



# **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES (as amended)**

**24 JUNE 2020**







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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

At the invitation of the Mayor the General Manager provided information regarding the live-streaming of the meeting.

## 2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.07am

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)  
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor) – via video conference  
Councillor Greg Evans  
Councillor Steve Heywood  
Councillor Jane MacAllister  
Councillor Don McKinnon – via video conference  
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

Nil

The Mayor requested a Leave of Absence from 6 August to 14 August 2020.

### Council Resolution

That Council grants the Leave of Absence Request from Mayor Hederics.

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

**CARRIED**

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 May 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

### Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 May 2020 be confirmed, subject to the resolution in item 9.7 being amended to reflect that events must proceed for requests to be granted.



Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED



## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING HIRING OF MIDWAY CENTRE

File Number: RPT/20/329

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

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**

At the May 2020 Council meeting Cr Nichols requested a list of Midway Centre hirers in the last 12 months, other than those who have Regular User Agreements.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council notes the hirers of the Midway Centre during 2019 calendar year, other than those with Regular User Agreements.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the hirers of the Midway Centre during 2019 calendar year, other than those with Regular User Agreements.

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

**CARRIED**



**6.2 LISTING OF OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

File Number: RPT/20/343

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**

The Outstanding Matters Listing provides a summary of items raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

**Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 15 June 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 15 June 2020.

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

**CARRIED**



## **7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.1 MAYORAL REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/321

#### **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. Heywood**

**CARRIED**



**7.2 ACTIVITY REPORT - COUNCILLOR JANE MACALLISTER**

File Number: RPT/20/335

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Councillor Jane MacAllister for the period 1 January 2020 – 31 March 2020.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the information contained in Councillor Jane MacAllister's report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the information contained in Councillor Jane MacAllister's report.

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

**CARRIED**



## 8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

File Number: RPT/20/324

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.

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

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council notes the Delegate's Report for May 2020 from the Murray Darling Association.
2. That Council formalises motions for submission to the Murray Darling Association AGM.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the Delegate's Report for May 2020 from the Murray Darling Association

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

**CARRIED**



## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/322

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 20-16 to 20-20

Details of General Circular GC-149

2. Meetings

As listed

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed

4. Other items of note

Nil

#### **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. Evans, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**



**9.2 ADOPTION OF THE 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

File Number: RPT/20/325

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**

Following the presentation of the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan to the 13 May 2020 council meeting, the draft plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days as required under the Local Government Act.

Council is now required to consider all submissions received prior to adopting the 2020/21 Rates and Charges. This includes the following:

- The 2020/21 Annual Statement of Revenue and the annual fees and charges.
- The making and levying of rates and charges including:
  - 2.60% increase in the Ordinary rate for 2020/21.
  - 2.60% increase in Sewer Access Charges for 2020/21.
  - 2.60% increase in Water Access Charges for 2020/21.
  - 2.60% increase in Domestic Waste Charges for 2020/21.
  - No increase to Water Consumption Charges for 2020/21.
  - Charge the maximum 0.00% interest on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020 and 7.00% for the period 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council adopts the 2020/21 Operational Plan, as amended, having considered submissions received.
- b) That Council resolves to increase the rate income for the 2020/21 year by the maximum 2.60% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
- c) That Council resolves 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 under Section 534, 535 & 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the 2019/20 year including:

***FARMLAND CATEGORY***

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Farmland except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Farmland, Dry Land Grazing and Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

**Farmland**

An ordinary rate of 0.00309165 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts



for 33.36% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,108,302

**Farmland, Dry Land Grazing**

An ordinary rate of 0.00252606 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.06% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$661,041

**Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline**

An ordinary rate of 0.03653814 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.19% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,886.16

***RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY***

**Wentworth**

An ordinary rate of 0.00409093 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$230.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 45.75% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$308,178.79

**Buronga**

An ordinary rate of 0.00363459 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 31.51% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$405,929

**Gol Gol**

An ordinary rate of 0.00389402 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.30% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$523,897

**Gol Gol East**

An ordinary rate of 0.00439115 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 23.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$338,072

**Pooncarie**

An ordinary rate of 0.01332810 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$21,131



**Dareton**

An ordinary rate of 0.01572021 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 48.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$76,450

**Rural Residential**

An ordinary rate of 0.00373314 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$170.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.14% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$437,290

**BUSINESS CATEGORY**

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Business except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Business, Mourquong; Business, Trentham Cliffs; Business, Arumpo; Business, Wentworth; Business, Pooncarie (including all of the lands within the locality of Pooncarie sub categorised as Business Pooncarie except those lands within the township of Pooncarie).

**Business**

An ordinary rate of 0.00659508 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.38% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$244,994

**Business, Wentworth**

An ordinary rate of 0.00950742 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.26% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$39,518

**Business, Mourquong**

An ordinary rate of 0.29338897 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.12% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$241,172

**Business, Trentham Cliffs**

An ordinary rate of 0.00817110 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.49% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$10,329

**Business, Arumpo**

An ordinary rate of 0.06246807 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The



base amount accounts for 1.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$71,679

**Business, Pooncarie**

An ordinary rate of 0.09382097 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.02% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$955,767

- d) That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Sewer Services for 2020/21 year as set out in the annual statement of revenue.
- e) That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Water Services for 2020/21 year as set out in the annual statement of revenue.
- f) That Council resolves to make and levy a Domestic Waste Management charge for 2020/21 year under Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 on each parcel of rateable land of which the service is available as set out in the annual statement of revenue.
- g) That Council resolves to fix the fees and charges schedule for 2020/21 year as set out in annual statement of revenue.
- h) That Council resolves to charge the maximum 0.00% interest on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020 and 7.00% 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021 as determined by the Minister for Local Government.
- i) That Council resolves to approve Appendix A – Bodies Granted Exemptions automatic fee waiver as part of the 2019/2020 Donations, Grants and Contributions Program as set out in the schedule of fees and charges.
- j) That Council resolves to approve Borrowings for 2020/21 of up to \$7,000,000 as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue.

**Council Resolution**

That council adopts recommendations a) to j).

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

**CARRIED**



**9.3 TRENTHAM CLIFFS DEVELOPMENT - PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER**

File Number: RPT/20/302

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: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

**Summary**

This report should be read in conjunction with one with the same title which was deliberated with the following resolution of Council being carried at the 18 December 2019 meeting.

*That Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate an agreement with the developer regarding the provision of water and sewer infrastructure to Trentham Cliffs and beyond, and that it be brought back to council for ratification.*

Since the December meeting of Council the final costing has been prepared for the delivery of the project which equates to \$1,841,106.00

Under the terms of the agreement the Council contribution is capped at \$1,500,000.00 in line with the December Report.

This report now seeks Council endorsement of the agreement.

**Recommendation**

That Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to attach the common seal of the Wentworth Shire Council to the agreement pertaining to the provision of water and sewer infrastructure to Trentham Cliffs and beyond, noting that the agreement caps the Council contribution at \$1,500,000.00.

**Council Resolution**

That Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to attach the common seal of the Wentworth Shire Council to the agreement pertaining to the provision of water and sewer infrastructure to Trentham Cliffs and beyond, noting that the agreement caps the Council contribution at \$1,500,000.00.

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

**CARRIED**



**9.4 2020 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

File Number: RPT/20/338

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 annual Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Water Management Conference will be held from 6-8 October 2020 in Narrabri (in person). A broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities are presented at the conference.

**Recommendation**

That Council nominates delegates to attend the 2020 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Narrabri from 6 -8 October 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council nominates the Director Roads and Engineering and Councillor Heywood as its delegates to attend the 2020 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Narrabri from 6 -8 October 2020.

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

**CARRIED**



**9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/327

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 May 2020 were \$1,239,975.63. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 85.91%. For comparison purposes 88.16% of the levy had been collected at the end of May 2019. Council currently has \$30,662,651.07 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. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**



**9.6 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/333

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 May 2020 Council had \$26,000,000.00 invested in term deposits and \$2 million in a cash at call account. Council received \$30,915.07 from its investments for the month of May 2020.

In May 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.45% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$17,345,479.43 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. Evans**

**CARRIED**



**9.7 DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION FOR 2020/2021**

File Number: RPT/20/225

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 sets the level of fees to be paid to the Councillors and Mayor in accordance with the schedule of fees determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

**Council Resolution**

That Council sets the remuneration for Councillors at the maximum fee allowable for Councillors and the Mayor in line with the schedule of fees determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

Cr MacAllister; Cr McKinnon and Cr Elstone requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.



**9.8 MANAGING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM COVID-19 FOR REGULAR USER GROUP AGREEMENTS**

File Number: RPT/20/330

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**

For Council to consider options for providing relief for Regular User Groups experiencing hardship due to the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

**Recommendation**

That Council delegates authority for the General Manager to waive or reduce fees to more accurately reflect the utilisation of Council's facilities by Regular User Groups during the coronavirus pandemic. Fee relief will be determined by a proportionate reduction in rent payable as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and provided in the form of:

- 1) a fee waiver or
- 2) a fee deferral, amortised over a period of 24 months

**Council Resolution**

That Council delegates authority for the General Manager to waive or reduce fees to more accurately reflect the utilisation of Council's facilities by Regular User Groups during the coronavirus pandemic. Fee relief will be determined by a proportionate reduction in rent payable as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and provided in the form of a fee waiver.

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

**CARRIED**



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

File Number: RPT/20/345

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 May 2020, a total of seven 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 \$298,024.00. This brings the year to date total to 58 Development Applications approved and 15 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$14,524,643.00.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of May 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 May 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. Heywood**

**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, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

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

Cr MacAllister, at the meeting on 15 July 2020 advised that she had failed to declare significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to DA2020/030.



**9.10 DRAFT POLICIES FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

File Number: RPT/20/318

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

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**

To further strengthen and improve Councils operational service capabilities, two policies are presented to Council for endorsement to go to public exhibition. The policies are: Control of Frost Fans Policy and Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves, for public exhibition, the draft Control of Frost Fans Policy and the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy Policies, with both policies to be placed on Public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

**Council Resolution**

That Council approves for public exhibition, the draft Control of Frost Fans Policy and the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy Policies, with both policies to be placed on Public exhibition for a period of 28 days once the suggested amendments have been included.

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

**CARRIED**



**9.11 PROJECTS AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - JUNE 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/334

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 May 2020 and the planned works for June 2020.

At 11:18 am Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers as she had a conflict of interest in questions that were being raised in relation to works at the Wentworth Bowling Club.

At 11:20 am Councillor Susan Nichols returned to Council Chambers.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

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

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

**CARRIED**



## 10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WHEELDON

File Number: RPT/20/347

#### **Motion**

That council writes to state government representatives in the Agriculture and Planning portfolios requesting that all allotments in the Rural Zones identified within the maps of WLEP 2011 previously categorised as prime horticultural land, but in reality have little or no horticultural benefit, with an area of less than 10 hectares be given the entitlement to build a dwelling thereon.

#### **Motion**

That council writes to state government representatives in the Agriculture and Planning portfolios requesting that all allotments in the Rural Zones identified within the maps of WLEP 2011 previously categorised as prime horticultural land, but in reality have little or no horticultural benefit, with an area of less than 10 hectares be given the entitlement to build a dwelling thereon.

**Moved Cr Wheeldon, Seconded Cr Nunan**

**LOST**

### 10.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr Nunan asked about a WSC car being parked on the highway during a staff members day off.

#### **10.2.1 USE OF WSC VEHICLES**

Cr Peter Nunan asked why there continues to be a WSC vehicle parked outside a staff members place of residence, when the employee is clearly not at work.

#### **10.2.2 TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFF**

Cr Peter Nunan asked why a council employee needs to sit in a truck talking to another staff member on traffic control duties.

The Director Roads and Engineering believed that there was a requirement to have two controllers in order to cover required breaks.

#### **10.2.3 SMOKING ON JOB SITES**

Cr Melisa Hederics asked about what the policy was about outdoor workers smoking whilst undertaking their duties.

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that each of the matters raised would be taken up with the relevant team leaders and managers.



**10.2.4 TIMING OF ROAD WORKS**

Cr Susan Nichols asked why road works on the Silver City Highway were left to the week before the new supermarket was set to open.

The General Manager advised that the road works were not being undertaken by council, but as he understood it there had been numerous design changes which held up the commencement of those works.

**10.2.5 CURLWAA BACK-PACKERS ACCOMODATION**

Cr Steve Heywood requested a further report on the Curlwaa backpackers accommodation.

**10.2.6 CREATION OF NEW FOOTPATH**

Cr Steve Heywood asked if a footpath could be put along the Silver City Highway, from the Club to School Road.

**10.2.7 DRONES**

Cr Susan Nichols asked if council has drones, and whether staff are trained in their use.

The Director Finance and Policy advised that there were 3 drones in use, and staff were properly trained.

**10.2.8 INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER ON COUNCIL FACILITIES**

Cr Susan Nichols asked for a report on what council buildings would benefit from having solar energy installed.

**10.2.9 REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES AND VINES**

Cr Susan Nichols, referring to properties in Curlwaa, asked whether Council has the ability to order the clean-up of dead citrus trees and vines

**10.2.10 NEW SIGNAGE AT MIDWAY CENTRE**

Cr Susan Nichols asked if a new sign could be erected at the Midway Centre advertising all the services that are being provided at the centre.

**10.2.11 NEW FOOTPATH AT MIDWAY CENTRE**

Cr Melisa Hederics asked if a footpath could be installed to connect the top carpark at the Midway Centre with the Midway Function Centre.

At 11.53 am Councillor Tim Elstone left the video conference.

**10.2.12 SEALING OF GOLF COURSE ROAD, DARETON**



Cr Don McKinnon asked if there are any plans for Golf Course Road to be sealed.

**10.2.13 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Cr Jane MacAllister enquired about the progress with the tender for waste management services.

The General Manager advised that as recently as this week information had been received from the consultant working on the tender process.

**10.2.14 PLACING OF A NEW DRIVEWAY ON POONCARIE ROAD**

Cr Greg Evans asked about a new driveway that had been created in the spoon drain outside a property on the Pooncarie Road, which he believes to be very dangerous.

**10.2.15 WELCOME TO WENTWORTH SIGNAGE - WENTWORTH**

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked if the Welcome to Wentworth sign (on the Silver City Highway on the north side of Wentworth) could be replaced.



## 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**

#### **Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of plant 645 - Super Cab Tipping Body 4x2 Utility. (RPT/20/326)**

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 and Installation of the Aerodrome Lighting PT1920/06. (RPT/20/336)**

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 Easement Acquisition for the Buronga Sewer Pump Station #1 and Hendy Road Sewer Stage 1 and 2 Upgrade Works. (RPT/20/340)**

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 (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and (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.



**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. MacAllister**

Council moved into closed session at 11.59am

Council reconvened into open session at 12.17pm, noting that Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 12.01pm.



## **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 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 645 - SUPER CAB TIPPING BODY 4X2 UTILITY**

File Number: RPT/20/326

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

The General Manager advised that during the closed session Council accepted the tender from Davison Ford for the supply of one Ford Ranger 2020 Super CC XL for the sum of \$44,710.00 incl. GST, and accept the trade price of \$22,210.00 incl. GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 645 with a changeover price of \$22,500.00 incl. GST.

### **12.2 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE AERODROME LIGHTING PT1920/06**

File Number: RPT/20/336

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

The General Manager advised that during the closed session Council accepted the tender from Advanced Airport Lighting to carry out the supply and installation of the Aerodrome Lighting for Contract PT1920/06, in the amount of \$1,667,651.70 including GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.



**12.3 EASEMENT ACQUISITION FOR THE BURONGA SEWER PUMP STATION #1  
AND HENDY ROAD SEWER STAGE 1 AND 2 UPGRADE WORKS**

File Number: RPT/20/340

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Rachael Withers - Project Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations

The General Manager advised that during the closed session Council provided consent to Council officers to consult with impacted residential property owners along Hendy Road to finalise the acquisition of an easement.



### **13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting at closed at 12.19pm

### **NEXT MEETING**

15 July 2020

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**CHAIR**