

12.4 Rail Committee Minutes - 3 November 2023

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY
TO 13 DECEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, TRA300009

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Rail Committee Minutes - 3 November 2023; and**
2. **endorse the minutes of the Rail Committee Meeting 3rd November 2023.**

Executive summary

This report is to advise Council of the matters given consideration at the meeting of the Rail Committee held on 3 November 2023.

The members of the Rail Committee have a focus of re-instating the 89km rail line between Rylstone and Gulgong for passenger rail, light freight and tourism opportunities.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

At the meeting on 2 February 2022, Council endorsed the formation of a Rail Committee. The public were invited to be members of the Committee and these members were endorsed at the April 2022 Council meeting.

The Committee held its last meeting on 3 November 2023 and this report provides the minutes to Council for their information.

The request from the Committee for further information on rail to be included in a future Community News publication is noted. Should Council wish to provide this direction to staff then this could be included within the resolution for these minutes.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Government
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Goal	Good communications and engagement
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Strategy	Encourage community access and participation in Council decision making
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Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Community Plan

Council Policies

Code of Conduct

Legislation

Section 355 of the Local Government Act (1993)

Financial implications

Nil

Associated Risks

Nil

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

13 November 2023

Attachments: 1. Rail Committee Meeting Minutes November 3 2023.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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MINUTES

RAIL COMMITTEE

Friday 3rd November 2023 at the Council Administration Building, Mudgee

Meeting opened at 2pm

Present: Cr Peter Shelley, Mike Sweeney, John Bentley, John Wood, Simon Jones (staff)

1. Apologies – Drew Stein

Moved: Mike Sweeney

Seconded: John Bentley

Motion Supported by all

2. Minutes from the Previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes from the May meeting be accepted

Moved: John Bentley

Seconded: John Wood

Motion Supported by all

3. Update on Rail Services

- Council thanked for the letter sent to Minister Aitchison. The issues raised will hopefully be looked at in Budget Estimates on 7/11/23.
- Summary of Mudgee Region Rail's discussion with Alistair Lunn provided. Drew Stein to follow up with Alistair Lunn in the future.
- Discussion regarding speaking to the media. Committee members assured Council that they recognise that they are not speaking on behalf of Council.
- Communication from Mudgee Region Rail with Mayor of Dubbo. No further progress at this stage.

4. Community News

The Committee can see benefit in keeping the community informed of Council's actions in relation to rail services and encourages Council to use its Community

News publication for this. Committee members can provide content for this if required.

Meeting closed 2.20pm

Next meeting – to be confirmed for April 2024