



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN LOXTON ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, CAMPBELL'S CORNER 60-82 BRIDGE
STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cr S.M. Reynolds (Mayor), Cr A. Barry (VC), Cr M. Bowditch (VC), Cr D. Douglas, Cr J. Drayton (VC), Cr L. Dunn, Cr J.A. Lecky, Cr G.T. McNeill, Cr R. Mahajan, Cr D.E. Marshall Cr R. Scholes, and Cr B.N. Woodruff.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Mr M. Lysaught (Director – Property & Place), Mr J. Hogan (Chief Financial Officer), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms K. Hamm (EA to the Office of the Mayor and GM), and 1 person in the public gallery.

1. Application to Attend via Audio Visual Link

447 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr B. Woodruff and Cr D. Marshall that:

Authority be given for Cr A. Barry, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Drayton to attend the Council Meeting via video link.

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

Against: Nil

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr D. Douglas.

3. Civic Prayer

The Civic Prayer was read by Cr J. Lecky.

4. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence by Councillors

Nil.

5. Disclosure of any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil.



6. Mayoral Minute

Nil.

7. Public Participation

Nil.

8. Business

8.1. Planning and Environment

Nil.



8.2. Community Infrastructure

8.2.1. FOGO additional service Eligibility Criteria

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Council RESOLVES as follows:

1. *With respect to the application of Council's adopted resolution from the 14 May 2024 Extraordinary Council Meeting, the criterion for applying for a free larger red bin or second smaller red bin is "A household demonstrating genuine additional need and under financial hardship";*
2. *Financial hardship shall be assessed under consideration of Council's Financial Hardship Policy (MSC15E);*
3. *Staff to review Council's Financial Hardship Policy (MSC15E) to ensure those that could suffer hardship because of the implementation of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) are not excluded from the provision of financial relief as provided in the Policy;*
4. *Following a review by staff, the Financial Hardship Policy (MSC15E) shall be submitted to Council for review;*
5. *Where Council's Financial Hardship Policy (MSC15E) does not apply, ratepayers may apply for one of the following services, for an additional fee as provided in Council's adopted 2024-25 Fees and Charges:*
 - (i) *Larger (240 litre) red lid bin;*
 - (ii) *Additional (140 litre) red lid bin; or*
 - (iii) *Weekly red lid bin collection.*

In Favour Cr S. Reynolds, Cr J. Lecky, Cr A. Barry, Cr L. Dunn, Cr G. McNeill, Cr D. Marshall, Cr R. Scholes, and Cr B. Woodruff

Against: Cr M. Bowditch, Cr D. Douglas, Cr J. Drayton, and Cr R. Mahajan

8.3. Property and Place

Nil

8.4. Corporate Services

Nil

8.5. Community and Economy

Nil



9. Notices of Motion

Nil

10. Closed Council

Nil

11. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 6.08pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PAGES 1 to 4) WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JUNE 2024 AND ARE A FULL AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr S. Reynolds
Chairperson