

## **PRESENT**

Mr Bryce McNair (Chairperson)  
Mrs Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh  
Ms Rachel Harris  
Councillor Michael Henderson  
Councillor Rod Kendall

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor	Councillor Dallas Tout
General Manager	Peter Thompson
Chief Financial Officer	Carolyn Rodney
NSW Audit Office, Director, Financial Audit	Lawrissa Chan
NSW Audit Office, Senior Auditor	Karthik Krishnamoorthy
Corporate Governance Coordinator	Nicole Johnson
Risk Management and Insurance Officer	Cathy Wade

The meeting of the Extraordinary Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee commenced at 8.04am.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends 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**

No apologies were received.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **CM-1      AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### ***Recommendation:***

On the Motion of C Rosetta-Walsh and R Harris

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record, noting that the recommendations contained in the minutes of that meeting were endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 5 September 2022.**

**CARRIED**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

## **REPORTS**

### **RP-1 GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

#### ***Recommendation:***

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and M Henderson

**That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the update provided by the General Manager in relation to recruitment, the Riverina Joint Organisation Structure, Rural Fire Service Red Fleet Assets, LGNSW Conference Motions and General Manager contracts.**

**CARRIED**

Karthik Krishnamoorthy Senior Auditor NSW Audit Office entered the meeting the time being 8.19am.

### **RP-2 2021/22 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### ***Recommendation:***

On the Motion of C Rosetta-Walsh and Councillor R Kendall

**That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:**

- a receive a presentation from Council's auditors, the NSW Audit Office**
- b note that due to Council determining that it does not have control over the Rural Fire Service assets, and therefore not recording Rural Fire Service assets in Council's financial statements, the NSW Audit Office have expressed a Modified Audit Opinion for the 2021/22 General Purpose Financial Statements**
- c expressed the view that despite the modified audit opinion, the Financial Statements reflect a fair view of Council's financial performance and position**
- d recommend that Council approve the signing of the 2021/22 Financial Statements pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting**
- e receive a further report from the General Manager on the status of PFAS removal in Wagga Wagga**
- f expressed concern regarding terms and conditions of the Wagga Wagga Airport lease and noted ongoing negotiations with the Department of Defence**

**CARRIED**

**RP-3      QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE**

***Recommendation:***

On the Motion of R Harris and B McNair

**That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:**

- a      note the Question with Notice raised by ARIC member Rachel Harris**
- b      receive a further report, following discussions between the General Manager and the Committee Chair, on recommended protocols for future content of ARIC minutes**
- c      trial for the next two meetings an expansion of ARIC minutes to include key points of discussion and broad reasoning**

**CARRIED**

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**QWN-1      CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

General Manager provided an update on the status of the Chief Audit Executive recruitment process.

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee rose at 9.38am.