



# **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30PM

## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Following the passing of her majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 on the September 8 2022, we acknowledge the reign of our sovereign Queen Elizabeth 11, and commemorate her 70 years as Australia's head of state and leader of the Commonwealth.

On behalf of the citizens of Wentworth Shire, we offer our gratitude for a remarkable life lived. Her majesty's exceptional reign and legacy is defined by her dignity, faith, strength and unswerving dedication to service. Her life remains an example to all of us.

Queen Elizabeth 11 was our longest serving monarch, and brought stability throughout her reign, in spite of significant turbulence and change.

Through good times and bad, her majesty was a wise, compassionate and strong leader, earning the deep respect and affection of our nation.

A comforting overseer has departed from us. Our queen will be greatly missed, may she rest in peace.

May God save King Charles 111.

I invite Councillors and staff to pause for 1 minutes silence.

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Tim Elstone  
Councillor Brian Beaumont  
Councillor Steve Cooper  
Councillor Peter Crisp  
Councillor Daniel Linklater  
Councillor Jane MacAllister  
Councillor Susan Nichols  
Councillor Jo Rodda

**STAFF:** Ken Ross (General Manager)  
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)  
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)  
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Council Resolution

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

**Moved Cr Linklater, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Nichols advised that he had a less than significant pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 as she is a member of the Bowling Club.

Councillor Beaumont advised that he had a less than significant pecuniary interest in Item 6.2 as he is a member of the Greater Murray Darling Junction Committee.

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

N/A

## 6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 6.1 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PHASE 3 EXTENSION

File Number: RPT/22/552

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

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

#### **Summary**

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of an additional funding allocation equal to Council's Phase 1 allocation of \$1,278,207 under the NSW Government Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension.

This extended program will continue to assist local Councils to deliver local road and community infrastructure projects and create local job opportunities.

The funding will be available from 1 July 2023 and all approved projects must be completed by 30 June 2024.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council endorse the following projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension, subject to final confirmation from the funding body that the program will be funded.

1. Wentworth Astronomy Park \$700,000 ex GST
2. Perry Sandhills Loop Road \$200,000 ex GST
3. Wentworth Riverfront Short Term Mooring Upgrade \$100,000 ex GST
4. Buronga Toilet Block Project \$278,207 ex GST

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council endorse the following projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Extension, subject to final confirmation from the funding body that the program will be funded.

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2. Perry Sandhills Loop Road \$200,000 ex GST
3. Wentworth Riverfront Short Term Mooring Upgrade \$100,000 ex GST
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**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Rodda**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND 9**

File Number: RPT/22/553

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

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

**Summary**

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of an additional funding allocation of \$3,608,069 under the Resources for Regions Round 9 funding stream. This is the total amount of funding allocated which is made up of a base amount of \$2 million, with further weighted funding based on the mining employment location quotient.

Council is required to identify and submit eligible projects to the Department of Regional NSW for consideration.

Whilst the funding is a guaranteed amount, applications still have to be submitted closing on 30 September 2022. All approved projects must to be completed within 3 years of receiving the funds.

*At 06:40 pm Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers.*

*At 06:40 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont left the Council Chambers.*

**Recommendation**

That Council endorse the following projects under Resources for Regions Round 9 funding and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Buronga Pump Track Stage 2 \$400,000 ex GST
- b) Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform \$350,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Showgrounds Camp Kitchen \$200,000 ex GST
- d) Pooncarie Racecourse Kitchen Upgrade \$200,000 ex GST
- e) Wentworth Sporting Complex Bowling Green \$200,000 ex GST
- f) Open Spaces Upgrades - \$600,000 ex GST
- g) Alcheringa Tennis Court upgrade \$150,000 ex GST
- h) Buronga/Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan \$100,000 ex GST
- i) Dareton Pioneer Museum Business Case \$55,000 ex GST
- j) Dareton Main Street Upgrade \$400,000 ex GST
- k) Buronga/Gol Gol Footpath & Sharedways \$500,000 ex GST
- l) Darling Street Footpaths \$453,069 ex GST

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorse the following projects under Resources for Regions Round 9 funding

and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Buronga Pump Track Stage 2 \$400,000 ex GST
- b) Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform \$350,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Showgrounds Camp Kitchen \$200,000 ex GST
- d) Pooncarie Racecourse Kitchen Upgrade \$200,000 ex GST
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- j) Dareton Main Street Upgrade \$400,000 ex GST
- k) Buronga/Gol Gol Footpath & Sharedways \$500,000 ex GST
- l) Darling Street Footpaths \$453,069 ex GST

**Moved Cr Linklater, Seconded Cr Rodda**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*At 06:45 pm Councillor Susan Nichols returned to Council Chambers.*

*At 06:45 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont returned to Council Chambers.*

**6.3 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND - ROUND 5**

File Number: RPT/22/554

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

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

**Summary**

Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of a funding allocation of \$1,351,833 of which \$936,108 is available to Council as the applicant with the balance of the allocation open only to eligible community organisations. Council is encouraged to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the project involves council-owned infrastructure.

Whilst the funding is a guaranteed amount, applications still have to be submitted closing on 23 September 2022. All approved projects are required to be completed within 3 years of receiving the funds.

**Recommendation**

That Council endorse the following projects under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 funding and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket nets \$200,000 ex GST
- b) George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball courts and Female changerooms \$560,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Aerodrome Works \$176,108 ex GST.

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorse the following projects under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 funding and that applications be submitted for:

- a) Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket nets \$200,000 ex GST
- b) George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball courts and Female changerooms \$560,000 ex GST
- c) Wentworth Aerodrome Works \$176,108 ex GST.

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Meeting closed at 6:47PM

## **NEXT MEETING**

28 September 2022

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**CHAIR**