

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN MEMORIAL HALL, OGILVIE STREET, DENMAN ON TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT: Cr B. Woodruff (Chair), Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch (VC), Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr J.A. Lecky, Cr G.T. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan and Cr R. Scholes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D. Finnigan (Acting General Manager), Mr D. Walsh (Director – Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer), Ms S. Pope (Director – Planning & Environment), Ms S. Welchman (Director - Community & Economy), Mr P. Chambers (Chief Engineer), Mr M. Lysaught (Director – Works, Property & Building Services), Ms M. Cleary (Manager – Governance), Ms A. Hathway (Corporate Lawyer), Mrs C. Middleton (Communications Co-Ordinator), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms K. McCann (EA to the Mayor) and 4 people in the public gallery.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr M. Bowditch.

2. Civic Prayer

The Civic Prayer was read by Cr L. Dunn.

3. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio Visual Link by Councillors

187 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Bowditch and Cr R. Mahajan that:

1. Authority be given for Cr M. Bowditch to attend the Council Meeting via video link.
2. The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr S. Reynolds, Cr D. Douglas and Cr D. Marshall be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 November, 2022

188 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr L. Dunn that:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 November, 2022, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



5. Disclosure of any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cr G. McNeill - Declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.1.3. Cr McNeill advised Council that he was a client of the business for some time.

Cr B. Woodruff - Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9.1.1. Cr Woodruff advised Council that a family member is employed by the Applicant.

Cr J. Lecky - Declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 16.9. Cr Lecky advised Council that she is a life member of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music.

6. Mayoral Minute

Nil

7. Public Participation

Mr Nick Perks - in support of Item 9.1.2

8. Business Arising

Nil

9. Business (Specific Reports)

9.1. Planning and Environment

9.1.1. DA 2002-205 Muswellbrook Coal Extension of Time for Handling, Storage and Transport of Coal

Disclosure of Interest

Cr Woodruff declared a pecuniary interest in this Item. Cr Woodruff advised that a family member is employed by the applicant. At 6:09pm Cr Woodruff left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Lecky assumed the role of Chair for the conduct of this item.

189 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Scholes that:

Council approves the s4.55(1A) modification to Development Application No. 2002-2005, permit the handling, storage and transport of coal until 31 March 2023, subject to the recommended conditions of consent in Attachment B.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan and Cr R. Scholes.

Against: Nil.

At 6:10pm Cr Woodruff returned to the Meeting Room and resumed his role as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.



9.1.2. DA 2013/232 Section 4.55(1A) Modification - Northview Estate

190 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Mahajan that:
Council approves the Section 4.55(1A) modification request for DA 2013/232 (ninety-nine lot subdivision of Lot 58 DP 1276946) subject to the recommended conditions of consent contained in Attachment B.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff

Against: Nil.

9.1.3. DA 2021-158 S8.2 Review - Change of Use to Health Services Facility

Disclosure of Interest

Cr McNeill declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in this item.
Cr McNeill advised Council that he was a previous client of the business.

191 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr R. Scholes that:
Council determines the Section 8.3 review of DA 2021-158, being a change of use to a Health Service Facility at 79 Brook Street Muswellbrook (Lot 19 DP 701287) by confirming the previous determination for DA 2021-158 of granting development consent to the application subject to the conditions contained in Attachment A subject to Conditions 5 and 22 being omitted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.1.4. Transfer of Crown Road to Council - Bernard Street

192 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr A. Barry that:
Council approves the commencement of necessary paperwork to transfer Bernard Street, Sandy Hollow from Crown Lands to Council.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

**9.1.5.****Monthly Report to Council - Planning, Environment and Regulatory Services**

193 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr L. Dunn that:
The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.2. Community Infrastructure**9.2.1. Transfer of a Crown Road to Council (DA 2021-0129)**

194 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Scholes that:
Council submit a request to Crown Lands that the Crown Road off Martindale Road associated with the DA 2021-0129 be transferred to Council under the provisions of s.150 *Roads Act 1993*.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.2.2. Review of Drinking Water Quality Policy MSC30E

195 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr A. Barry that:

1. Council endorses the attached DRAFT Drinking Water Quality Policy for placement on public exhibition via Council's website for a period of 28 days.
2. A further report be submitted to Council for consideration once the exhibition period has been completed.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



9.2.3. Best-Practice Management Review of Water Supply and Sewerage Services for 2020 -2021

196 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr L. Dunn that:
Council notes the information contained in the report.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.2.4. Reducing Costs of Operating Bulk / Hard Waste Service

197 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr R. Mahajan that:

1. Council amends the Bulky / Hard waste service to remove garden organics from the list of acceptable items.
2. A designated Mattress pickup be arranged for the same week of the Bulky/ Hard Waste Pick up service.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.2.5. Denman to Sandy Hollow Water Pipeline Project - Transfer of Crown Road to Council

198 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr L. Dunn that:
Council submits a request to Crown Lands that the Crown Road section of Almond Street, Denman be transferred to Council under the provisions of s.150 Roads Act 1993.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



9.3. Property and Place

9.3.1. Works Depot Concept Plan and Cost Estimate

199 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr A. Barry that:
Council endorses proceeding with a two-stage design and Development Application for the new Community Infrastructure Depot at the Muswellbrook Waste and Recycling Facility.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, r G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.3.2. Major Projects: Status Update

200 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr J. Drayton that:
Council notes the report.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4. Corporate Services

9.4.1. Model Code of Conduct (and Procedures)

201 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council ADOPTS the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* and *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



9.4.2. Policies Recommended To Be Rescinded

- 202 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Drayton that:
Council RESCINDS the following outdated policies:
1. Council Buildings or Property - Use of Tables and Chars (Arts Centre)
 2. Discharge of Mortgage
 3. Granting of Second Mortgage
 4. Partnership Funding Agreement
 5. Plant Management
 6. State Infrastructure Partnership Funding Policy

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4.3. Local Orders Policy 2022 MSC04E for Adoption

- 203 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council ADOPTS the *Local Orders Policy*.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4.4. Muswellbrook Shire 2022 Community Panel

- 204 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr M. Bowditch that:
Council notes the report detailing the feedback and recommendations of the
Muswellbrook Shire 2022 Community Panel.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



9.4.5. Stores & Materials Stocktake - 22 November 2022

205 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr R. Mahajan that:
Council notes the report on the stocktake carried out on 22 November 2022 and that the amount of \$3938.31 be added to the inventory register.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4.6. Monthly Financial Report - November 2022

206 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr R. Scholes that:
Council notes the Financial Reports for the month ending 30 November 2022.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4.7. Report on Investments Held as at 30 November 2022

207 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council notes the Council's Investments as at 30 November 2022.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.4.8. Grants Review Committee - Terms of Reference

208 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr G. McNeill that:
The Terms of Reference for the Grants Advisory Committee be ENDORSED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



9.4.9. Report on Council Grant Funding and Community Engagement

209 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr L. Dunn that:
The information contained in the report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.5. Community and Economy

9.5.1. Visitor Information Centre - Muswellbrook

210 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr R. Scholes that:
The information contained in the report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

9.5.2. Community Services

211 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr G. McNeill and Cr J. Lecky that:
The information contained in this report be noted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10. Minutes of Committee Meetings

10.1. Industrial Closures Committee Minutes - 3 November, 2022

212 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr R. Mahajan that:
The minutes for the Industrial Closures Committee Meeting held on 3
November, 2022 be NOTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn,
Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

**10.2. State Significant Development Committee - 21 November 2022**

213 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr J. Lecky that:
The minutes for the State Significant Development Committee meeting held on 21 November, 2022 be NOTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.3. Events Steering Committee Meeting - 17 November, 2022

214 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr J. Drayton that:
The minutes for the Events Steering Committee meeting held on 17 November 2022 be NOTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.4. Grants Review Committee - 16 November 2022 and 7 December 2022

215 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr L. Dunn that:
The minutes for the following meetings be NOTED:
1. Grants Review Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2022
2. Grants Review Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2022.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

10.5. 2023 Australia Day Nominations Committee Meeting - 8 December, 2022

216 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Mahajan and Cr L. Dunn that:
The minutes for the 2023 Australia Day Award Nominations Committee meeting held on 8 December, 2022 be NOTED and therein recommendations contained therein ADOPTED.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



11. Notices of Motion

Nil

12. Councillors Reports

Nil

13. Written Questions

Nil

14. Questions for Next Meeting

Nil

15. Adjournment into Closed Council

217 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Lecky that:

Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the provisions outlined in Section 17 below.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

Members of the public left the meeting at 6.33pm

16. Closed Council

16.1. Regional Procurement Tender T162223HUN Supply & Delivery of Hardware

218 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Scholes that:

Council RESOLVES as follows:

1. The tenderer Blackwoods be awarded the Supply and Delivery of Hardware contract as the single source supplier to Muswellbrook Shire Council for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024; and
2. A provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 December 2025.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



16.2. Regional Procurement Tender T202223HUN Provision of Road Stabilising

219 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr R. Scholes that:

Council:

1. The tenderers Accurate Asphalt and Stabilised Pavements be awarded the contract for Provision of Road Stabilising Services as panel source suppliers to Muswellbrook Shire Council for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024; and
2. A provision be allowed for a 12-month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 December 2025.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

16.3. Denman District Heritage Village – Variation for Amenities

220 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr A. Barry and Cr L. Dunn that:

Council accepts and funds the variation for \$80,928, (exclusive of GST) as described in the report for new amenities within the Denman Heritage Village.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

16.4. Northview Water Main Easement

221 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Drayton that:

Council:

1. Delegates the Acting General Manager to negotiate the Easement for Water Supply over Lot 553 DP819739 and Lot 589 DP 835738; and
2. If a satisfactory negotiation cannot be reached, the developer progresses the option of an easement over the Crown land stock route behind Queen Street.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



16.5. Rate of Pay - Regional Planning Panel Community Member

- 222 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr L. Dunn and Cr J. Lecky that:
Council approves a rate of pay for the community representative on the Regional Planning Panel as:
- a. A base fee of \$500.00 (plus GST and subject to annual CPI increase) per application (this assumes 6hrs of meeting preparation and attendance time);
 - b. An hourly rate of \$78.70 (plus GST and subject to annual CPI increase) for each hour of additional meeting preparation and attendance time required after the first 6 hours; and
 - c. An allowance for vehicle use based on the cents per kilometre expense calculation method published by the ATO.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Cr M. Bowditch and Cr J. Drayton.

16.6. Disaster Funding Arrangements - Option

- 223 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Drayton that:
Council endorses:
1. Continuation of the current funding arrangement to opt-out of the NSW Office of Emergency Management 2018 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement.
 2. Continue to monitor expenditure trends on emergency response and restoration of essential public infrastructure and continue to liaise with the Office of Emergency Management, so that if benefits to Council are recognised, a further report to Council will be provided if consideration should be given to opting-in to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



16.7. Denman Swimming Club - Request to waiver Councils Fees & Charges

224 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Drayton that:

1. Denman Swimming Club be permitted to provide additional swimming programs for the 2022-23 swimming season at the Denman Outdoor Swimming Pool subject to completing the required booking forms; and
2. Due to the financial hardship experienced by the Denman Swimming Club and its members the associated Fees & Charges be waived for the 2022-23 swimming season, subject to relevant Working With Children's Checks and the relevant forms being submitted.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

16.8. Future Fund Schedule Financial Information

225 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Lecky and Cr R. Mahajan that:

Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report; and
2. The Future Fund Committee hold a workshop to review the assets held in the Fund.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

16.9. DRAFT Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Lease

Disclosure of Interest

Cr Lecky declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Lecky advised Council that she is a lifetime Member of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music.

At 6.42pm Cr J. Lecky left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

226 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr J. Drayton that:

Council endorses the draft lease and licence.

In Favour: Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.



At 6.46pm Cr J. Lecky returned to Council Chambers and resumed her chair at the meeting table.

17. Resumption of Open Council

227 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr M. Bowditch that:

The meeting return to Open Council.

In Favour: Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr R. Scholes and Cr B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

18. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 6.47pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PAGES 1to 15) WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 JANUARY, 2023 AND ARE A FULL AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER, 2022.

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Mr D. Finnigan
Acting General Manager

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Cr B. Woodruff
Chairperson