PRESENT

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Deb Longhurst, Eddy Mardon, Rina Mercuri, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Brian Simpson, Paul Snaidero, Christine Stead and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

MEDIA

Rebecca Hopper, The Area News

1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Meeting opened with Councillor Anne Napoli reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

16/330

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLORS DOUG CURRAN AND SIMON CROCE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 8 NOVEMBER 2016, HAVING FIRST BEEN CIRCULATED AMONGST ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE CONFIRMED.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Yoogali Intersection

Councillor Napoli requested an update on the progress of the Yoogali Intersection upgrade. Mr Stonestreet advised he and Mr King would be meeting with the RMS in Wagga this
Thursday and would seek a commencement date for works at the Yoogali Intersection.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

_Councillors/staff making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved._

STAFF

Leanne Austin, Minute Taker

CL03 First Quarter Performance Report 2016/17 – Budget Review and Operational Plan
Reason – The proposed amendments to the organisational structure may have an impact on the position currently held.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

_Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter._

Councillor Anne Napoli

CC01 Expression of Interest to Purchase Lake Wyangan Farms – 2 SMEETH Road and 77 McCarthy Road
Reason – A member of Councillor Napoli’s family is related to a person mentioned in this report.

6 PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY MR DAVID LAMB REGIONAL DIRECTOR SCHOOLS (RIVERINA) - GRIFFITH SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPTIONS

Mr Lamb was not in attendance for the presentation as discussions had taken place at a previous Workshop.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

CL01 2015/16 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDITORS REPORT

16/331

_RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Eddy Mardon and Christine Stead that Standing Orders be suspended to permit Ms Dannielle MacKenzie, Partner - Audit & Assurance, Crowe Horwath Auswild, to present the Auditor’s Report. Ms Mackenzie addressed Council the time being 7:08 pm._

The Mayor thanked staff and Councillors for the sound financial position achieved by Council
and also thanked Ms Mackenzie and Mr Bohun for their report.

16/332
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Eddy Mardon that Standing Orders Resume.

The meeting resumed, the time being 7:19 pm.

16/333
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that:

(a) Council adopt the 2015/16 Annual Financial Reports and associated Auditor’s Reports.

(b) Council express its appreciation to Mr Bradley Bohun (Partner at Crowe Horwath Auswild), Crowe Horwath Auswild staff and Council staff involved in the preparation of the Reports.

CL02 LAKE WYANGAN AND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Councillor Simpson requested clarification of the amount expended on this project to date. Mr Southorn advised he would take this on notice and provide this information to Councillors.

16/334
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Rina Mercuri that:

(a) Council endorse the two following documents for public exhibition for a period of eight weeks:

(b) Following the exhibition period, public submissions be forwarded to the Lake Wyangan Improvement Committee for their deliberation and recommendation to Council.

CL03 FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/17 - BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN
Mrs Austin vacated the Chamber, having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:21 pm.

16/335
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Deb Longhurst that:

(a) Council note the variations to the 2016/17 original budget for the quarter ended 30 September 2016 as presented in this report.

(b) The Financial Review for the quarter ended 30 September 2016 be adopted.

(c) Council adopt the 30 September 2016 Operational Plan Review advising the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved.

(d) Council endorse minor amendments to the Organisational Structure as per this report.
Mrs Austin returned to the Chamber the time being 7:22 pm.

**CL04 INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE RACKS IN THE CITY CENTRE**

16/336

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that Council consult with the business, cycling and wider community regarding the location of bicycle racks as part of the CBD Strategy rollout.

**CL05 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS REPORT 2015-2016**

16/337

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Doug Curran that Council note the Code of Conduct Complaints Report for the period between 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016.

Councillor Neville enquired how the cost expended on Code of Conduct matters was derived. Mrs Donaldson to provide this information to Councillors.

**CL06 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM (6 - 7 JUNE 2017)**

16/338

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Paul Snaidero and Deb Longhurst that Council approve the attendance of Councillor Anne Napoli and Councillor Rina Mercuri to the Australian Women’s Leadership Symposium in June 2017.

**9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

**CL07 DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN**

16/339

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Doug Curran that the Disclosure by Councillors and Designated Persons Returns for Councillors, Brian Simpson, Paul Snaidero, Deb Longhurst, Eddy Mardon and Rina Mercuri be noted.

**CL08 INVESTMENTS AT 31 JULY, 31 AUGUST AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

16/340

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Brian Simpson that the report be noted.

**CL09 CUSTOMER FOCUS REVIEW - ANALYSIS OF PHONE CONTACT DATA**

16/341

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Rina Mercuri that the report be noted.

**CL10 CUSTOMER FOCUS REVIEW - MYSTERY SHOPPER EXERCISE**

16/342

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Deb Longhurst that the report be
noted.

CL11  IPWEA NSW STATE CONFERENCE 2016
16/343
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Mike Neville that the report be noted.

CL12  MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016
16/344
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that the report be noted.

10  ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
Nil

11  BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS
Nil

12  BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS
Nil

13  COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Question from Councillor Simpson – Sunday Rotary Markets

“Has Council been approached by Rotary to move the Sunday market from the current Mooreville Industrial venue to a more appropriate high volume area. I have received a comment by a stall vendor that the traffic is so poor they are considering not attending.”

Mr Stonestreet advised Council had not been approached by Rotary recently however in the past few years Council has held discussions with Rotary in relation to use of the Showground as a possible venue. Mr Stonestreet to take this on notice to verify.

Question from Councillor Napoli – Installation of seating and table opposite Griffith Post Office

“I have received a request from a group of gentlemen if Council would install a garden table in the sitting area opposite the Griffith Post Office. (This group of men meet there every morning for a chat.)
Mr Stonestreet advised he would take this on notice, to be considered with the implementation of the CBD Strategy. Information is to be provided to Councillors.
Question from Councillor Longhurst – Recycling at Council Facilities

“My observations have been that at a number of Council facilities there are no recycling bins. I believe Council should not only set an example but also facilitate responsible recycling. Is it possible to include the cost of providing this service in the budget estimates for those facilities?”

Mr Stonestreet advised estimates for provision of recycling at Council facilities can be listed for consideration during the next budget deliberations.

14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

16/345

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Mike Neville that the report be noted.

15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

The matters and information are the following:

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

(b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
   (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
   (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
   (iii) reveal a trade secret

(e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law

(f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property

(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege

(h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

(i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Rina Mercuri that:

(a) Council resolve to go into closed council to consider business identified.

(b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provision of section [10A(2)] as outlined above.

(c) The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items listed below, and that discussion of the report in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.

**CC01** EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PURCHASE LAKE WYANGAN FARMS - 2 SMEETH ROAD & 77 MCCARTHY ROAD

Reason: Council Business 10A(2)(c)

**CC02** REQUEST FROM REGIONAL EXPRESS FOR INSTALLATION OF AIRSIDE 3-PHASE POWER AT GRIFFITH AIRPORT

Reason: Commercial Advantage 10A(2)(d)

**CC03** TENDER 2-16/17 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

Reason: Commercial Advantage 10A(2)(d)

**CC04** TENDER 3-16/17 CONSTRUCTION OF COOPER ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS

Reason: Commercial Advantage 10A(2)(d)

**CC05** BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD INVESTIGATION - INITIAL REPORT

Reason: Personnel Matters 10A(2)(a) and Legal Proceedings 10A(2)(g)

Council closed its meeting at 7:46 pm. The public and media left the Chamber.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that Open Council be resumed.

Open Council resumed at 9:04 pm.

Upon resuming open Council the Mayor reported that the following resolutions had been made in Closed Council.

MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL

**CC01** EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PURCHASE LAKE WYANGAN FARMS - 2 SMEETH ROAD & 77 MCCARTHY ROAD
RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Christine Stead that:

(a) Council enter negotiations with Nordcon Land over the sale of 2 Smeeth Road and 77 McCarthy Road, Lake Wyangan.

(b) A further report be presented to Council should negotiations result in preparation of contracts.

(c) The net proceeds from any sale be returned to Council's Water Fund.

**CC02 REQUEST FROM REGIONAL EXPRESS FOR INSTALLATION OF AIRSIDE 3-PHASE POWER AT GRIFFITH AIRPORT**

16/349

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Christine Stead that Council proceed to install three 32 amp 3-Phase power outlets at Griffith Airport.

**CC03 TENDER 2-16/17 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF WATER AND SEWERAGE TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL**

16/350

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Dino Zappacosta that Council accepts the offers on Tender 2-16/17: Supply and Delivery of Water & Wastewater Treatment Chemicals for a period of three years expiring on 30 November 2019, from:

(a) Redox – on Local Government Procurement Panel - for dense soda ash and sodium silica fluoride for GWTP,

(b) Nowra Chemical Manufacturers for liquid alum for GWRP,

(c) IXOM Operations (formerly Orica) - for liquid chlorine gas for GWTP and

(d) Biosol - for treatment to counter septicity, odours and corrosion in the sewerage reticulation and sewer pump stations,

(e) Council approve continued purchasing the coagulant for GWTP (Ultrion 44560) from Ecolab (Nalco),

(f) Council approve continued purchasing sodium hypochlorite and citric acid from a RapidClean Griffith.

(g) Council approve continued purchasing of currently used sludge dewatering polymer for GWRP from Ecolab (Coreshell 71306), pending the outcome of trials on offered alternatives.

(h) A future Report to Council be submitted following the successful completion of trials with offered alternative chemicals.

**CC04 TENDER 3-16/17 CONSTRUCTION OF COOPER ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS**

16/351

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Mike Neville and Deb Longhurst that:
(a) Council, in accordance with Section 178(1)(b), of the Local Government Regulation, reject all tenders submitted for Tender 3-16/17 Construction of Cooper Road and Associated Drainage Works due to non-conformity with tender requirements.

(b) Council, in accordance with Section 178(4)(a), does not need to call fresh tenders for Tender 3-16/17 as a suitably qualified and experienced tenderer is available to negotiate with.

(c) Council, in accordance with Section 178(3)(e), enter into negotiations with Griffith City Council Works Department being the preferred tenderer.

(d) In accordance with Section 178(4)(b), the reason for entering into negotiations with Griffith City Council is that they scored the highest in the tender evaluation process.

(e) Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate with Griffith City Council with a further report to be presented to Council.

CC05 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD INVESTIGATION - INITIAL REPORT
16/352

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Mike Neville that staff, except the General Manager, leave the Chamber during discussion of the report.

Councillor Neville raised a Point of Order.

Mrs Donaldson, Mr Southorn, Mr Gordon, Mr King, Mr Turner and Mrs Austin left the Chamber, the time being 8:28 pm.

Mrs Donaldson, Mr Southorn, Mr Gordon, Mr King and Mrs Austin returned to the Chamber, the time being 9:03 pm.

16/353

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Mike Neville that Council consider a submission to the Building Professionals Board at the Ordinary Meeting of 13 December 2016.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:09 pm.

Confirmed: ........................................

CHAIRPERSON