



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at 6:00pm
04 February 2020

ROLL CALL

Councillors:

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

Staff:

Mr D Aber, Acting General Manager
Mr T Seymour, Director Infrastructure & Development
Ms S Glasson, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Minute Clerk

MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors, R Bell,, N Ledger, T O'Connor, L Sampson, I Strutt, and T Toomey, Acting General Manager (Mr D Aber), Director Infrastructure and Development (Mr T Seymour), Executive Manager Corporate Services (Ms S Glasson), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul), and Minute Clerk (B White).

1. OPENING OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 6:00pm.

2. PRAYER

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Uralla Shire Council recognises the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is being held and acknowledge Aboriginal Elders past and present and we pay respect to them and their heritage.

4. APOLOGIES

The Chair advised receipt of an apology from Cr Dusting.

MOTION (Crs I Strutt / N Ledger)

That:

Council accept the apology from Cr M Dusting for the extraordinary meeting held 04 February 2020.

X01.02/20 CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs L Sampson / R Crouch)

To include Presentations as number 6 Agenda Item

That:

Mr Max Wilton be permitted to make a presentation for consideration by Council.

X02.02/19 CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

Speaker 1:	Max Wilton
Subject:	Uralla Town Water Supply

The Chair introduced the Speaker, Max Wilton.

The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the Uralla Town Water Supply.

The Chair invited questions from Councillors.

The Chair thanked the Speaker for his presentation to Council.

6. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Submitted by: Cr R Crouch

Reference/Subject: Notice of Motion 1 - Councillor briefing on Uralla water supply

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That at the February Ordinary Council Meeting, Council be provided with a detailed report on actions taken to address the elevated levels of arsenic, along with the short and long term supply issues, including budget implications impacting on Uralla's water supply.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs R Crouch / T Toomey)
To move to Committee of the Whole**

X03.02/20 CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs N Ledger / T Toomey)
To resume Standing Orders**

X04.02/20 CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION (Crs R Crouch / T Toomey)

That:

1. at the February Ordinary Council Meeting, Council be provided with a brief report on actions taken to address the elevated levels of arsenic, along with the short and long term supply issues, including budget implications to date impacting on Uralla's water supply.
2. the report include a schedule of testing for the arsenic in 2019 and 2020 and the test results for each occasion as well as an explanation of why Council tested ahead of schedule in November, 2019.

X05.02/20 CARRIED

Submitted by: Cr T Toomey

Reference/Subject: Notice of Motion 2 - Economic Reparations to Impacted Businesses

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That the General Manager:

1. contact each food or beverage business in the Uralla Shire reliant on town water
2. understand what the additional costs that transitioning to a new water source for their business have been
3. for food and beverage businesses who have not made the transition due to the cost, understand what the costs are
4. provide a report to Council at the February meeting
5. continue to acknowledge and publicly thank those volunteers who have stepped in from the start and who continue to step in, to distribute the water and care for our community during this time

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T Toomey / R Crouch)
To move to Committee of the Whole**

X06.02/20 CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T Toomey / R Crouch)
To resume Standing Orders**

X07.02/20 CARRIED

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MOTION (Crs T Toomey / R Crouch)

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1. contact each food or beverage business in the Uralla Shire reliant on town water
2. understand what the additional costs that transitioning to a new water source for their business have been
3. for food and beverage businesses who have not made the transition due to the cost, understand what the costs are
4. provide a report to the Council at the 24 March 2020 meeting seeking funding from the State and Federal Governments
5. continue to acknowledge and publicly thank those volunteers who have stepped in from the start and who continue to step in, to distribute the water and care for our community during this time

X08.02/20 CARRIED

Submitted by: Cr T Toomey
Reference/Subject: Notice of Motion 3 - Proactive Marketing to Recover Brand Damage

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Council authorise the General Manager;

to seek funding from the State and Federal government to meet the cost of :

- the development of a Uralla Shire map identifying businesses
- a visit by a travel writer
- promotional social media video

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs I Strutt / T O'Connor)

To move to Committee of the Whole

X09.02/20 CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / T Toomey)

To resume Standing Orders

X10.02/20 CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in committee.

MOTION (Crs T Toomey / L Sampson)

That Council;

seek funding from the State and Federal government to meet the cost of :

- a. The development of a Uralla Shire map which identifies businesses operating within the Uralla Shire; and
- b. A visit by a travel writer who will ensure that their appraisal will appear in some form of media to promote Uralla Shire Council in a positive light; and
- c. Creating a promotional social media video of Uralla Shire as part of a long term online campaign.

X11.02/20 CARRIED

Submitted by: Cr T Toomey
Reference/Subject: Notice of Motion 4 - Appointment of Interim General Manager

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Council;

appoint an Acting General Manager from outside the organisation to fulfil the role while the recruiting for the permanent position is undertaken.

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MOTION (Crs T Toomey / T O'Connor)

That Council;

seek Acting General Managers from outside the organisation, during the adopted process of recruitment of a permanent general manager, in recognition of the demands on an already stretched organisational structure and staffing as evidenced by:

- a) The absence of Councillor and community input, to date, organised into the development of the Local Strategic Planning Statement currently in its third draft;
- b) The omission to having a change in Capital Works road upgrade programming referred to Council, work which is neither authorised or funded by Council's Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2019/2020 (page 75) nor in accordance with the priorities established in Council's adopted Transport Asset Management Plan February 2017, version 6, priorities set out on page 48;
- c) The absence of notice to elected representatives of the invitation from the Independent Planning Commission NSW, to meet with them on February 11th at 2pm, prior to the public hearing at 4.30pm on the same day, or to provide an organised response on this critical development for the Uralla Shire;
- d) The delay in warning Councillors of the potential elevated levels of arsenic levels in Uralla's water supply and inability to keep Councillors fully informed of progress;
- e) The failure to timely deliver on Motion 32.07/19 relating to the inclusion of sections on wind and solar power generation developments in the Uralla Shire Council's Development Control Plan; and
- f) The delays and cost over-runs on major projects; i.e., Industrial Land (\$1m borrowed on 8 May 2015), Water Filter improvements (urgent funding allocation of \$250,000 provided at meeting of 30 October 2018), Bundarra Sewerage (delays and cost estimate increase of 61.8%), Barloo Road (cost over runs advised as being funded out of unrestricted funds) and Eastern Avenue (cost over-runs) both cost over runs being without Council authorisation.

X12.02/20 CARRIED

Cr I Strutt requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

Submitted by: Cr T Toomey

Reference/Subject: Notice of Motion 5 - General Manager Remuneration

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

agree to include an additional sum of \$10,000 in the remuneration package offered to the successful applicant, contingent upon that additional sum being spent on rent or stamp duty for a property based in the Uralla Shire.

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / N Ledger)

To move to Committee of the Whole

X13.02/20 CARRIED

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PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs I Strutt / R Bell)

To resume Standing Orders

X14.02/20 CARRIED

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MOTION (Crs T O'Connor / T Toomey)

That Council;

give consideration of financial assistance to the successful applicant for the position of General Manager at Uralla Shire Council, in the event that the successful applicant wishes to:

- a) acquire a principal place of residence in the Uralla Shire and that the General Manager intends to reside in during his tenure as General Manager; or
- b) rental of a property in the Uralla Shire that will be the principal place of residence that the General Manager intends to reside in during his tenure as General Manager.

X15.02/20 CARRIED

CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at: 6:59pm

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:	
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	02.02/20
DATE:	25 February 2020
MAYOR:	