

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey OAM
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM
Councillor Paul Funnell
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Rod Kendall
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Kerry Pascoe
Councillor Dallas Tout

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Corporate Services	(Mrs N Te Pohe)
Director Community	(Mrs J Summerhayes)
Director Commercial Operations	(Ms C Angel)
Director Regional Activation	(Mr M Keys)
Manager Audit, Risk & Governance	(Ms I Hensley)
Manager Corporate Strategy & Communications	(Mr S Gray)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)

PRAYER

Almighty God,

Help protect our Mayor, elected Councillors and staff.

Help Councillors to govern with justice, integrity, and respect for equality, to preserve rights and liberties, to be guided by wisdom when making decisions and settling priorities, and not least of all to preserve harmony.

Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Pecuniary Interest in NOR-1 - NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS the reason being that he has undertaken two visits to Kunming funded by both Wagga Wagga City Council and the Kunming Government, he is a member of the Sister City Committee and has approved funding for visits to Kunming and vacated the meeting during its consideration.

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Pecuniary Interest in CR-1 - COUNCILLOR REPORT - APOLOGY TO OUR SISTER CITY AND FRIENDS IN CHINA the reason being that he has undertaken two visits to Kunming funded by both Wagga Wagga City Council and the Kunming Government, he is a member of the Sister City Committee and has approved funding for visits to Kunming and vacated the meeting during its consideration.

Councillor D Tout declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOR-1 - NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS the reason being a family member is on the Sister City Community Committee and vacated the meeting during its consideration. Councillor D Tout referenced Clauses 4.1, 4.2 (8), 5.9 (a) and 5.10(b) of Council’s Code of Conduct.

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

NOR-1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

Councillor D Tout declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the meeting, the time being 5:08pm.

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Pecuniary Interest and vacated the meeting, the time being 5:08pm.

- Dr Lucy Zhao - Speaking against the report
- Dr Bin Lin - Speaking against the report
- Mr Xiaogang Zhang - Speaking against the report
- Mr Kevin Poynter - Speaking in favour of the report

NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

NOR-1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

Councillor D Tout declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and remained vacated from the meeting.

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Pecuniary Interest and remained vacated from the meeting.

20/143 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of The Mayor, Councillor G Conkey OAM and Councillor R Kendall

That Council rescinds Resolution No. 20/125 from the 14 April 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, which reads as follows:

- That Council:**
- a repeal and sever, any and all Sister City agreements, Friendship programmes and arrangements, and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) associated with the People’s Republic of China**
 - b notify our Sister City Committee of this decision of Council**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel

Against the Motion
P Funnell

COUNCILLOR REPORT

CR-1 COUNCILLOR REPORT - APOLOGY TO OUR SISTER CITY AND FRIENDS IN CHINA

Councillor D Tout declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and remained vacated from the meeting.

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Pecuniary Interest and remained vacated from the meeting.

20/144 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of The Mayor Councillor G Conkey OAM and Councillor V Keenan

That Council:

- a authorise the Mayor to write a letter of apology and recommitment to our sister city and friends in China**
- b apologise to the community for the harm and reputational damage the previous resolution has caused**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel

Against the Motion
P Funnell

Councillor K Pascoe re-entered the meeting, the time being 6:20pm.

Councillor D Tout re-entered the meeting, the time being 6:20pm.

QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

Councillor D Hayes requested an update on plans for lighting on the corner of Pine Gully Road and Old Narrandera Road.

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7:25pm.

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MAYOR