022 with the following amendments:

- Restrictions for the General Fund and McMaugh Fund corrected as tabled at the meeting;
- Capital expenditure description be amended to Local Rural Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting;
- Page 32 - table row one – Hawthorne Drive –: modify project budget and grant funding to \$1,080,620 reference to stage 2; and add the note: 'stage 1 commenced 2020/21';
- Page 16 – insert heading page for Part 2: Delivery Program 2017-2022 & Operational Plan 2021-2022;
- limit swimming pool entry fee increase from \$3.60 to \$4.00; and
- limit building inspection fees increases to 5%;

be placed on public exhibition from 26 May 2021 to 23 June 2021 and that a report be presented to the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

FOR: Cr M Pearce, Cr R Bell, Cr M Dusting, Cr T O'Connor, Cr L Sampson, Cr I Strutt, Cr T Toomey.

AGAINST: Cr R Crouch, Cr N Ledger.

ABSENT: NIL

39.05/21 CARRIED

Cr O'Connor left meeting 5:11pm

16 MOTIONS ON NOTICE QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

16.1 RESPONSE TO QUESTION – HILL ST & MT MITCHEL ROAD AUDIT FROM APRIL 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt

That Council receive the response to the question from Councillor Ledger at the 27 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Toomey, , Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce.

AGAINST: Cr Crouch, Cr Bell.

ABSENT: Cr O'Connor.

40.05/21 CARRIED

16.2 RESPONSE TO QUESTION - LOCAL EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY FROM APRIL 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey/ Seconded: Cr Sampson

That Council receive the response to the question from the 27 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

FOR: Cr Dusting, Cr Sampson, Cr Ledger, Cr Toomey, , Cr Strutt, Cr Pearce, Cr Crouch, Cr Bell.

AGAINST: NIL

ABSENT: Cr O'Connor.

41.05/21 CARRIED

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Chair advised there were no confidential matters to be heard at the 25 May 2021 Meeting.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting was closed at 5:16pm.

19 COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:	
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	
DATE:	
MAYOR:	Councillor Michael Pearce