



# **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**13 MAY 2020**

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**1 OPENING OF MEETING****2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.03am

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)  
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Greg Evans  
Councillor Steve Heywood  
Councillor Jane MacAllister  
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 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Don McKinnon is an apology and has requested a leave of absence for this meeting.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the apology from Councillor McKinnon be noted and the leave of absence request for this meeting be granted.

**Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

The Mayor advised that she has a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.7 because she is on the Board of the Sunraysia Motor Sports Club Inc.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC FORUM****Recommendation**

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a public forum, noting that on this occasion the video conference will be continued in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

**Council Resolution**

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a public forum, noting that on this occasion the video conference will be continued in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

The ordinary meeting was adjourned at 10.04am

The following people addressed the public forum, via video conference facilities:

- 1) **Angus Whyte** – addressed the meeting at 10.05am
  - a) A grid caused damage to his truck and there was lack of response from Wentworth Shire. He believes that the lack of maintenance is a risk to council and made several points in relation to this issue.  
Concluded at 10.19am
- 2) **Bev Wishart** - addressed the meeting at 10.20am
  - Item 9.11 Development Application 2020/016 Domestic Storage Shed 50 Cobb & Co Way Gol Gol - (Speaking against the application)  
Concluded at 10.28am
- 3) **Justin McPhee** - addressed the meeting at 10.28am
  - Item 9.11 Development Application 2020/016 Domestic Storage Shed 50 Cobb & Co Way Gol Gol - (Speaking against the application)  
Concluded at 10.37am
- 4) **Craig Mills** – addressed the meeting at 10.38am
  - Item 9.11 Development Application 2020/016 Domestic Storage Shed 50 Cobb & Co Way Gol Gol (Speaking for the application)  
Concluded at 10.49pm

## RECONVENE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### Recommendation

That the Ordinary meeting of Council be reconvened.

### Council Resolution

That the Ordinary meeting of Council be reconvened.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

The Ordinary meeting of council resumed at 10.51am

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

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 22 April 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

### Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 22 April 2020 be confirmed as circulated, noting that item 10.5 is to be amended to reflect the request for a solid base to the area around the tap.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

*THE RECORDING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS CHECKED POST MEETING AND IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE MOVER AND SECONDER IN ITEM 9.3 HAD BEEN CORRECTLY RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.*

## **6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **6.1 OUTSTANDING ITEMS - SUMMARY LIST**

File Number: RPT/20/310

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Paula Mastripolito - 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 Outstanding Actions report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

#### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans**

**CARRIED**

## **7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.1 MAYORAL REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/228

#### **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. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

## 8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 8.1 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION (MDA) DELEGATES REPORT APRIL 2020

File Number: RPT/20/249

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 20 April 2020 Murray Darling Association (MDA) Board meeting it was resolved that a monthly Delegate's Report be forwarded to all member Councils & delegates.

The item of note from the most recent meeting (board meeting 396) report is that Wentworth Shire Council has been awarded the Region 4 hosting rights for the 2021 National Conference, the date of which is yet to be determined.

There is also a call for motions for the Murray Darling Association AGM.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council notes the Delegate's Report for April 2020 from the Murray Darling Association, and notes that Wentworth Shire will be hosting the 2021 National Conference.
2. That Council formalises motions for submission to the Murray Darling Association AGM.

#### **Council Resolution**

1. That Council notes the Delegate's Report for April 2020 from the Murray Darling Association, and notes that Wentworth Shire will be hosting the 2021 National Conference.
2. That Council formalises motions for submission to the Murray Darling Association AGM.

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

**CARRIED**



**8.2 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

File Number: RPT/20/268

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

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**

A meeting of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee was held on 28 April 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 adoption of the Quarterly Budget Review Statement. If approved, the net result of variances for the March 2020 quarter is an unfavorable operational variance of \$250,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$1,050,000. A total favorable variance of \$800,000.

**Officer Recommendation**

That Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the council meeting on 26 June 2019.

**Council Resolution**

That Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the council meeting on 26 June 2019.

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

**CARRIED**

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/227

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 20-12 to 20-15
2. Meetings

As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed
4. Other items of note

#### **Recommendation**

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

File Number: RPT/20/284

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Report Author: Ken Ross - General Manager

**Summary**

Council is eligible to access up to \$1,000,000 to support local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects for communities that have been impacted by drought. The funds have been made available under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program.

Funding will target infrastructure and other projects that:

- Provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- Stimulate local economy spending
- Use local resources, business and suppliers
- Provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

With the criteria in mind it is proposed that the following projects be put forward for approval from the funding body.

- Painting Pooncarie Hall
- Painting Anabranche Hall
- Modifications to Pomona Hall
- Willow Bend Caravan Park Camp Kitchen
- Pooncarie Racecourse Extended shade area
- Pooncarie Walking track to camp ground (1.5m spray seal x 900m)
- Pooncarie Racecourse toilet/shower block
- Bird hides along camp ground and river in Pooncarie(2x)
- Concreting at Pooncarie Gun Club
- Wentworth RV Dump Point
- Dareton Town Entry tree corridor
- Electrical Upgrades to Council Reserves at Junction Park, Wentworth Rowing Club, Dareton and Buronga to allow for 3 phase power for functions and events
- Gol Gol Pathways
- Buronga Pathways

The above list is simplified for the purpose of this summary with the expanded list and approximate costing within the attachment.

**Recommendation**

That Council endorses the nominated projects (as listed) to be submitted for consideration under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program.

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorses the nominated projects (as listed) to be submitted for consideration under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program.

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

**CARRIED**

**9.3 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTABLE BUILDINGS**

File Number: RPT/20/308

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

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**

The opportunity has arisen for Council to purchase, if deemed suitable, 4 relocatable buildings which are currently being used for on farm accommodation. The 4 buildings consist of kitchen/ dining, sleeping (2) and ablution.

The buildings are available for sale due to the property being sold and accordingly available on the open market. The asking price for the buildings is \$165,000.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council approves the purchase of 4 relocatable buildings for the price of \$165,000, which includes the acquisition of a camp kitchen and ablution block buildings with the purchase price being offset via a \$65,000 grant application through the Federal Drought Extension Fund.
2. That Council approves a budget variation of \$100,000 in the current financial year to fund the shortfall between the purchase price and Federal Drought Extension Fund.

**Council Resolution**

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2. That Council approves a budget variation of \$100,000 in the current financial year to fund the shortfall between the purchase price and Federal Drought Extension Fund.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 NSW LOCKS 8 AND 9 SDLAM PROJECT STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)**

File Number: RPT/20/244

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 NSW Department of Industry has invited Wentworth Shire Council to become a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG).

**Recommendation**

That Council considers whether to become a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and if so, appoint a delegate.

**Council Resolution**

That Council becomes a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and appoints Councillor Wheeldon as the delegate to the Advisory Group and Councillor MacAllister as an alternate.

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

**CARRIED**

**9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/230

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 April 2020 were \$261,950.92. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 75.47%. For comparison purposes 76.53% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2019. Council currently has \$26,715,229.30 in cash and investments.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

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

**CARRIED**

**9.6 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/258

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 30 April 2020 Council had \$24,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$38,103.58 from its investments for the month of April 2020.

In April 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.57% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$16,142,547.41 of external restrictions.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

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

**CARRIED**



**9.7 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

File Number: RPT/20/248

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

*The Mayor declared a conflict of interest the request for assistance from Sunraysia Motor Sports Club Inc. While the Mayor was in the room, the meeting considered all requests except this one.*

**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 \$48,921.60.

The total value of requests for this May 2020 funding application period totals \$22,044.00 which if granted in full, would leave a balance in the Donations, Contributions and Grants fund of \$11,598.40.

**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, with the exception of the request from Sunraysia Motor Sport Inc., Council grants the requests for financial assistance to be funded from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program, providing that the listed events proceed.

**Moved Cr. Heywood Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wheeldon and Councillor Nunan requested that their votes against the granting of funds to the Palinyewah Public School be noted.

*At 11.32am Mayor Hederics left the room and Councillor Elstone assumed the Chair.*

**Council Resolution**

That Council grants the request from Sunraysia Motor Cycle Inc., provided that the event proceeds.

**Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

*At 11:34 am Councillor Melisa Hederics returned to meeting, and resumed the Chair.*

**9.8 DRAFT 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN, ENDORSEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.**

File Number: RPT/20/226

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

- 1) That Council adopts the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan, which incorporates the:
  - a) the Operational actions and budgets
  - b) the Summary Budgeted Financial Statement
  - c) the 2020/21 Annual Statement of Revenue Parts A & B
  - d) rating maps
- 2) That Council ratifies the FTE level of 132.45 Full Time Equivalent Employees.
- 3) That Council endorses the proposed \$4,000,000 of new borrowings.
- 4) That Council gives notice of its intention to adopt the following rates and annual charges, which are contained within the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan:
  - a) To make and levy an Ordinary Rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for residential, business and farmland categories of rates.
  - b) To increase the Ordinary Rate by the maximum 2.60% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
  - c) To increase waste water access charges by 2.60%.
  - d) To increase raw and filtered water access charges by 2.60%.
  - e) To increase domestic waste charges by 2.60%.
  - f) To not increase water consumption charges.
  - g) To levy the fees and charges established in Part B of the Annual Statement of Revenue.
  - h) To charge the maximum interest of 7.50% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government.
  - i) That Council places all draft documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, as required under the Local Government Act.

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorses recommendations 1 – 4.

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

**CARRIED**

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

File Number: RPT/20/282

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 April 2020, a total of 18 Development Applications and three S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$9,063,126.00. This brings the year to date total to 51 Development Applications approved and 14 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$14,226,619.00.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of April 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 April 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. Nunan, 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, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

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

**9.10 CLASSIFICATION COUNCIL OWNED LAND AS OPERATIONAL**

File Number: RPT/20/243

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Kathy Collinson - Reserves and Acquisitions 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**

Further to the proposed development of a Draft Plan of Management which will include Crown Land managed by Councils under the Crown Land Management Act 2016, confirmation of Council owned land classification as Operational Land is requested.

**Recommendation**

That Council confirms the classification of the listed Council owned land parcels as being Operational Land.

**Council Resolution**

That Council confirms the classification of the listed Council owned land parcels as being Operational Land.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

**9.11 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/016 DOMESTIC STORAGE SHED 50 THE COBB & CO WAY LOT 61 DP 1071972 GOL GOL**

File Number: RPT/20/251

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Development Assessment Officer

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

Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

**Summary****Recommendation**

That Council issues development approval for DA2020/016 being a domestic storage shed located at 50 The Cobb & Co Way Lot 61 DP 1071972 Gol Gol.

That a division be called in accordance with s375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

**Motion**

That Council issues development approval for DA2020/016 being a domestic storage shed located at 50 The Cobb & Co Way Lot 61 DP 1071972 Gol Gol.

That a division be called in accordance with s375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

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

**Amendment**

That this item be held over until all councillors have had the ability to look at the proposed site of the shed and all ramifications there-of.

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

**LOST**

**Council Resolution**

That Council issues development approval for DA2020/016 being a domestic storage shed located at 50 The Cobb & Co Way Lot 61 DP 1071972 Gol Gol.

That a division be called in accordance with s375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

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

**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 and Wheeldon.***

***Against the Motion:*** ***Clr.s Nichols and Nunan.***

**9.12 PROJECTS AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - APRIL 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/242

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 April 2020 and the planned works for May 2020.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

**9.13 LAND VALUATION AND RATING IMPACTS ON FARMERS**

File Number: RPT/20/304

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**

Council has received a letter from NSW Farmers regarding land valuations and rating impacts on farmers for the attention of the Mayor and Councillors. This report provides some additional detail on the land valuation process and more detailed information on the methodology used by Council in developing Council's 2020/21 Ordinary Rate for the farmland category.

**Recommendation**

That Council admits the supplementary late report for consideration.

That Council notes this report and the letter from NSW Farmers.

**Late Report**

That Council admits for consideration a supplementary late report from the Director Finance and Policy as the information contained in the report is deemed to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of council.

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

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes this report and the letter from NSW Farmers.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Wheeldon**

**CARRIED**

**10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 DELAYS TO DELIVERY OF PLANT ITEMS DURING CORONA VIRUS  
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Cr Susan Nichols asked about delays in the receipt of plant items during the Corona Virus.

**10.2 RUBBISH BINS AND BBQ FACILITIES**

Cr Susan Nichols requested that there be rubbish bins placed in close proximity to BBQ facilities in public parks.

**10.3 HIRING OF MIDWAY CENTRE  
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Cr Susan Nichols requested a list of Midway Centre hirers in the last 12 months, other than those who have Regular User Agreements.

**10.4 WENTWORTH RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT**

Cr Steve Heywood requested a report to the next meeting detailing the progress with the development of the Wentworth Riverfront

**10.5 SEALING OF THE ROAD FROM POONCARIE TO MENINDEE**

Cr Jane MacAllister requested a progress update on the application to seal the road from Pooncarie to Menindee.

The General Manager provided an initial verbal response, noting that he will provide more detail at a later date..

**10.6 WENTWORTH TIP**

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked why the Wentworth Tip was closed at 1.30pm last Sunday.

The Director Finance and Policy advised that opening hours had been reduced during the Pandemic and these would be reviewed again as the situation changes.

**10.7 FACE TO FACE COUNCIL MEETINGS IN CHAMBERS**

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked when Council could resume having face to face meetings in Chambers.

The General Manager advised that he would review the updated Public Health Orders and advise accordingly.

**10.8 SKIP BINS**

Cr Greg Evans asked if Council Skip bins could have lids put on them so they can't be used for dumping large household items.



## 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 Procurement of Road Base Materials for Transport for NSW Ordered Works. (RPT/20/287)**

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. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

Council moved into closed session at 12.28pm

Council resumed into open session at 12.29pm

## 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 PROCUREMENT OF ROAD BASE MATERIALS FOR TRANSPORT FOR NSW ORDERED WORKS

File Number: RPT/20/287

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

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

Council resolved that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the supply of Road Base materials for the rehabilitation of Sturt Highway Segment 40 and it accepted a quotation submitted by Mawsons Concrete and Quarries for this supply.

## **13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 12.31pm

## **NEXT MEETING**

24 June 2020

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**CHAIR**