



Ararat Rural City

# **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

***TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017***



**PRESENT**

The Mayor, Cr PA Hooper Chairperson,  
Crs Jo Armstrong, Peter Beales, Darren Ford, Glenda McLean and David Pettman,  
Mr Andrew Evans, Chief Executive Officer,  
Mrs Colleen White, Director Corporate Strategy, Risk and Governance, and  
Mrs Jenny Woolcock, Manager Executive Services and Governance.

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**1 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Prayers were read out by Mayor Cr Paul Hooper.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE MEET TODAY, AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT.

**OPENING PRAYER**

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO HELP US, AS ELECTED COUNCILLORS OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL. GUIDE OUR DELIBERATIONS. PROSPER WHAT IS YOUR WILL FOR US, TO YOUR HONOUR AND GLORY AND FOR THE WELFARE AND BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHOM WE SERVE IN THE ARARAT RURAL CITY.

**COUNCILLORS OATH**

WE WILL UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL AND FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AUTHORITIES AND DISCRETIONS VESTED IN ME UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 OR ANY OTHER ACT TO THE BEST OF OUR SKILL AND JUDGMENT.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**MOVED CR BEALES  
SECONDED CR ARMSTRONG**

**That the apology of Cr Gwenda Allgood be accepted.**

**CARRIED 3493/17**

***3 – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS***

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Disclosure of Interests are to be made immediately prior to any relevant item being discussed.

**Local Government Act 1989 Section 79 (2)**

A Councillor or member of a special committee who has a conflict of interest and is attending the meeting of the Council or special committee must make a full disclosure of that interest -

- (a) by either -
  - (i) advising the Council or special committee at the meeting of the details required under paragraph (b) and (c) immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
  - (ii) advising the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details required under paragraphs (b) and (c) before the meeting; and
- (b) classifying the type of interest that has given rise to the conflict as either -
  - (i) a direct interest; or
  - (ii) an indirect interest and specifying the particular kind of indirect interest under section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D or 78E; and
- (c) describing the nature of the interest; and
- (d) if the Councillor or member advised the Chief Executive Officer of the details under paragraph (a) (ii), the Councillor or member must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

**Local Government Act 1989 Section 80C)**

A person who is providing advice or a report to a meeting of the Council or a special committee, and who has a conflict of interest in a matter to which the advice or report relates, must disclose the constituting the conflict of interest when providing the advice or report and before the advice or report is considered by the Council or the committee.

13 – OFFICERS REPORTS – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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4.06PM CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

MOVED CR BEALES  
SECONDED CR McLEAN

That the meeting be closed to members of the public to discuss the items listed in the confidential agenda, in accordance with the following provision:

*“89 Meetings to be open to the public*

*(2) A Council or special committee may resolve that the meeting be closed to members of the public if the meeting is discussing any of the following—*

*(a) personnel matters; and*

*(d) contractual matters.*

CARRIED 3494/17

4.07PM OPEN COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

MOVED CR FORD  
SECONDED CR PETTMAN

That the Open Council Meeting recommence.

CARRIED 3496/17

LIFTING OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS

MOVED CR McLEAN  
SECONDED CR BEALES

That the Confidentiality of the report and decision in relation to Item 4.1 of the Confidential Agenda not be lifted.

CARRIED 3497/17

Meeting closed at 4.08pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PAGES 1648 TO 1650 INCLUDING PAGES 117 TO 120 OF THE CLOSED SESSION ARE CONFIRMED AND ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MAYOR – CR PAUL HOOPER