



Meander Valley Council
Working Together

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

Time 4.01pm

Location Council Chambers
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Westbury, Tasmania

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1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

Mayor Wayne Johnston opened the Annual General Meeting at 4.01pm.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples, the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we gather today and I pay my respects to Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meander Valley Council's Annual General Meeting held on 12 December 2023 were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 February 2024.

4. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received as part of these Minutes

5. Annual Report

5.1. Annual Report

File Reference S13-07-004

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion

That Council:

1. receives the Meander Valley Council's 2023-24 Annual Report as presented (Attachment 1); and
2. endorses the 2023-24 Annual Report in respect of its organisational performance during the 2023-24 financial year.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman
Seconded Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Motion carried by majority

Minute Reference: AGM01/2024

5.2. Public Submissions

No Public Submissions were received as part of these Minutes

6. Public Questions

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 31(2)(b)

6.1 Public Questions With Notice

No Public Questions on Notice were received for these Minutes

6.2 Public Questions Without Notice

(Members of the public who ask Questions Without Notice at a Meeting will have both the question and any answer provided recorded in the Minutes. If the Council's Officers are unable to answer the question asked at the Meeting, the question and a response will be provided in the next Council Meeting Agenda).

Question

Danielle Farrow-Pryke, Deloraine - ABX Mine Concerns

1. *Could the Meander Valley Council, in any good conscience, support:*
 - (a) *upgrading a road which provides access to a full profit company which is actively demonstrating that it is unlikely to be anything other than broke and not-for-profit, given its current financial reports, in support of mining bauxite; and*
 - (b) *using ratepayer funds to upgrade a road so that something, which is innately invaluable and likely to fail?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded by saying that as a Council and as a road authority there is an obligation to maintain all public roads in a safe condition for all road users. So, if there are issues identified with a road, the Council needs to ensure that everyone travelling over that road is safe. That is the Council's obligation as a road authority.

2. *If the Council was made aware of a comprehensive study that noted the mine was not going to be viable, would it consider upgrading the road to an industrial level?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) advised that the financial circumstances of a business will not change the fact that the Council is the road authority and is obligated to provide a safe road environment. It is a reasonable expectation of all community members and road users and if obligations were not being met by the Council it would need to be rectified. Over time it is possible that road classifications can change (for example use, the number of crossovers, etc.) and if that is the case, then necessary modifications will be made to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

7. Public Notices of Motion

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 16

7.1 Public Notices of Motion

No Public Notices of Motion were received as part of these Minutes

7.2 Public Notices of Motion Without Notice

During the Council's Annual General Meeting, eligible members of the public can move a motion from the floor.

Motion

In recognition of increasing pressures on our communities and our environment brought on by mineral exploration and extraction proposals, that Council affirms a commitment to sustainable resource management, the promotion of ecological processes and genetic diversity and environmental stewardship and community well-being, noting the importance of community engagement, scientific integrity, public safety and the avoidance of harm.

Moved Leigh Wasserfall
Seconded Danielle Farrow-Pryke

Motion carried by majority

Minute Reference: AGM02/2024

8. Close of Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston closed the Annual General Meeting at 4.40pm.

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Mayor Wayne Johnston
Chairperson

16 January 2025