



# MINUTES

Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 18 January 2021

at 5:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 04:29 pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land we are on here today, and paid respect to their elders both past, present and emerging.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

## **2. Present**

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His Worship the Mayor Councillor R Thompson  
Councillor W McAndrew  
Councillor C Coleman  
Councillor D Goodsell  
Councillor D Goodwin  
Councillor S Lesslie  
Councillor S Ring – 4:45 pm  
Councillor J Smith  
Councillor M Statham

Also in attendance

Mr Craig Butler, General Manager  
Mr Ross Gurney, Chief Financial and Information Officer  
Mr Daniel Buckens, Director Water and Wastewater  
Mr Jonathon Edgecombe, Director Infrastructure Services  
Mr Michael McGrath, Director People and Services  
Mrs Trinity Newton, Minutes Secretary  
Mrs Ally Shelton, IT Manager

## **3. Apologies**

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No apologies were received.

## **4. Declaration of Interest**

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The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **5. Commemorations and Announcements**

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Councillor W McAndrew acknowledged the retirement of Sue Kearns of Portland who spent over three decades teaching in our area with the last 21 years as the principal of St Josephs at Portland. Councillor McAndrew wished Mrs Kearns and her husband Mal and their family the very best.

Councillor W McAndrew acknowledged the retirement of Eddie Morgan who is well known in the mining community for his work in the work health and safety area of mining.

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Councillor D Goodwin commemorated the passing of Senior Constable Kelly Foster local Police officer who passed away in tragic and heroic circumstances. Her dedication to her duty and the community of Lithgow was unprecedented. Councillor Goodwin passed his condolences onto her family and the Lithgow Police colleagues.

Councillor M Statham commemorated the recent passing of Lynn Pate who was a highly respected member of the community.

## **6. Presentations**

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The presentation on the Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2020 by Crowe Australasia were presented to the Council.

## **7. Mayoral Minutes**

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There were no Mayoral minutes tabled.

## **8. Staff Reports**

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### **8.2. Finance and Assets Reports**

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#### **8.2.1. Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

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Councillor S Ring entered the meeting at 04:45 pm.

#### **21 - 01 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Receives the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 pursuant to Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Pursuant to Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, endorses the Financial Statements to be made available to the public to make submissions for a period of seven days.
3. Note the presentation by a representative of Crowe Australasia on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales, the Council's external auditor, to the Council meeting in respect of the Audited Financial Statements.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Councillor W McAndrew

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### **Divisions**

**FOR:** Councillor R Thompson, Councillor S Ring, Councillor W McAndrew, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor J Smith, Councillor M Statham

**AGAINST:** nil

## **9. Business of Great Urgency**

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In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only if:

- a) A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting; and
- b) The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.

The Mayor asked if there were any matters to be considered as matters of great urgency.

Councillor M Statham raised the issue of Section 64 fees in the Portland, Bowenfels and Wallerawang areas and asked for a full, comprehensive report covering Portland, Bowenfels and Wallerawang section 64 proposed fees.

The Mayor did not deem it to be an urgent matter but did say that a report will come back to Council.

Councillor S Ring raised the matter of the request letter from the Wolgan Valley Community Bushfire Recovery Group regarding the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program Round 5A and our proposal to bring mobile telecommunications to Wolgan Valley NSW letter of support from Lithgow City Council. The Mayor assured Council that this can be attended to.

Councillor C Coleman raised the issue of the funding for the Lithgow Show Society which she raised earlier in the meeting. The funding was withdrawn when the Covid Pandemic led to the cancellation of the 2020 Lithgow Show. The Mayor advised that this was a State Government Grant (Bushfire Recovery Resilience Fund).

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 04:54 pm.