MINUTES

of

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the

Local Government Act 1999

held at

KAROONDA EAST MURRAY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

11 RAILWAY TERRACE KAROONDA

on

TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 AT 7:30PM

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:31pm.

2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

All mighty God we call upon you to grant your blessings upon this Council. Direct and guide its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and for the true wellbeing of the people of our area. AMEN.

We acknowledge that the land we meet upon today is the traditional lands of the Ngarkat People, who are part of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 PRESENT

Mayor Caroline Phillips
Cr Simon Martin
Cr Greg Turner
Cr Hannah Loller
Cr Russell Norman
Cr Darren Zadow
CEO Scott Reardon
ESO Lexie O'Loughlin

3.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Gerry Paay

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No & Title	17.2 – Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Report
Elected Member Name	Cr Greg Turner
Nature of Interest	Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – General Conflict of Interest. The audited financial statements make reference to Cr Turner's current contracted services.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	Cr Turner advised that he would remain in the room, participate in the discussion and the vote to receive and note the report.

Item No & Title	17.2 – Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Report
Elected Member Name	Mayor Caroline Phillips
Nature of Interest	Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – General Conflict of Interest. The MRLGA Annual Report appears as an annexure to Council's Annual Report, and Mayor Phillips is the President of MRLGA.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	Mayor Phillips advised she would remain in the room, preside over the meeting, and participate in discussion.

Item No & Title	20.1 – Youth Advisory Committee Appointments
Elected Member Name	Cr Greg Turner
Nature of Interest	Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – Material Conflict of Interest. Cr Turner has a relative that is an applicant to the Youth Advisory Committee.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	Cr Turner will leave the room, not participate in the discussion or vote in relation to the agenda item.

Item No & Title	20.1 – Youth Advisory Committee Appointments
Elected Member Name	Mr Scott Reardon – Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**)
Nature of Interest	Section 120 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – Conflict of Interest. CEO Scott Reardon has a relative that is an applicant to the Youth Advisory Committee.
The manner in which the conflict will be dealt with	The CEO advised that unless otherwise directed by Council he would stay in the room to provide advice and probity in relation to the agenda item.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 11 MARCH 2025

Moved Cr Norman

5.1.1 *That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

5.2 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 31 MARCH 2025

Moved Cr Zadow

5.2.1 *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 31 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

6 BUSINESS ADJOURNED

Nil.

7 PETITIONS

Nil.

8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

11 MAYOR'S DIARY

Moved Cr Martin

11.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Mayor's Diary" and dated 8 April 2025 for the period between 12 March 2025 and 8 April 2025.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

12 ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

Cr Zadow

29 March 2025	Farm Fair & Show
31 March 2025	Special Meeting of Council
8 April 2025	Standard Briefing Session
8 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Loller

25 March 2025	Recognising the impact that Drought conditions across the state with

	Hon Minister Andrea Michaels
29 March 2025	Farm Fair & Show
31 March 2025	Special Meeting of Council
2 April 2025	One-on-one meeting with CEO
8 April 2025	Standard Briefing Session
8 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Turner

31 March 2025	Special Meeting of Council
1 April 2025	One-on-one meeting with CEO
8 April 2025	Standard Briefing Session
8 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Martin

31 March 2025	Special Meeting of Council
2 April 2025	One-on-one meeting with CEO
8 April 2025	Standard Briefing Session
8 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Norman

25 March 2025	Recognising the impact that Drought conditions across the state with Hon Minister Andrea Michaels
29 March 2025	Farm Fair & Show
31 March 2025	Special Meeting of Council
3 April 2025	One-on-one meeting with CEO
8 April 2025	Standard Briefing Session
8 April 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Moved Cr Norman

12.1 *That Council receive and note the Elected Members' Reports.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 Cr Loller asked a question about the current review of cemetery interment fee processing to confirm whether all outstanding fee interment right holders had been contacted. The CEO provided a response advising that Administration was currently working through the list.

13.2 Cr Loller asked a question about a recent Customer Action Request and social media post relating to dogs barking in the northern part of the Karoonda Township, and whether Administration has been in communication with the person who raised the matter. The CEO provided a response advising that he had been in contact with the person who raised the matter, subsequently outlining the action to be taken.

13.3 Cr Loller asked a question about a recent complaint and social member post regarding the cleanliness of the Karoonda Mainstreet Public Toilets. The CEO provided a response advising that the current cleaning contract had ended and

Administration were in the process of undertaking a cost analysis and review of the services to determine whether contracted services is the most feasible and cost-effective option for the community. Once the review has concluded, the findings will be considered as part of the FY26 budget planning.

14 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

15 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

16 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

17 ITEMS FOR DECISION

17.1 ADOPTION OF 2023-24 BR4

Moved Cr Norman

17.1.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled '2023-24 BR4' and dated 8 April 2025.*

17.1.2 *That Council endorse and adopt the Audit & Risk Committee's recommendation of 4 February 2025 and accept and adopt the 2023 Financial Results Against the Adopted Budget (BR4) as a fair and accurate record.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

17.2 ADOPTION OF THE 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

Cr Turner declared a **General** conflict of interest pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 17.2 'Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Report' due to the audited financial statements making reference to Cr Turner's current contracted services. Cr Turner advised that he would remain in the room, participate in the discussion and the vote to receive and note the report.

Mayor Phillips declared a **General** conflict of interest pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 17.2 'Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Report' due to the MRLGA Annual Report appearing as an Annexure to Council's Annual Report, of which Mayor Phillips is the President of. Mayor Phillips advised she would remain in the room, preside over the meeting, and participate in discussion.

Moved Cr Norman

17.2.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Report' and dated 8 April 2025.*

17.2.2 *That Council endorse and adopt the 2023-24 Annual Report, appearing as Attachment A to this report.*

17.2.3 *That Council authorise Administration to make amendments to the 2023-24 Annual Report of a minor grammatical or technical nature, as required.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

17.3 KAROONDA COMMUNITY GYM OPERATIONS UPDATE

Moved Cr Zadow

17.3.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Karoonda Community Gym Assistance Request" and dated 8 April 2025.*

17.3.2 *That Council determine to provide financial assistance to the Karoonda Community Gym Incorporated to the amount of $7,806.30 to fund the installation of the required insurance conditions precedent.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

17.4 REVIEW OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Moved Cr Norman

17.4.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Review of Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference" and dated 8 March 2025.*

17.4.2 *That Council adopt the Audit & Risk Committee recommendation that Council adopt the revised Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference, appearing as Attachment B to this report.*

17.4.3 *That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the revised Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference, appearing as Attachment B to this report, of a minor formatting or technical nature.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

17.5 REVIEW OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE SITTING FEES

Moved Cr Loller

17.5.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Review of Audit & Risk Committee Sitting Fees" and dated 8 April 2025.*

17.5.2 *That Council resolve to set the Audit & Risk Committee Sitting Fees for Independent Members for a meeting less than 2 hours at $250.00 and a meeting for more than 2 hours at $450.00, and for the Presiding Member for a meeting less than 2 hours at $600.00 and for a meeting more than 2 hours at $800.00.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

17.6 EVENT SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – MANTUNG INSTITUE INC – MENTAL HEALTH FARMERS AFTERNOON

Moved Cr Loller

17.6.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Event Sponsorship Request – Mantung Mental Health Farmers Afternoon' and dated 8 March 2025.*

17.6.2 *That Council resolve to support the Mantung Mental Health Farmers Afternoon Event by supporting and Administration assisting with a grant application to the PIRSA Community Grant program. Should that application be unsuccessful that Council support sponsorship to the amount of $2,500.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

18.1 ASSETS, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATORY SERVICES UPDATE

Moved Cr Norman

18.1.1 *That Council receive and note the monthly report titled "Assets, Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Update" and dated 8 April 2025.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

18.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTION ACTION LIST UPDATE

Moved Cr Turner

18.2.1 *That Council receive and note the monthly update report titled "Council Resolution Action List" and dated 8 April 2025.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

18.3 KAROONDA TOURIST PARK OCCUPANCY – MARCH 2025

Moved Cr Martin

18.3.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Karoonda Tourist Park Occupancy – March 2025" dated 8 April 2025.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

18.4 COMMUNITY EVENT – MANTRA & MANDALA WORKSHOP

Moved Cr Norman

18.4.1 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Mantra & Mandala Workshop" and dated 8 April 2025.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

19 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The **CEO** declared a Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 120 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 20.1 'Youth Advisory Committee Appointments' on the basis that a relative is an applicant for a position on the Committee. The CEO advised that unless otherwise directed by Council he would stay in the room to provide advice and probity in relation to the agenda item.

Cr Turner declared a Material Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in Agenda Item 20.1 'Youth Advisory Committee Appointments' on the basis that a relative is an applicant for a position on the Committee. Cr Turner advised that he would leave the room and not participate in the discussion or vote in relation to the agenda item.

Cr Turner left the room at 8:23pm

Moved Cr Norman

20.1.1 *Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**) the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer Scott Reardon and Executive Support Officer Lexie O'Loughlin be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the report titled "Youth Advisory Committee Appointments" and dated 8 April 2025.*

20.1.2 *The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Act the information to be received, discussed and considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person (living or dead).*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

Moved Cr Loller

20.1.3 *That Council receive and note the report titled "Youth Advisory Committee Appointments" and dated 8 April 2025.*

20.1.4 *That Council appoints Shanae Speziali, Isabella Reardon, Zahlia Turner, Eloise Baumgurtel, and Harrison Baumgurtel as Committee Members to the Youth Advisory Committee commencing 14 April 2025 for a term of 12 months, and direct Administration to write to the appointees confirming their appointment.*

20.1.5 *That Council directs Administration to re-advertise the Expressions of Interest for a further 30 days post announcement of the appointees.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

Moved Cr Norman

20.1.6 *That having considered the report titled "Youth Advisory Committee Appointments" and dated 8 April 2025 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**), the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act, orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence until the appointees have been notified, and Attachments A be retained in confidence for a period of 5 years.*

20.1.7 *That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to review and revoke this Confidentiality Order.*

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

20.2 MURRAY ZIRCON DEED OF VARIATION OF ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Moved Cr Loller

20.2.1 *Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer Scott Reardon and Executive Support Officer Lexie O'Loughlin be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the report titled "Murray Zircon Deed of Variation of Road Maintenance Agreement" and dated 8 April 2025.*

20.2.2 *The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b)&(h) of the Act the information to be received, discussed and considered in relation in this Agenda Item*

includes both: information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct business, and would on balance be contrary to the public interest; and verbal legal advice / communication.

Seconded Cr Martin ***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

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Moved Cr Zadow

20.2.6 *That having considered the report titled "Murray Zircon Deed of Variation of Road Maintenance Agreement" and dated 8 April 2025 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) & (h) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**), the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act, orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence until the Deed of Variation has been executed, and that Attachments A the Deed of Variation of Road Maintenance Agreement be retained in confidence for a period of 3 years.*

20.2.7 *That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to review and revoke this Confidentiality Order.*

Seconded Cr Norman ***CARRIED UANIMOUSLY***

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8:46pm.

Confirmed: _____ Date: 13.05.2025