



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

19 FEBRUARY 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.01am

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Steve Heywood
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Don McKinnon
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Peter Nunan
Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Matthew Carlin (Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Paula Mastrippolito (Manager Organisational Support)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Greg Evans is an apology and has requested a leave of absence for this meeting.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the apology from Cr Evans and grants the Leave of Absence Request.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr Heywood declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 6.4 due to his son and daughter-in-law being involved in businesses listed in the report.

Cr MacAllister declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.17 – ~~no reason given~~ as one of the items listed relates to a neighbour (amended as per 18/03/20 meeting)

Cr MacAllister declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 12.1 – ~~no reason given~~ as her partner is employed by one of the tenderers. (amended as per 18/03/20 meeting).

Cr Nichols declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item 6.3 if anything is raised about the Wentworth Bowling Club as she is a member of the club.

Cr McKinnon declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.14 and 9.15 as his son is employed by council at the landfill site.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 December 2019 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 December 2019 be confirmed as circulated, noting the correction to the spelling of Nichols on page 10.

Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held 22 January 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held 22 January 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 PROPOSAL TO DUAL NAME THE DARLING RIVER

File Number: RPT/20/35

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.5 Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups

Summary

At the 18 December 2019 Ordinary Council meeting, Cr MacAllister put forward a notice of motion for the proposal to dual name the Darling River. Council resolved that the item be brought back to council for consideration after further information from the Geographical Names Board regarding community consultation was received. Council has been advised feedback will be received up to 28 February 2020.

Recommendation

That Council consider the proposal to dual name the Darling River as Baaka.

Council Resolution

That Council reconsiders its decision made at the last meeting and now supports the proposal to dual name the Darling River as Darling-Baaka.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

Cr Wheeldon requested that his vote against the resolution be recorded.

6.2 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/107

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

At the December 2019 Council meeting Cr Nichols asked:

- whether councillor expenses were legislatively required to be reported to Council every 6 months, and
- requested a report detailing every conference attended by councillors in the last 12 months, where it was held and how much it cost.

This report responds to those two requests.

Recommendation

That Council notes the councillor expenses report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the councillor expenses report.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

6.3 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS - SUMMARY REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/110

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report summarises the details of actions raised from previous Council meetings that remain outstanding. Individual items that require detailed responses are reported separately.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the current list of outstanding action items.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the current list of outstanding action items.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

6.4 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING SUPPLIERS UNDER THE PANEL CONTRACT TENDER

File Number: RPT/20/108

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

At the December 2019 Council meeting Cr Nunan requested a list of current panel tenderers (from the previous financial year), detailing how much had been paid to each contractor under each of the three categories: Building Trades, Professional and Consultation Services and hire of construction plant and equipment.

At 10:19 am Councillor Steve Heywood left the Council Chambers as he had declared a conflict of interest in this item.

At 10:19 am Councillor Don McKinnon left the Council Chambers.

Recommendation

That Council note the total expenses paid under the previous Panel Tender Contract.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the total expenses paid under the previous Panel Tender Contract.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

At 10:20am Councillor Steve Heywood returned to Council Chambers.

At 10:20 am Councillor Don McKinnon returned to Council Chambers.

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/13

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Moved Cr. Hederics, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 REPORT FROM 2019 MDA CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/19/1222

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Councillors to provide updates on the activities of organisations to which they have been appointed as council's delegate.

Councillors MacAllister, Evans and Heywood attended the MDA 75th National Conference, held in Toowoomba QLD from 22 – 24 October 2019, and Councillor MacAllister has provided the following information.

Recommendation

That the information provided by delegates to the 2019 MDA Conference be noted.

Council Resolution

That the information provided by delegates to the 2019 MDA Conference be noted.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

Cr Nunan requested that his vote against the resolution be recorded.

8.2 COUNCILLOR REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/20/70

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Councillors to provide verbal updates on the activities of organisations to which they have been appointed as council's delegate.

The meetings noted to have occurred during the reporting period are:-

Date	Meeting	Attendees	Location
16 Jan 2020	Wentworth Shire Health Interagency Group	Cr MacAllister	Buronga
20 Jan 2020	Wentworth Regional Tourism	Cr Nichols	Coomealla
28 Jan 2020	Bottle Bend Reserve Land Manager	Cr MacAllister	Buronga
29 Jan 2020	Inquiry into Management Murray Darling Basin water Resources	Cr MacAllister Cr Heywood Cr Nichols	Mildura
29 Jan 2020	MDA Region 4	Cr MacAllister Cr Heywood	Buronga
3 Feb 2020	Wentworth Regional Tourism	Cr Nichols	Coomealla
4 Feb 2020	George Gordon Sporting Complex	Cr Elstone	Coomealla
5 Feb 2020	Willow Bend Committee	Cr Heywood Cr Elstone	Wentworth

Recommendation

That the information provided by councillors on the activities of external bodies to which they are council's nominated delegate be noted.

Council Resolution

That the information provided by councillors on the activities of external bodies to which they are council's nominated delegate be noted.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

8.2.1 BOTTLE BEND RESERVE LAND MANAGER

Cr Jane MacAllister requested that all records be amended to reflect the change of name from Bottle Bend Reserve Trust to Bottle Bend Reserve Land Manager.

8.3 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number: RPT/20/75

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

A meeting of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee was held on 05 February 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on the following items:-

- Adoption of the December Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the December Quarterly Budget Review statement noting a favorable operational variance of \$472,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$3,689,000, resulting in a total favorable budget variation of \$4,161,000.

Council Resolution

That Council approves the December Quarterly Budget Review statement noting a favorable operational variance of \$472,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$3,689,000, resulting in a total favorable budget variation of \$4,161,000.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon

CARRIED

8.4 WILLOWBEND CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number: RPT/20/76

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination

Summary

A meeting of the Willow Bend Caravan Park Advisory Committee was held on 5 February 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks a resolution of Council on the following items:-

- Family Parks Memberships

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the minutes of the Willow Bend Caravan Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2020

That Council approves Willow Bend Caravan Park becoming a member of Family Parks.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the minutes of the Willow Bend Caravan Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2020

That Council approves Willow Bend Caravan Park becoming a member of Family Parks.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

8.5 GEORGE GORDON SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/79

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Barbara George - Administration Officer, Roads and Engineering

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

A meeting of the George Gordon Sporting Complex User Group Meeting was held of Tuesday 4 February 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council notes the minutes of the George Gordon Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

That Council endorses the naming of the new oval to the Andrew Murdoch Oval following receipt of notification from the Geographical Names Board that the Complex was gazetted as the George Gordon Sporting Complex as at 17 January 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the minutes of the George Gordon Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

That Council endorses the naming of the new oval to the Andrew Murdoch Oval following receipt of notification from the Geographical Names Board that the Complex was gazetted as the George Gordon Sporting Complex as at 17 January 2020.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/62

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars

Details of OLG Circulars 19-30 to 19-31 and 20-01 to 20-03 are listed.

2. Meetings

As listed

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed

4. Other items of note

4.1 Council has been advised that Cr MacAllister has been appointed as Council's representative to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee.

4.2 Balranald Shire Council Public Inquiry Report released.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager and approves the out of region travel listed in the list of upcoming events.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager and approves the out of region travel listed in the list of upcoming events.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

9.1a APOLOGY FOR LIQUOR ACCORD MEETING 20/02/20

Cr Susan Nichols advised that she would be an apology for the Liquor Accord meeting on 20 February.

9.2 2020 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS

File Number: RPT/20/15

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Delivery Program Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Delivery Program Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 14-17 June 2020. The NGA provides an opportunity for councils to identify and discuss national issues of priority for the sector. Additionally the Far West JO has scheduled a board meeting to coincide with the Assembly.

Councillors are requested to consider the call for motions, which will need to be endorsed by council at the March meeting prior to submission to the NGA.

Recommendation

- (a) That Council notes the call for motions for inclusion in the National General Assembly's agenda by 27 March 2020 and that Council considers any motions at its meeting in March.
- (b) That Council nominates delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government 14-17 June 2020 in Canberra, with travel dates being 14-19 June 2020 to accommodate attendance at the Far West JO board meeting.

Motion

That Council notes the call for motions for inclusion in the National General Assembly's agenda by 27 March 2020 and that Council considers any motions at its meeting in March.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Nichols

Amendment

That Councillor Nunan's motion be amended and that (a) and (b) be adopted and that the Mayor and the General Manager attend the NGA Conference while they are at the JO meeting.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

Council Resolution

That the amendment becomes the substantive motion and

- (a) That Council notes the call for motions for inclusion in the National General Assembly's agenda by 27 March 2020 and that Council considers any motions at its meeting in March.
- (b) That Council nominates Mayor Hederics and the General Manager as its delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government 14-19 June 2020 in Canberra, with travel dates being 14-19 June 2020 to accommodate attendance at the Far West JO board meeting.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.3 MDA STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

File Number: RPT/20/53

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

The Murray Darling Association is holding a Strategic Planning Workshop on 12 – 13 March 2020 at Moama. The workshop is an opportunity for members and community leaders from across the Basin to play a significant role in the direction and future of the MDA; and discuss Basin-scale issues and opportunities. Council's delegates on the MDA executive are Councillors Elstone, Heywood and MacAllister.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the attendance of Councillors Elstone, Heywood and MacAllister as its delegates for the MDA Strategic Planning Workshop.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the attendance of Councillors Elstone, Heywood and MacAllister as its delegates for the MDA Strategic Planning Workshop.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.4 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

File Number: RPT/20/16

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Easter 2020 falls on 10 April to 13 April 2020. The Ordinary Council meeting is scheduled for 15 April 2020.

Council has several staff who have already indicated they will be absent prior to Easter and over the Easter four day weekend. This may affect the reports and the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting.

It is therefore proposed that the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 15 April 2020 be held on the 22 April 2020.

Recommendation

That the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 15 April 2020 be rescheduled to be held at Wentworth Shire Council Chambers at 10am on 22 April 2020.

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 15 April 2020 be rescheduled to be held at Wentworth Shire Council Chambers at 10am on 22 April 2020.

Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

File Number: RPT/20/3

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of December 2019 were \$412,609.90. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 58.68%. For comparison purposes 57.7% of the levy had been collected at the end of December 2018. Council currently has \$28,124,952.91 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the December 2019 monthly finance report.

Moved Cr. McKinnon, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/71

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of January 2020 were \$212,694.67. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 60.45%. For comparison purposes 58.07% of the levy had been collected at the end of January 2019. Council currently has \$27,494,561.47 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the January 2020 monthly finance report.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon

CARRIED

9.7 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

File Number: RPT/20/97

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 31 December 2019 Council had \$26,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$32,437.26 from its investments for the month of December 2019.

In December 2019 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.70% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$16,909,563.60 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the December 2019 monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.8 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2019

File Number: RPT/20/99

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 31 January 2020 Council had \$26,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$28,263.02 from its investments for the month of January 2020.

In January 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.67% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$17,414,762.75 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the January 2020 monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. McKinnon

CARRIED

9.9 A40 ACQUISITION RIVERBOAT EFFLUENT STATION (EDS) & A39 ACCESS EASEMENT - ADAM STREET WENTWORTH

File Number: RPT/20/20

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

A Council resolution is required to proceed with the Acquisition by the compulsory process of Lot 100 DP1253778 previously part of Lot 7344 DP1150178 and part of the bed of the Darling River and easement for access 5 metres wide over Lot 101 DP1253778 previously identified as Lot 7344 DP1150178.

Recommendation

1. That Council proceed to acquire the following land and easement by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 by authority contained in the Local Government Act 1993 for the purposes of the Adams Street Riverboat Effluent Disposal Station (EDS).
 - a. Lot 100 Deposited Plan 1253778 previously being part of Lot 7344 Deposited Plan 1150178 which is Crown Land and part of the bed of the Darling River.
 - b. An easement for access 5 metres wide shown as "C" in Deposited Plan 1253778 affecting Lot 101 Deposited Plan 1253778 which was previously identified as Lot 7344 Deposited Plan 1150178.
2. That minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition.
3. That the terms of the easements shall be as shown on Schedule 'D' attached
4. That these acquisitions are not for the purpose of resale.
5. That the necessary applications be made to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor.
6. That the Common Seal of Wentworth Shire Council be affixed to all documentation required to be sealed to give effect to this resolution.
7. That upon acquisition (Gazettal) the land is classified as operational land under Sections 31 & 34 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses recommendations 1 through to 7.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.10 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/20/36

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Shenay Harris - Coordinator Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$187,000.00 (inclusive of GST) for the 2019/20 financial year for the consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$104,436.00 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process. The total value of requests granted so far for this financial year totals \$29,626.00.

The total value of requests for this February 2020 funding application period totals \$19,295.60 which if granted in full, would leave a balance in the Donations, Contributions and Grants fund of \$33,642.40.

At 11:08 am Councillor Jane MacAllister left the Council Chambers after speaking to the Bottle Bend Reserve Land Manager application.

At 11:10 am Councillor Jane MacAllister returned to Council Chambers.

Recommendation

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, makes appropriate recommendations on the level of funding to be provided to each of these applications, from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program.

Council Resolution

That Council grants the requests as listed from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program, noting that the granting of funding for the Mildura to Portsea Camp is conditional on the funding going to support the attendance of children from the Wentworth Shire.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.11 BREAST SCREEN NSW REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

File Number: RPT/20/98

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Coordinator Customer Service

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

Breast Screen NSW – Western Local Health District are a not for profit organisation bringing an important service to our region with one goal - to improve Breast Cancer Survival Rates.

Breast Screen NSW wish to conduct free Breast Screening at Fotherby Park Wentworth from 7 – 20 April 2020 and are seeking exemption from hire fees.

Recommendation

That Council grants a fee waiver of \$1,736.00 to Breast Screen NSW for the conduct of free breast screening from 7 – 20 April 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council grants a fee waiver of \$1,736.00 to Breast Screen NSW for the conduct of free breast screening from 7 – 20 April 2020.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.12 REQUEST FOR EXPANDED USE OF MIDWAY CENTRE BASKETBALL STADIUM

File Number: RPT/20/104

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Coordinator Customer Service

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

The Alcheringa Saints Basketball Club is the major user of the Midway Centre Stadium. The current regular use agreement permits 18 hours of use per week over 6 days. The club is requesting that this be increased by 3.5 hours per week by expanding use to 7 days per week.

Recommendation

That Council amends the Regular Use Agreement for the Alcheringa Basketball Club to include an additional 3.5 hours per week, being each Friday night between 4.30pm – 8.00pm at no additional cost.

Council Resolution

That Council amends the Regular Use Agreement for the Alcheringa Basketball Club to include an additional 3.5 hours per week, being each Friday night between 4.30pm – 8.00pm at no additional cost.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.13 WILLOW BEND CARAVAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS PLAN

File Number: RPT/20/96

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary**Recommendation**

That Council adopts the Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment and Business Plan, and that funds be allocated in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan to commence stage 1 of the redevelopment.

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment and Business Plan, and that funds be allocated in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan to commence stage 1 of the redevelopment.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.14 ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCE - BURONGA LANDFILL

File Number: RPT/20/30

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

At 11:15 am Councillor Don McKinnon left the Council Chambers as he had previously declared a Conflict of Interest in the following two items.

Summary

The strategic review of the landfill identified sourcing additional revenue/waste streams as an avenue to help improve the financial sustainability of the landfill.

A trial between Council and Waste Management Services (the Contractor) to accept waste from South Australia at the Buronga Landfill was established late last year, whereby the contractor was offered an interim rate, that was consistent with the council approved discounted rate offered to other selected contractors.

The Contractor is seeking to continue utilizing the Buronga Landfill and approval is being sought to add this contractor to the list of approved contractors receiving a discounted rate for access to the Buronga Landfill.

Recommendation

That Council approves the addition of Waste Management Services to the list of approved contractors receiving a discounted rate for access to the Buronga Landfill.

Council Resolution

That Council approves the addition of Waste Management Services to the list of approved contractors receiving a discounted rate for access to the Buronga Landfill.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.15 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S WASTE FACILITIES

File Number: RPT/20/109

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

At the Council meeting dated 19 December 2019 Council was presented with the independent review of the operations of Council's waste management facilities. The report provided an overview and advice to inform options for the future management of Council's waste management services.

Following discussions Council resolved the following:

That Council authorises the General Manager to investigate options for alternative management of Council's waste services.

In preparing this report Council officers have examined the following two options.

- Option 1 – Council continues to operate waste management services with the engagement of suitably qualified staff and the use of third-party consultants.
- Option 2 – Council prepare a specification to enable a competitive tender process to outsource site operations to a contractor experienced in landfill operations

Having considered the merits of both options it is the recommendation that Council resolves to outsource the management of its waste facilities to an appropriately qualified contractor.

Recommendation

- a) That Council resolves to continue to operate the waste facilities throughout the Shire in the interim period until such time a professional reputable waste management contractor has been procured to manage Council facilities through an open tender process, and
- b) That Council implements the short-term operational recommendations within the independent review of the operations of Council's waste management facilities, and
- c) That Council prepares specification and tender documentation for the open tender process for the operation and management of Council's waste facilities, and
- d) That Council, at the conclusion of the tender period, consider the tender panel assessment report and if deemed acceptable to Council award the tender for the operation of Council's waste facilities.

Council Resolution

- a) That Council resolves to continue to operate the waste facilities throughout the Shire in the interim period until such time a professional reputable waste management contractor has been procured to manage Council facilities through an open tender process, and
- b) That Council implements the short-term operational recommendations within the independent review of the operations of Council's waste management facilities, and
- c) That Council prepares specification and tender documentation for the open tender

process for the operation and management of Council's waste facilities, and

d) That Council, at the conclusion of the tender period, consider the tender panel assessment report and if deemed acceptable to Council award the tender for the operation of Council's waste facilities.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

At 11:31 am Councillor Don McKinnon returned to Council Chambers.

9.16 MAJOR WORKS UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/52

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the months of December 2019 and January 2020 and the planned works for February 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the major works undertaken for December 2019 and January 2020 and the proposed works for February 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the major works undertaken for December 2019 and January 2020 and the proposed works for February 2020.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.17 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF DECEMBER 2019

File Number: RPT/20/5

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

At 11:40 am Councillor Jane MacAllister left the Council Chambers as she had previously declared a conflict of interest in this item.

Summary

For the month of December 2019, a total of 18 Development Applications and two S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the General Manager.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$6,865,687. This brings the year to date total to 156 Development Applications approved and 24 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$29,623,498.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of December 2019.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of December 2019.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Elstone, Hederics, Heywood, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

Against the Motion: ***Nil.***

At 11.42 am Councillor Jane MacAllister returned to Council Chambers.

9.18 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF JANUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/105

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

For the month of January 2020, a total of five Development Applications and one S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$200,739. This brings the year to date total to five Development Applications approved and one S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$200,739.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of January 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of January 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Elstone, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

Against the Motion: ***Nil.***

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL MURRAY REGION TRANSPORT FORUM

File Number: RPT/20/78

Motion

That council withdraw membership from the Central Murray Region Transport forum, effective immediately.

Council Resolution

That council withdraws from membership from the Central Murray Region Transport forum, effective immediately.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon

CARRIED

10.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.2.1 GRAPE JUICING PLANT

Cr Steve Heywood requested a report on the grape juicing plant.

The General Manager advised that the applicants have obtained a Construction Certificate, and have completed the intersection works and at this point in time appear to be complying with the consent conditions.

10.2.2 MILDURA FARMSTAY

Cr Steve Heywood asked what is going to be done to make the owners comply with the consent conditions that they agreed to.

The General Manager advised that he met with the applicants and their representatives and the applicants were advised that they were to cease trading until compliance is achieved. This will be followed by the Director Health and Planning and the Compliance Officer.

At 11:50 am Councillor Jane MacAllister left the Council Chambers

At 11:52 am Councillor Jane MacAllister returned to Council Chambers.

10.2.3 MAINTENANCE OF TREES

Cr Susan Nichols asked whether Mr Keenan had received a reply to his letter and what would be done about the maintenance of the three trees.

The General Manager advised that the letter has been processed as a customer request and that the Parks and Gardens team will action accordingly.

10.2.4 APPEARANCE OF GARDENS AND THE FACADE OF THE ADELAIDE STREET OFFICE

Cr Susan Nichols asked why the appearance of the gardens and the façade of the Adelaide Street office had not been addressed.

The General Manager advised that quotations had been sourced to undertake a general tidy up of the front façade of the Office.

10.2.5 COUNCIL AGENDAS

Cr Susan Nichols asked why the Council agenda did not include an acknowledgement to the Indigenous Owners and why the agenda still contains the wording of Prayer or Acknowledgement.

The General Manager advised that while the draft Code of Conduct suggested a Prayer and Acknowledgement, Council adopted the wording of Prayer or Acknowledgement.

10.2.6 ELECTRICITY COSTS

Cr Susan Nichols requested the electricity costs for the past 12 months for the Midway Centre, the new Civic Centre, the current Office building, including the Library, the VIC and the Wentworth and Alcheringa sporting complexes. She asked what grants we have sought for Solar Energy and would drought funding extend to provide solar energy to these buildings.

10.2.7 NEWLY SEALED ROAD IN CURLWAA

Cr Susan Nichols asked whether council had sealed the little road in Curlwaa and how many properties did this service.

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that he would confirm the details but believed that the road in question had been on a list for upgrade for a number of years, and services numerous properties.

At 11:57am Councillor Jane MacAllister asked to be excused from the meeting and left the Council Chambers.

10.2.8 ROAD SAFETY - SANDWYCH AND ADAMS STREET INTERSECTION

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked why there was no stop sign on the highway at this intersection.

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that this had been raised at the previous Local Traffic meeting and the advice from Roads and Maritime Services was that the current signage arrangement is correct and that the highway traffic has right of way.

The DRE advised that it can be put on the agenda for a joint planning meeting with RMS to be held next month.

10.2.9 CONTINUATION OF LOBBYING FOR EMBARGOS ON WATER EXTRACTION IN THE UPPER REACHES OF THE NAMOI / DARLING RIVER

Cr Tim Elstone advised that he believed that council should continue to lobby for the embargos to prevent surface water from being extracted from the river to allow flows down the Darling River.

10.2.10 STATE OF THE THREE TREES TO BE ADDRESSED

Cr Don McKinnon re-emphasized that need to address the state of the trees, as per

the letter received from Mr Keenan.

10.2.11 DARETON TOWN PLAN

Cr Peter Nunan asked about the progress of the Dareton Town Plan, and has previously requested that fast growing trees be planted from Pump Station Road to Fletchers Lake Road. .

The General Manager advised that there was a plan done for the purpose of applying for funding through the Stronger Country Communities fund and he also advised that in part this was to be addressed through the development of strategic town plans for each of the townships.

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Council Resolution

That Council adjourns into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

12.1 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 520 - Tipping Truck and Trailer - VR1920/520. (RPT/20/1)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.2 Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Supply of VIC Roads Class 3 Road Base Material - PT1920/03. (RPT/20/84)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Stabilisation Works - PT1920/04. (RPT/20/92)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

Council Resolution

That Council adjourns into a closed session, that the recording of the meeting be paused, that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the closed session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session be with-held unless declassified by separate resolution.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

Council moved into the closed session at 12:05pm

Council reconvened into open session at 12:08pm

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL**12.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 520 - TIPPING TRUCK AND TRAILER - VR1920/520**

File Number: RPT/20/1

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

The Mayor advised that during the closed session council resolved to accept the tender from Mildura Truck Center for the supply of one DAF FATCF85 Hercules Engineering Hardox Truck and Dog Trailer for the sum of \$347,488.90 inc GST, and accept the trade price of \$63,800.00 inc GST for the Council owned UD GW 470 Tipping Truck, plant item 520 and Dog Trailer, plant item 483 with a changeover price of \$283,688.90 inc GST.

12.2 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - SUPPLY OF VIC ROADS CLASS 3 ROAD BASE MATERIAL - PT1920/03

File Number: RPT/20/84

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

The Mayor advised that during the closed session council resolved to accept the tender from Waters Excavation Pty Ltd to carry out the supply and delivery of road base material for Contract PT1920/03 in the amount of \$1,120,240 inc GST, and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.3 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - STABILISATION WORKS - PT1920/04

File Number: RPT/20/92

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

The Mayor advised that during the closed session council resolved to accept the tender from Stabilco to carry out the supply and delivery for Contract PT1920/04 in the amount of \$187,028.60 inc GST, and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 12.09pm

NEXT MEETING

18 March 2020

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CHAIR