

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney, on  
Wednesday, 16 August 2023, commencing at 10.30am.**

**Present**

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| Cr. David Somervaille | (Chairperson)  | Blayney |
| Cr. Paul Best         |  | Weddin  |
| Cr. Michelle Cook     |  | Weddin  |
| Cr. Allan Ewin        |  | Blayney |
| Cr. Marlene Nash      |  | Cabonne |
| Cr. Andrew Rawson     | (Deputy Chairperson –<br>attendance via audio-<br>visual link) | Cabonne |

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| Gavin Rhodes    | (General Manager)                          |
| Peter McFarlane | (Director Finance & Corporate Services)    |
| Noel Wellham    | (Director Operations & Technical Services) |
| Achal Deo       | (Governance & Executive Support Officer)   |

*Proceedings in brief: The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed Achal Deo, CTW's recently appointed Governance & Executive Support Officer.*

**REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK**

**23/050 RESOLVED:**

That Council approves the attendance of Cr. Rawson to the August 2023 Council Meeting via audio-visual link.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Ewin)

**4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS**

Nil

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**23/051 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 21 June 2023, being minute numbers 23/035 to 23/049 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

*Proceedings in brief: In reference to minute number 23/047, responses to the questions without notice on the environmental flow rules for Lake Rowlands under CTW's current water access licence requirements, and non-urban metering requirements for the Caragabal Water Supply System, the Director Operations & Technical Services (DOTS) advised Council as follows:*

### ***What are the current environmental flow rules for Lake Rowlands under CTW's current water access licence requirements?***

*In September 2020, the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) advised CTW that CTW's current Statement of Approval, covering 2019 to 2029, had not carried over the riparian release requirements as listed on its former licence.*

*These release requirements being:*

- *1st April to 30th November - 1.22ML/day, and*
- *1st December to 31st March - 2.44ML/day*

*Subject to inflow being greater or equal to these values, otherwise release to be "not less than" inflows.*

*The Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) advised that once the conditions are drafted, CTW will be contacted to advise of the process for implementation.*

*To DOTS knowledge, CTW is still awaiting advice for implementation, however DOTS has contacted, and is awaiting NRAR for an update.*

*As the dam continues to overflow approx. 1% (45ML) /day, CTW is currently well within the above future release requirements.*

### ***What are the new Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) metering compliance requirements for the current Caragabal Town Water Supply System, noting that requirements for the Southern Inland area were due to be implemented by 1 June 2023?***

*DOTS has contacted the Weddin Shire Council (WSC) Director of Engineering to offer assistance on the above matter. WSC is aware of their responsibilities for both non-urban metering and Dam Safety associated with Caragabal Town Water Supply and will seek DOTS assistance as and when required.*

## **23/052 RESOLVED:**

That the Director Operations & Technical Services provide a written report in relation to the question without notice in relation to environmental flows.

(Cr. Somervaille/Cr. Ewin)

## **7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

*Proceedings in brief: The chairperson reminded all councillors to provide annual disclosures of interest and related party forms to the Director Finance & Corporate Services (DFCS). The DFCS will follow up with those councillors of which returns are yet to be received.*

## **8. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

## **9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES**

Nil

## **10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION**

Cr. Somerville represented CTW at the following:

- CNSWJO meeting with NSW Water Minister – Parkes – 26 June 2023
- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2023 – Parkes – 26 & 27 June 2023
- Funeral of CTW Network Operator, Brian Davis – Carcoar - 6 July 2023.
- Regional Water Security & Productive Water Portfolio online meeting - 12 July 2023
- Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) Chairs Forum - Canberra - 1 August 2023

Cr. Cook represented CTW at the following:

- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2023 – Parkes - 26 to 28 June 2023

Cr. Rawson represented CTW at the following:

- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2023 – Parkes – 26 to 28 June 2023

Cr. Nash represented Cabonne Council and CTW at the following:

- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2023 – Parkes – 26 to 28 June 2023

## **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **12. REPORTS OF STAFF**

### **12.1) LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2023 (CM.CF.1)**

#### **23/053 RESOLVED:**

That the Council note the report regarding the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2023.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Best)

**12.2      LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023 (CM.CF.1)**

**23/054      RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Give approval for the Chairperson, General Manager and any other interested councillor(s) to attend the 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Sydney, from 12 to 14 November 2023.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

*Proceedings in brief: The Deputy Chairperson and Cr Nash advised that they would be representing Cabonne Council at the LGNSW Annual Conference 2023.*

**12.3      DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)**

**23/055      RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Delivery Program 2022-2026 progress report as at June 2023.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Cook)

**12.4      LEVELS OF SERVICE UPDATE REPORT (CU.ST.2)**

**23/056      RESOLVED:**

The Council:

1. Noted the Levels of Service update report, and
2. Endorse the actions of the Senior Management Team and Asset Officer to undertake an Asset Software System Capability Review that explores the opportunity to gather additional data that would support further monitoring and reporting of CTW's "Supply Interruptions" Levels of Service.

(Cr. Best /Cr. Nash)

**12.5      CANOWINDRA COMMUNITY RADIO SERVICE (PM.US.1)**

**23/057      RESOLVED:**

The Council:

1. Note the report,
2. Authorise the General Manager to enter into a host site agreement for an initial period of 5 years with United Christian Broadcasters Australia Limited (trading as Vision Christian Media) to host community radio equipment at the Canowindra Town Reservoir site, and

3. Approve a Section 356 Donation for the electricity costs associated with hosting the community radio equipment at the Canowindra Town Reservoir site under the host site agreement.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

**12.6 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)**

**23/058 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to June 2023.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Cook)

**12.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023**

**23/059 RESOLVED:**

That the information in relation to Council's Cash and Investments as at 31 July 2023 be noted.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

**12.8 UNCOMPLETED WORKS – REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 (FM.BA.1)**

**23/060 RESOLVED:**

That Council revoke the uncompleted works and adjustments made to the adopted 2023/24 Operational Plan.

(Cr. Cook/Cr. Nash)

**12.9 FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATES 2022/23 (FM.FR.1)**

**23/061 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That Council notes that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
  - a) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
  - b) The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements; and
  - c) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. That Council endorses the Annual Financial Reports as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records.
4. That Council states that it is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.

5. That Council, in accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
6. That Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to issue the Financial Statements upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
7. That Council endorse the internal restrictions as listed in Note C1-3 of the General Purpose Financial Statements.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Ewin)

**12.10      MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)**

**23/062      RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the General Report.

(Cr. Rawson/Cr. Best)

**12.11      PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEM (WS.MO.4)**

**23/063      RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

**12.12      WATER SECURITY – DRAUGHT IMPACT UPDATE (WS.AM.1)**

**23/064      RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

**12.13      RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE (ET.SP.2)**

**23/065      RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update report for the renewable energy projects.

(Cr. Cook /Cr. Nash)

**13.      QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(General Manager)

Nil

**14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**23/066 RESOLVED:**

That, as the business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council Proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Best /Cr. Ewin)

**14.1) DEED WITH A NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY OWNER AT LAKE ROWLANDS (WS.SP.4)**

**23/067 RESOLVED:**

That Council authorise the execution by Council of a Deed with the new property owner of "Coombing Vale", Neville, to maintain the watering of stock on this property, currently sourced from Lake Rowlands.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

**23/068 RESOLVED:**

That, as the deliberation of the Committee having been concluded, Council reconvene the Ordinary meeting.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Rawson)

**AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 23/067.**

**15. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Grenfell on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm.