



# **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**22 APRIL 2020**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and invited the General Manager to read announcements in relation to the webcasting of this meeting.

## 2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.05am

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)  
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Greg Evans  
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 Mastripolito (Manager Organisational Support)

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr MacAllister advised that she had a Pecuniary Interest in items 12.2 and 12.4 because her partner is an employee of one of the tenderers.

The Mayor advised that she had a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.9 because a family member is the owner of a property listed in the Schedule of Determinations.

The Mayor advised that she had a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 12.3 because a family member is employed by one of the tenderers.

## ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM

Glenis Beaumont has requested to address council in relation to item 9.2 – Proposal to Provide Medical Services to the Wentworth township.

### Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.

**Moved Cr. Nunan , Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.08am

At 10.08 am Glenis Beaumont addressed the meeting in relation to item 9.2 - Proposal to Provide Medical Services to the Wentworth township.

Presentation concluded at 10.12am

## RESUMPTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### **Council Resolution**

That the Ordinary Council meeting be reconvened.

**Moved Cr.Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

The Ordinary Council meeting was reconvened at 10.13am

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 March 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

### **Council Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 March 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/194

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 summarizes items 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 items.

#### Council Resolution

That Council notes the current list of outstanding items.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

## **7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.1 MAYORAL REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/184

#### **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. Elstone**

Carried.

## 8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 8.1 FORMAL REQUEST OF A REVIEW OF GOL GOL SPEED ZONE

File Number: RPT/20/192

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Belinda Fitzgerald - Road Safety 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 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held on 13 February 2020 and the Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on a review of speed zones at Gol Gol.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road.

#### Council Resolution

That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**



**8.2 REPORT FROM THE CARRAMAR DRIVE SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/168

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

**Summary**

A meeting of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group was held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.

**Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/185

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**

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 20-07 to 20-11
2. Meetings

As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed
4. Other items of note

#### **Recommendation**

- 1) That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.
- 2) That Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct elections exclusively by postal voting from the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors, and
- 3) That Council, in accordance with section 310B(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, determines that voting at the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting.

#### **Council Resolution**

- 1) That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.
- 2) That Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct elections

exclusively by postal voting from the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors, and

- 3) That Council, in accordance with section 310B(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, determines that voting at the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO WENTWORTH TOWNSHIP**

File Number: RPT/20/224

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest  
Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services

Current References: Wentworth Doctors Proposal

**Summary**

The role of medical service provision is that of one shared between Federal and State Government. With Local Government being the closest link to our communities there is often a perceived concept that a Local Council should buy into the solution of medical services. This has been the case in recent times with Wentworth Shire Council previously entering into an agreement with Wentworth Family Doctors where financial support was provided on a service delivery model.

In October last year the agreement was questioned on the capacity of the Wentworth Family Doctor to uphold the obligation to provide the Wentworth Clinic with one EFT General Practitioner for 5 days per week. Subsequently the agreement was terminated and now the premises in Darling Street Wentworth is vacant, but partly furnished for the running of a medical practice.

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) have both now provided Council with proposals to establish medical services within the township of Wentworth.

Whilst a level of detail is provided in this report, there are some aspects of the proposals which will require consideration in closed council.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes that proposals have been received from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) for the provision of medical services in the Wentworth township and that the confidential aspects of the proposal be considered in the closed session.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes that proposals have been received from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) for the provision of medical services in the Wentworth township and that the confidential aspects of the proposal be considered in the closed session.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

**9.3 2020 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

File Number: RPT/20/214

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: 3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change

**Summary**

The 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference is being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 with online delivery.

The theme of the conference is “*A Flood Resilient Australia: Transforming vision into action*”

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the report and determines whether to nominate a delegate(s) to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the report and nominates 6 delegates to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 CRITICAL WATER ADVISORY PANEL DELEGATES**

File Number: RPT/20/200

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**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 November 2019, a resolution was carried nominating Councillor Nichols, MacAllister and the Director Roads and Engineering as the preferred delegates to represent the Wentworth Shire Council on the Barwon-Darling/Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Cr Nichols formally advised Council on 6 April 2020 that she would like to relinquish her position on this panel, and Council is therefore asked to consider nominating a replacement delegate.

**Recommendation**

That Council considers nominating a replacement delegate for the Critical Water Advisory Panel.

**Council Resolution**

That Council nominates Councillor Elstone as the replacement delegate for Cr Nichols on the Critical Water Advisory Panel.

**Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

**9.5 STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

File Number: RPT/20/187

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Emma Holgate - Team Leader, Library Services

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 NSW Public Libraries Association has requested the support of NSW councils in its advocacy to State Government to develop a sustainable funding model for NSW libraries.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.
3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

**Council Resolution**

1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.
3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

**9.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/193

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 March 2020 were \$725,992.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 73.34%. For comparison purposes 74.83% of the levy had been collected at the end of March 2019. Council currently has \$27,439,054.96 in cash and investments.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**



**9.7 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/198

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 March 2020 Council had \$25,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$63,389.87 from its investments for the month of March 2020.

In March 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.58% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$15,958,611.36 of external restrictions.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**9.8 MANAGING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM COVID-19**

File Number: RPT/20/174

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance 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**

For Council to consider options for providing relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations experiencing hardship due to the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

**Recommendation**

That Council approve the following measures to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19):

- 1) That under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship policy, Council recognises COVID-19 as exceptional circumstances, allowing delegated Council Officers to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers for the payment of rates and charges due, including writing-off or reducing interest if the person complies with the agreement (Section 564 of the Local Government Act 1993)
- 2) The Council approves the modification of debt recovery procedures under Council's Debt Recovery Policy, as outlined below for the next 3 months:
  - a. not commence any new legal actions to recover unpaid debts
  - b. not action any notices of demand that have already been issued
  - c. continue to progress any claims already active in the court system until a judgement is completed
- 3) Note that Council has been required to cancel and refund hire fees and user charges for a range of Council's facilities as a result of the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19

**Council Resolution**

That Council approves the following measures to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19):

- 1) That under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship policy, Council recognises COVID-19 as exceptional circumstances, allowing delegated Council Officers to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers for the payment of rates and charges due, including writing-off or reducing interest if the person complies with the agreement (Section 564 of the Local Government Act 1993)

- 2) The Council approves the modification of debt recovery procedures under Council's Debt Recovery Policy, as outlined below for the next 3 months:
  - a. not commence any new legal actions to recover unpaid debts
  - b. not action any notices of demand that have already been issued from the start of April 2020
  - c. continue to progress any claims already active in the court system until a judgement is completed
- 3) Note that Council has been required to cancel and refund hire fees and user charges for a range of Council's facilities as a result of the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED**

Cr Nichols requested that the Debt Recovery policy be brought back to council for review.

**9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF MARCH 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/212

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

*At 10:49 am Mayor Hederics left the meeting as she had declared a pecuniary interest in this item, and Councillor Elstone assumed the Chair.*

**Summary**

For the month of March 2020, a total of 21 Development Applications and five S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,825,301.00. This brings the year to date total to 33 Development Applications approved and 11 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$5,163,493.00.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of March 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 March 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. Evans, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

*At 10:52 am Mayor Hederics returned to Council Chambers and resumed the chair*

**9.10 A52 NOB ROAD CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT (OPENING)**

File Number: RPT/20/176

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

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**

Council has been approached by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road Pooncarie so they can extend their mining operation at Snapper Mines, Pooncarie.

The proposal consists closing off a section of the existing Nob Road, with a new realignment to the west and a new intersection into Roo Roo Road as shown in the plan attached (1).

**Recommendation**

That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.

**Council Resolution**

That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.

**Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

**9.11 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ZONES IN WENTWORTH**

File Number: RPT/20/201

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Michele Bos - Strategic Development Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

**Summary**

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to submit a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for consideration of a Gateway Determination, at its Ordinary Meeting 16 October 2019.

A Gateway Determination to proceed was received from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment dated 28 November 2019. The Gateway to proceed was subject to conditions, all of which have been satisfied.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to refer the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment requesting that a draft LEP be prepared, Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and plan be made, to allow for finalisation and notification of the amendment on the legislative website.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, by rezoning the subject sites to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure zones to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that, as Council does not have plan making delegations, a draft LEP be prepared and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and authority is given to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make the plan, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Council Resolution**

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, by rezoning the subject sites to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure zones to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that, as Council does not have plan making delegations, a draft LEP be prepared and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and authority is given to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make the plan, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b) 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, Evans, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Wheeldon, and Nunan.*

*Against the Motion:*              *Nil.*

**9.12 DRAFT BURONGA GOL GOL STRUCTURE PLAN 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/177

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning  
Responsible Division: Health and Planning  
Reporting Officer: Paul Amoateng - Development Services Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire  
Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

**Summary**

Council's Health and Planning Division has prepared a draft structure plan for the townships of Buronga and Gol Gol (Buronga Gol Gol).

The draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan (BGGSP) provides strategic land use framework to facilitate quality and sustainable urban development in the Buronga Gol Gol area by setting out what, when, where and how land use and infrastructure development should occur.

**Recommendation**

That Council endorses the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorses the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**



**9.13 WORKS REPORT UPDATE - MARCH 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/195

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 month of March 2020 and the planned works for April 2020.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the major works undertaken for March 2020 and the proposed works for April 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the major works undertaken for March 2020 and the proposed works for April 2020.

**Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

**10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 DARETON TOWN PLAN**

Cr Peter Nunan asked about the progress with the Dareton Town Plan

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that no further work had been undertaken.

**10.2 DARETON MAIN STREET LIGHTS**

Cr Don McKinnon asked why there are still no lights in the main street of Dareton.

**10.3 RECOMPENSE FOR LAND USE**

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked about the transmission line that is going to go through the Wentworth Shire, and whether council would be recompensed for the use of its land.

**10.4 POWER UPGRADES AT THE WENTWORTH CARAVAN PARK**

Cr Steve Heywood asked about the progress with the power upgrades and the Wentworth Caravan Park and why there continues to be delays.

The Director Finance and Policy advised the Essential Energy has signed off on the scope of works and an indicative cost has been provided and that we are now waiting for Essential Energy to sign off on the detailed design.

**10.5 BURONGA WETLANDS**

Cr Susan Nichols asked whether a solid base could be put ~~under~~ around the water tap at the Buronga Wetlands so that trucks filling with water do no damage the ground underneath. *(corrected as per minutes OC 13/05/20).*

**10.6 TOUR OF THE SHIRE**

Cr Susan Nichols requested that a tour of the projects undertaken be arranged for councillors once the COVID 19 restrictions are lifted so that all councillors can see the progress with works around the shire.

**10.7 PROGRESS WITH THE MURRAY STREET DEVELOPMENT**

Cr Susan Nichols asked about the progress with the Murray Street Development

The General Manager advised that contracts are due to be signed shortly to allow the ownership and occupancy of the site to be transferred to the developer. Drainage and stormwater works at the site are being addressed.

## **11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

### **Recommendation**

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 Farm Stay Accommodation 83 Williams Road Curlwaa. (RPT/20/202)**

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 (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

#### **12.2 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Placement of Plan 517 - 7500KG Flat Bed Truck. (RPT/20/190)**

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 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 67 - 4 to 5 Tonne Rubber Traction Mini Excavator. (RPT/20/191)**

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.

#### **12.4 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 527 - Single Axle Tip Truck. (RPT/20/196)**

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.

#### **12.5 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 309 - 4x4 Long Wheel Single Cab Utility. (RPT/20/197)**

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.

#### **12.6 Wentworth Doctors Proposal. (RPT/20/216)**

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 (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

#### **Move into Closed Session**

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. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

The meeting was adjourned into the closed session at 11.30am

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 12.28pm

## 12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

At the Mayor's request the General Manager reported on the following items from the Closed session of Council.

### 12.1 FARM STAY ACCOMODATION 83 WILLIAMS ROAD CURLWAA

File Number: RPT/20/202

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning  
Responsible Division: Health and Planning  
Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director 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

Council resolved to note a confidential update in relation to the property.

### 12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR PLACEMENT OF PLAN 517 - 7500KG FLAT BED TRUCK

File Number: RPT/20/190

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

Council resolved to accept the tender from Mildura Truck Centre for the supply of one Isuzu NPR 75-190 for the sum of \$130,142.10 inc GST, and accept the trade price of \$9,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned 2006 Isuzu NPR 300, plant item 517 with a changeover price of \$121,142.10 inc GST

### 12.3 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 67 - 4 TO 5 TONNE RUBBER TRACTION MINI EXCAVATOR

File Number: RPT/20/191

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

Council resolved to accept the tender from Tutt Bryant for the supply of one Yanmar Vi050-6BC Excavator for the sum of \$106,700.00 inc GST, and accept the trade price of

\$22,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned 2007 Caterpillar 304 CCR Mini Excavator, plant item 67 with a changeover price of \$84,700.00 inc GST.

#### **12.4 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 527 - SINGLE AXLE TIP TRUCK**

File Number: RPT/20/196

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

Council resolved to accept the tender option 2 from Johnson's Trucks for the supply of one Hino FG 1628 Medium for the sum of \$153,500.00 inc GST & accept the trade offer of \$22,000 inc GST from Mildura Truck Centre for Council owned Isuzu registration BR44WN.

#### **2.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 309 - 4X4 LONG WHEEL SINGLE CAB UTILITY**

File Number: RPT/20/197

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

Council resolved to accept the tender from Pioneer Ford for the supply of one Ford PX3 Ranger Single cab/Chassis for the sum of \$57,883.00 incl. GST, and accept the trade price of \$30,000.00 incl. GST for the Council owned Toyota Work Mate, plant item 309 with a changeover price of \$27,883.00 incl. GST.

#### **12.6 WENTWORTH DOCTORS PROPOSAL**

File Number: RPT/20/216

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services

Current References: Proposals to provide medical services to Wentworth township

- 1) Council resolved to advise the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc.
- a. that Council is supportive of the intentions of the group;
  - b. that the register of interest in the nominated building infrastructure is acknowledged;
  - c. that at this point in time Council is not in a position to provide a building for their nominated purpose without the input of other Health agencies in relation to the Sustainable Wentworth Health Precinct infrastructure
  - d. that as the Wentworth Health Precinct planning progresses that they are invited to be involved as an interested party

and

- 2) Council further resolved to advise Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation
- a. that Council is supportive of the Wentworth Medical Clinic Business Plan;
  - b. that Council procure equipment for the establishment of the Wentworth Medical Clinic to the value of \$37,500 from this financial year's budget when the clinic has confirmed an opening date;
  - c. that Council allocate \$37,500 per annum for the next three years to assist in the operational expenditure for the running of the Wentworth Medical Clinic.

## **13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.33pm

## **NEXT MEETING**

13 May 2020

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**CHAIR**