

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL COLEAMBALLY  
ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

---

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mayor McRae paid respect to the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Murrumbidgee Local Government Area, and to all Aboriginal Elders, past and present and emerging.

**RECORDING & WEBCASTING OF MEETING**

Mayor McRae advised those present the meeting is being recorded and the audio recording will be placed on Council's website. By speaking at a Council or Committee Meeting, members of the public agree to being recorded and webcast.

**PRESENT**

Present were Councillors R McRae OAM (Mayor), R Black (Deputy Mayor), F Bryce, T Mauger, C Chirgwin, T Strachan, R Curphey, G Gilbert and J Saxvik.

Also present was General Manager, John Scarce, Director Planning, Community & Development, Garry Stoll and Chief Financial Officer, Kaitlin Salzke.

**APOLOGIES**

NIL

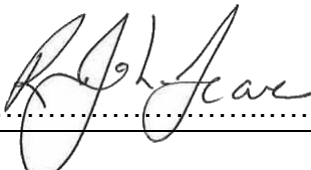
**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**33/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Strachan that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2024, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 1 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024

.....General Manager .....Mayor

---

## PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Pecuniary interest declarations were received from:

- Councillor Robert Black in relation to item 5 - Development Application 1/2024 – Place Of Public Worship, Coleambally
- Cr Chirgwin in relation to item 8- Local Heritage Fund Grant Scheme 2023/24 and item 12 - Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants Program, Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund and Lions Club of Darlington Point Community Grant

## NOTICE OF RESCISSION

NIL

## NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

## MAYORAL REPORT

SC217

**34/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Bryce that the information contained in the Mayoral Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

## DELEGATES' REPORTS

NIL

## OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

### GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

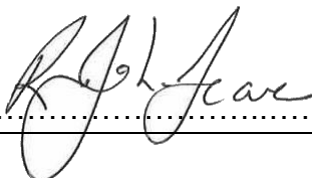
SC218

**35/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that the information contained in the General Manager's monthly report be noted, and Council:

- Not proceed with a farm gate waste collection or commercial waste service at this stage, and it be revisited in three years to gauge interest at that time.

---

This is page 2 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024



.....General Manager

.....Mayor

---

- Make application for solar and battery under the Community Energy Fund Round 1 (behind the meter solar and batteries), for the Darlington Point Treatment Works, Jerilderie Treatment Works and Jerilderie Depot, with Councils 50% contribution derived from the Sewerage, Water and infrastructure Reserves as applicable.
- Budget, at its next review, an amount of \$2,625.00 for the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) development fee and sitting charges, rolling forward to the next financial year unexpended funds.
- Apply the Regional Roads Repair Fund (RRRF) allocation of \$6,957,206 to the roads as detailed within table 1 of the report, authorising the General Manager to inform the Department.

**CARRIED**

**YOUNG STREET SUBDIVISION – STREET NAMES AND HOUSE NUMBERS SC610**

**36/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Chirgwin that in relation to the Young Street subdivision:

- Street names in the subdivision be confirmed as:
  - Helena Pugh Parade (Road No 1);
  - Edwards Street (Road No 2); and
  - Gugaa Street (Road No 3).
- An explanation as to the significance of street names be added to signage via a QR code
- The proposed street names be referred to the NSW Geographic Names Board for approval, if not already done so.
- The proposed house numbering shown on the plan attached to the report be approved.

**CARRIED**

**STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND – MARCH 2024 SC137**

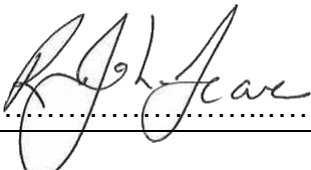
**37/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Mauger that the contents of the report be noted, and additional funding be voted for the Coleambally Community Hall upgrade in the amount of \$135.30.

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 3 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024

---


 .....General Manager .....Mayor

---

**INTERNAL LOAN – YOUNG STREET SUBDIVISION**

**SC610**

**38/04/24 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that:

- Council seeks Ministerial Approval under sections 410(3) and 410(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for an internal loan of \$3 million from the Sewerage Funds Reserve to fund the construction of a 55-lot residential subdivision at Young Street, Darlington Point.
- The proposed internal loan will have a 10-year term, with semi-annual repayments based on the current indicative TCorp lending rate of 4.90%, subject to any changes to these conditions as required by the Minister.

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 1/2024 – PLACE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP,  
COLEAMBALLY DA 1/2024**

Councillor Black declared his pecuniary interest in this item and departed the building.

**39/04/24 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Chirgwin that:

- Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to Development Application No: DA 1/2024 for a *place of public worship* at Lot 1 DP 1290181, 21-23 Curlew Crescent, Coleambally subject to conditions, including those set out in attachment # 5.
- The development application be delegated to the General Manager for issue of the notice of determination.

**CARRIED**

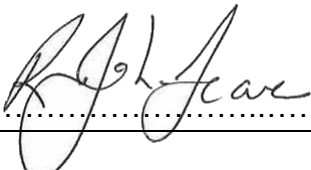
In favour: Councillors McRae, Bryce, Mauger, Curphey, Gilbert, Saxvik, Chirgwin and Strachan.

Opposed: Nil

Absent: Councillor Black

Councillor Black returned to the meeting.

---

.....General Manager .....Mayor

---

**DRAFT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL AND YANCO DELTA WIND FARM PTY LTD  
DA 23/4174**

**40/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that Council enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Yanco Delta Wind Farm Pty Ltd relating to State Significant Development 41743746 - Yanco Delta Wind Farm.

**CARRIED**

**DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR AREAS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE – JERILDERIE COURTHOUSE AND LIBRARY AND DRAFT GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR NATURAL AREAS  
SC119**

**41/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Saxvik and Mauger that Council endorse the Plan of Management for Areas of Cultural Significance – Jerilderie Courthouse and Library and the draft generic Plan of Management for Natural Areas to enable them to proceed to public exhibition.

**CARRIED**

**LOCAL HERITAGE FUND GRANT SCHEME 2023/24** **SC135**

Councillor Chirgwin declared her pecuniary interest in this item and departed the building.

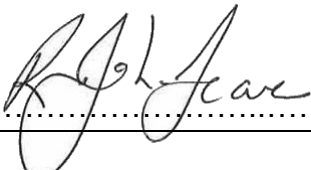
**42/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Strachan and Saxvik that Council approve the 2023/2024 Local Heritage Fund grant recipients as follows:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>
\$5,000	Works to St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Jerilderie to repair damage cause by rising damp
\$4,000	Repairs to the balcony of the Punt Hotel, Darlington Point and repainting
\$5,000	Repairs to roof and restoration of original features of the barracks at The Homestead, Darlington Point
\$4,000	Replace fascia and paint the former Presbyterian Church, Darlington Point
\$4,750	Restumping of the cook’s quarters at Toganmain Woolshed, Darlington Point
\$1,000	Repainting of the Darlington Point Post Office

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 5 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024

..........General Manager .....Mayor

---

Councillor Chirgwin returned to the meeting.

**FOGO BIN LINER FEES**

**SC112**

**43/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Chirgwin that the proposed fees for the supply of FOGO bin liners, as detailed within the report, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST TO SUSPEND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR THE DARLINGTON POINT DEBUTANTE BALL**

**SC100**

**44/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Gilbert that Council:

- Allow the prohibition on the consumption of alcohol at the Murrumbidgee Shire Hall, Darlington Point, Lot 201, DP 750908, 35 Carrington Street, Darlington Point, to be lifted from 6.30pm to midnight on Saturday 4 May, 2024;
- Allow the prohibition signs to be covered during the period of the celebrations;
- Advertise Council's action;
- Debutante Ball Committee to notify the local Police.

**CARRIED**

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

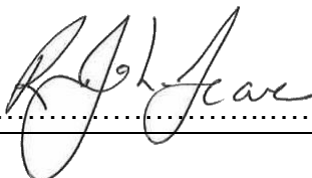
**SC131**

**45/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Strachan that the Murrumbidgee Council Student Scholarships for 2024 be awarded to Tiarna Burke, Zavier Cadorin and Olivia Whelan.

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 6 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024



.....General Manager

.....Mayor

---

**MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM,  
 COLEAMBALLY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND AND LIONS CLUB  
 OF DARLINGTON POINT COMMUNITY GRANT SC361**

Councillor Chirgwin declared her pecuniary interest in this item, and departed the meeting.

**46/04/24**     **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Gilbert and Mauger that:

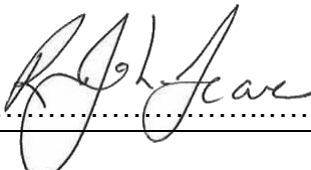
- Funding recipients for the 2024 Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants Program be as detailed below:

Organisation	Grant Amount	Purpose
Coleambally Squash Club	\$1,649.40	Junior safety glasses, ice packs and refrigerator.
Country Education Foundation of Coleambally/ Darlington Point	\$2,000.00	Contribution to education grants.
Cypress View Lodge	\$2,000.00	Sit to stand lifter chair.
Darlington Point Men’s Shed Inc	\$2,000.00	Contribution towards new accessible toilet facilities.
Darlington Point Riverina Classic Catch & Release Fishing Competition	\$2,000.00	Lures for all junior entrants in competition.
Jerilderie Apex Club	\$2,000.00	Defibrillator for patrons and APEX staff for all APEX run events.
Jerilderie Bowls Club via Jerilderie Sports Club	\$2,000.00	5 sets of bowls to attract participants to barefoot bowls.
Jerilderie Football Netball Club	\$2,000.00	Branded gazebo with JFNC logo/graphics and printer/scanner/photocopier.
Toganmain Woolshed Precinct	\$2,000.00	First aid equipment, hard hats, gloves, hi-vis vests and portable diesel generator.
Waddi Cultural Information Centre	\$2,000.00	Portable PA system

- That funding recipients for the 2024 Coleambally Solar Farm Community Fund, as detailed below, be recommended to Coleambally Solar Pty Ltd:

---

This is page 7 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024


.....General Manager
.....Mayor

---

Organisation	Grant Amount	Purpose
Coleambally Central School P&C Association	\$1,895.00	Contribution to Intensive swim survival program.
Coleambally Squash Club	\$2,105.00	Junior development balls, racket ball rackets and squash rackets.
Darlington Point Public School P&C	\$3,000.00	Contribution towards Sydney excursion for Year 5 & 6.
Yamma Management Committee	\$3,000.00	Signal boosters to improve mobile phone coverage.

- That the recipients of the 2024 Darlington Point Lions Club Grant be:

Name	Grant Amount	Purpose
Kayne Ballintine	\$1,000	Assistance with university supplies and living expenses
Rebecca Norris (DP Swimming Pool)	\$1,000	Aqua fitness equipment and storage containers

**CARRIED**

Councillor Chirgwin returned to the meeting.

## REPORTS/MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### JERILDERIE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING SC21

**47/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that the information contained in the Jerilderie Australia Day Committee Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

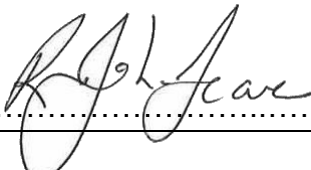
### JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING SC21

**48/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Bryce and Mauger that the information contained in the Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee Minutes be noted.

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 8 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024



 General Manager
 
 Mayor

---



## OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR NOTING

### MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – MARCH 2024

SC133

**49/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Black that Council note the monthly Investment Report identifying all money Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**CARRIED**

### NEW COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION FUND – MARCH 2024

SC59

**50/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Mauger and Strachan that the contents of the New Council Implementation Fund - March 2024 report be noted.

**CARRIED**

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, MARCH 2024

SC210

**51/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Chirgwin and Bryce that the information contained in the Development Applications Approved Under Delegation, March 2024, be noted.

**CARRIED**

## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### DARLINGTON POINT FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – ROSS STREET STORMWATER PUMPING STATION

SC692

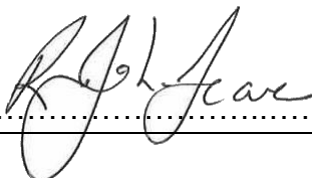
**52/04/24** **Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Black and Strachan that this item be referred to the CONFIDENTIAL section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
- i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**CARRIED**

---

This is page 9 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024



.....General Manager

.....Mayor

---

Council closed its meeting to the public at 10.43am. Recording was stopped.

**DARLINGTON POINT FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM -  
ROSS STREET STORMWATER PUMPING STATION SC692**

**53/04/24 Resolved** on the motion of Councillors Curphey and Bryce that:

- Council believes that a more satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by the issuing of a fresh round of public invitations to tender for the construction of the Ross Street Stormwater Pumping Station in view of:
  - the works having previously being publicly advertised with limited response, and
  - the limited number of specialist pumping system firms operating in this field, and
  - the scarcity of suitable contractors in the region.
- Subject to the approval of the NSW Grants Management Office, a contract for the works be offered to B & C Plumbing Pty Ltd in the amount of \$398,139.88 plus GST (\$437,953.87 inclusive of GST) with scope amendments as outlined within the report.
- The drawings and specifications for the works be issued in “red line markup” to reflect the proposed changes.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Black, Chirgwin and Strachan departed the meeting.

**54/04/24 Resolved** on motion of Councillors Bryce and Curphey that Open Council resume.

Open Council resumed at 10.50am, with the meeting re-opened to the public. Recording resumed.

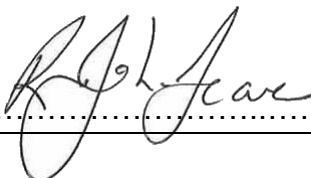
The Mayor informed the meeting of resolution 53/04/24 as adopted in the Confidential section of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.55am

.....  
Cr R E McRae OAM  
**MAYOR**

---

This is page 10 of 10 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024

.....General Manager .....Mayor

---