



## **RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**22 JULY 2021**

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee commenced at 9:30am.

#### **PRESENT**

Cr Cate Cross	Snowy Valleys Council
Cr Pam Halliburton	Junee Shire Council
Cr Dan Hayes	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Rod Kendall	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Annette Schilg	Greater Hume Council
Cr Dennis Sleigh	Temora Shire Council
Cr Dallas Tout	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Greg Verdon	Lockhart Shire Council
Ms Courtney Armstrong	Coolamon Shire Council
Ms Alison Balind	Bland Shire Council
Ms Miriam Crane	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
Mr James Davis	Junee Shire Council
Mr Tony Donoghue	Coolamon Shire Council
Mr Gerard Van Emmerik	Federation Council
Ms Stacy Moses	Junee Shire Council
Mr David Smith	Greater Hume Council
Ms Elizabeth Smith	Temora Shire Council
Mr Peter Thompson	Wagga Wagga City Council
Ms Kristin Twomey	Snowy Valleys Council
Mr Peter Veneris	Lockhart Shire Council

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Zac Armistead	RRL Digital Engagement Coordinator
Ms Amy Heap	RRL Outreach & Promotions Coordinator
Mr Robert Knight	RRL Executive Director
Ms Madeleine Scully	Wagga Wagga City Council
Ms Karen Wendt	RRL Business & Communications Coordinator

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Wagga Wagga City Council and Riverina Regional Library acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pay respect to Elders past, present and future and extend our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

## **APOLOGIES**

Cr Leigh Bowden	Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council
Cr Yvonne Braid	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Gail Law	Federation Council
Cr Kerrilee Logan	Coolamon Shire Council
Cr Penny Nicholson	Cootamundra Shire Council
Cr Bronwyn Thomas	Federation Council
Cr Jan Wyse	Bland Shire Council
Mr Gary Lavelle	Temora Shire Council

### **Recommendation**

On the motion of Cr Greg Verdon and seconded by Mr James Davis

**That the Apologies of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 July 2021 be received and accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - CR DALLAS TOUT**

Cr Dallas Tout resigned from the position of Chairperson of the RRL Advisory Committee on 16 July 2021.

Cr Tout has held the role of Chairperson since 2015, prior to which he was Deputy Chair for two years. Cr Tout has been a strong advocate for not only RRL, but also the broader NSW public library network, as demonstrated through his involvement with the NSW Public Libraries Association and as a representative on the NSW Public Libraries Consultative Committee.

RRL Advisory Committee members offer their sincere gratitude for his contribution to RRL over many years and wish him the very best for future personal and political aspirations.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **RP-1 RRL MEMBER COUNCILS' POSITION STATEMENT**

#### **Recommendation**

On the motion of Mr David Smith and Mr Tony Donoghue

#### **That the Committee:**

- a noting that Wagga Wagga City Council is currently reviewing its provision of library services, we receive and endorse the RRL Member Councils' Position Statement as a record of the strong support for the organisation by member councils, and an acknowledgement of its 43 year history as an exemplar of local government collaboration**
- b endorse a working party comprising four RRL Advisory Committee representatives and the RRL Executive Director be formed to examine sustainable operating models that ensure the continuation of the RRL in the event that one or more current participating councils do not continue with the future Deed of Agreement from 1 July 2022**
- c endorse the working party to present an interim report for consideration at the RRL Advisory Committee meeting in October 2021.**

**CARRIED**

### **RP-2 RRL – CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE LIBRARY ACT 1939**

#### **Recommendation**

On the motion of Mr James Davis and seconded by Ms Alison Balind

#### **That the Committee:**

- a note the advice from the Manager Public Library Services at the State Library of NSW in relation to the classification of RRL as operating under s12(2) of the NSW Library Act 1939**
- b authorise the RRL Executive Director to revise the RRL Deed of Agreement for the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2026 in accordance with s12(2) of the NSW Library Act 1939, for consideration at the October 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

### **RP-3 PURCHASE OF THE RRL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

#### **Recommendation**

On the motion of Mr Gerard Van Emmerik and Ms Miriam Crane

That the Committee:

- a authorise the Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Pam Halliburton, another nominated RRL Advisory Committee Councillor representative, and a RRL General Manager representative to continue discussions with Wagga Wagga City Council for the purchase of the RRL Administration Centre building at 2 Galing Place, Wiradjuri
- b note that a cost analysis of RRL Administration Centre outgoings (electricity, building insurance, water, land rates and maintenance) has been requested from Wagga Wagga City Council in accordance with the resolution of the March 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee
- c authorise the representatives on behalf of RRL to undertake investigations into all options for the purchase of a RRL Administration Centre building.

The motion on being put to the meeting was LOST.

On the motion of Cr Greg Verdon and seconded by Mr Tony Donoghue

**That the Committee:**

- a authorise the Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Pam Halliburton, another nominated RRL Advisory Committee Councillor representative, and a RRL General Manager representative to continue discussions with Wagga Wagga City Council for the purchase of the RRL Administration Centre building at 2 Galing Place, Wiradjuri**
- b note that a cost analysis of RRL Administration Centre outgoings (electricity, building insurance, water, land rates and maintenance) has been requested from Wagga Wagga City Council in accordance with the resolution of the March 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-4 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR RRL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Ms Alison Balind and seconded by Cr Rod Kendall

**That the Committee:**

- a endorse the draft RRL Executive Council Expression of Interest document included with this report**
- b authorise the RRL Executive Director to invite expressions of interest from RRL member Councils on Monday 26 July, to undertake the role of Executive Council for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026 in accordance with clause 7 of the RRL Deed of Agreement, with a closing date for submissions of 20 August 2021**
- c authorise the RRL Executive Director to distribute the Expression of Interest document to any RRL member Councils that request a copy prior to the closing date for submissions**
- d authorise the RRL Executive Committee to review responses to the Expression of Interest and provide a recommendation to the October 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-5 ADVICE FROM THE CROWN SOLICITOR**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Ms Miriam Crane and seconded by Mr Tony Donoghue

**That the Committee:**

- a authorise the RRL Executive Director to seek advice from the Crown Solicitor through the Library Council of NSW in relation to the RRL Deed of Agreement 2018-2022**
- b note that a report will be provided to the October 2021 meeting of the RRL Advisory Committee in relation to the advice provided.**

**CARRIED**

**RP-6 RRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCY**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Cr Greg Verdon and seconded by Mr James Davis

**That the Committee not appoint a Councillor representative to the RRL Executive Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Dallas Tout from the Executive Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**GB-1 APPOINTMENT OF RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Cr Greg Verdon and seconded by Mr James Davis

**That the Committee endorse the appointment of four RRL Advisory Committee representatives to the working party to examine sustainable operating models that ensure the continuation of the RRL in the event that one or more current participating councils do not continue with the future Deed of Agreement from 1 July 2022, referred to in RP-1:**

**Mr David Smith** – nominated by Cr Greg Verdon and Mr Tony Donoghue

**Mr Tony Donoghue** – nominated by Mr David Smith and Cr Greg Verdon

**Ms Kristin Twomey** – nominated by Mr Tony Donoghue and Cr Cate Cross

**Cr Pam Halliburton** – nominated by Mr Tony Donoghue and Cr Annette Schilg

**CARRIED**

**GB-2 APPOINTMENT OF RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Recommendation**

On the motion of Mr David Smith and seconded by Mr James Davis

**That the Committee endorse the appointment of one RRL Advisory Committee Councillor representative and one RRL General Manager representative to join the Deputy Chairperson, Cr Pam Halliburton, to continue discussions with Wagga Wagga City Council for the purchase of the RRL Administration Centre building at 2 Galing Place, Wiradjuri, referred to in RP-3:**

**Mr Tony Donoghue** – nominated by Mr James Davis and Mr David Smith

**Cr Greg Verdon** – nominated by Mr David Smith and Ms Alison Balind

**CARRIED**

Cr Rod Kendall left the meeting at 10:28am.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee rose at 10:34am.