



**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

14 AUGUST 2024

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater
Councillor Steve Cooper
Councillor Peter Crisp
Councillor Tim Elstone
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
George Kenende (Acting Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)
Hannah Nicholas (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 July 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 July 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of a Public Forum.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

Glenis Beaumont spoke in regard to Item 9.13.

James Golsworthy spoke in favour of Item 9.10.

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/24/523

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The Outstanding Actions report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 6 August 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 6 August 2024.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/522

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Moved Cr Linklater, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further to the correspondence received from Mr Bennett in relation to Council Resolution from item 9.3 of the July Council meeting, I propose the following Mayoral Minute.

Mayoral Minute

Council Resolution

That council waive campsite fees (in-kind support) to the value of \$3,500.

Based on Mr Bennetts estimated requirement of 38 campsites at the Wentworth Showgrounds for a portion of the period of the 2024 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally, this would result in camping fees of \$6,840 payable to Council.

After partial fee waiver this would result in charges to Mr Bennett (Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally) of \$3,340.

Moved Cr Linklater

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 HERITAGE AND HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 24 JULY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/537

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live
Strategy: 2.5 To have a strong sense of place

Summary

A meeting of the Heritage and History Advisory Committee was held on 24 July 2024 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

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

- Endorse Cr Nichols as Chair for the Wentworth Heritage and History Advisory Committee until after the upcoming NSW Local Government Elections
- Apply to Heritage NSW to have PS Ruby registered as a State Heritage Item
- Investigate funding opportunities to support the future preservation of the PS Ruby.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the minutes of the Heritage and History Advisory group for the 24 July 2024 meeting
- b) Endorse Cr Nichols as Chair for the Wentworth Heritage and History Advisory Committee until after the upcoming NSW Local Government Elections
- c) Apply to Heritage NSW to have PS Ruby registered as a State Heritage Item
- d) Investigate funding opportunities to support the future preservation of the PS Ruby.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the minutes of the Heritage and History Advisory group for the 24 July 2024 meeting
- b) Endorse Cr Nichols as Chair for the Wentworth Heritage and History Advisory Committee until after the upcoming NSW Local Government Elections
- c) Apply to Heritage NSW to have PS Ruby registered as a State Heritage Item
- d) Investigate funding opportunities to support the future preservation of the PS Ruby.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/513

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

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
Circular 24-13.
2. Meetings
As listed.
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed.
4. Other items of note
Nil.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Rodda gave a verbal report from the Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc meeting.

9.2 UNION PICNIC DAY

File Number: RPT/24/384

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Glen Norris - Manager Human Resources

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.3 An effective and efficient organisation

Summary

Union Picnic Day is an entitlement under the Local Government (State) Award for employees who are financial members of Union(s) only. Council is required to determine which day shall be regarded as the Union Picnic Day and the arrangements for the non-union members on the determined Union Picnic Day.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Approves Tuesday 5 November 2024 as the Award holiday known as Union Picnic Day for those employees who are financial members of the United Services Union
- b) Authorise the closure of Council Offices, Council Depots, Libraries, Landfills and Visitor Information Centre
- c) Requires Non-union members to apply for 5 November 2024 from leave entitlements to enable the above arrangements

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Approves Tuesday 5 November 2024 as the Award holiday known as Union Picnic Day for those employees who are financial members of the United Services Union
- b) Authorise the closure of Council Offices, Council Depots, Libraries, Landfills and Visitor Information Centre
- c) Requires Non-union members to apply for 5 November 2024 from leave entitlements to enable the above arrangements

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 CHRISTMAS LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

File Number: RPT/24/385

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Glen Norris - Manager Human Resources

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.3 An effective and efficient organisation

Summary

This report sets out the proposed staffing arrangements for Council offices/areas closing over the Christmas and New Year period.

Recommendation

That Council approves the Christmas and New Year holiday arrangements.

Council Resolution

That Council approves the Christmas and New Year holiday close-down between 20 December 2024 and 30 December 2024.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 DRAFT WENTWORTH REGION TOURISM & EVENTS STRATEGY 2024-2029

File Number: RPT/24/524

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Lexi Stockman - Manager Tourism and Promotion

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

The draft *Wentworth Region Tourism & Events Strategy 2024-2029* has been developed after it was identified that Wentworth Shire Council does not currently have an updated Tourism & Events Strategy, with the last strategy completed in 2012.

The draft *Wentworth Region Tourism & Events Strategy 2024-2029* provides a framework to provide direction and consistency to all organisations and businesses within the tourism sector. The strategy includes a high-level plan that identifies the challenges currently faced within the local tourism industry as well as the main priorities and aspirations for the future, and how to achieve these goals.

The draft *Wentworth Region Tourism & Event Strategy 2024-2029* was presented at the 26 June Council meeting. It was requested that a Councillors workshop was to be held with Customer Frame for Councillors to review and discuss the strategy in more detail before community consultation commenced. The workshop was held on Thursday 25 July with Customer Frame and subsequently, the requested changes discussed have been made.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the updated draft *Wentworth Region Tourism & Events Strategy 2024-2029* for community consultation for 28 days.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the updated draft *Wentworth Region Tourism & Events Strategy 2024-2029* for community consultation for 28 days.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/521

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 July 2024 were \$818,775.21. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 7.97%. For comparison purposes 9.34% of the levy had been collected at the end of July 2023. Council currently has \$47,975,228.09 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/533

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

As of 31 July 2024, Council had \$42 million invested in term deposits and \$5,975,228.09 in other cash investments. Council received \$131,098.63 from its investments for the month of July 2024.

In July 2024 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 5.06% and it currently has \$7,675,628.75 of internal restrictions and \$33,592,340.22 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/486

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 Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council develops a Four Year Delivery Program and a One Year Operational Plan, which details the actions to be undertaken by Council to implement the strategies established in the Community Strategic Plan.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that progress is reported to Council with respect to the principal actions detailed in its Operational Plan at least every six months. To better align with the Quarterly Budget Review Process, the Operational Plan progress report is also compiled on a quarterly basis.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the report.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 JUNE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - FOURTH QUARTER 2023-2024

File Number: RPT/24/535

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

A full analysis of Council's Income, Operating Expenditure and Capital Expenditure has been undertaken. Several variations have been identified against the original budget as outlined in this report. Council's revenue and expenditure is reviewed on a quarterly basis to identify any potential areas requiring a variation.

In the June Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$1,035,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$1,035,000. Note all June figures are prepared prior to accruals posting and prepared on a cash basis for budget purposes only.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the 2023/2024 Fourth Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed revised 2023/2024 Changes to Operational and Capital Expenditure Budgets.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Note the 2023/2024 Fourth Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed revised 2023/2024 Changes to Operational and Capital Expenditure Budgets.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/24/530

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

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live
 Strategy: 2.4 A well informed, supported and engaged community

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2024/25 financial year for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$110,337.00 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 this financial year so far under delegated authority is \$2,000.00.

The total value of requests approved at the March 2024 Council Meeting for payment this financial year as event (Wentworth Christmas Eve Street Party) is happening this financial year, is \$7,700.00.

The total value of requests for this August 2024 funding application period totals \$29,342.22 which, if granted in full, would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of \$50,620.78.

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2023/24	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$110,337.00
Granted under delegated authority to 1 - 31 July 2024	\$ 2,000.00
Wentworth Regional Community Project Association Inc granted \$7,700.00 March 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 7,700.00
Available balance as at 1 August 2024	\$ 79,963.00
Financial request applications received 1 July – 31 July 2024	\$ 29,342.22
Remaining balance if all approved	\$ 50,620.78

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 Financial Assistance program.

Council Resolution

That Council grant the full value of all requests for a total of \$29,342.22 from the financial assistance fund. Funding being Wentworth Show Society Inc \$5,000, Wentworth District Racing Club Inc \$5,000, Wentworth Pioneer Homes Inc \$4,342.22, Pomona Public School \$5,000, Pooncarie Racing Club Inc \$5,000, RFDS Operation Pelican Inc \$5,000.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 DA2023/031 BOATING FACILITY WITH VERANDAH SHED, BOATSHED, JETTY AND PONTOON 185 BOEILL CREEK ROAD LOT 1 DP 1215859 BOEILL CREEK

File Number: RPT/24/405

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Kerrie Copley - Planning Officer

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

Strategy: 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2023/031) was received by Council on 17 March 2023 for a boating facility including a verandah shed, boatshed, jetty and pontoon to be located at 185 Boeill Creek Road Lot 1 DP 1215859 Boeill Creek on the outside bend of the Murray River.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011)*, this type of development is permitted with consent when located within the RU1 Primary Production and W1 Natural Waterway zones.

The proposed development is to be located on site as ancillary development to the existing dwelling and other supporting structures. The proposed developments consist of a verandah shed to be located 30m from the Murray River, a boat shed located approximately 9.15m from the edge of the Murray River and a jetty with a pontoon on the river, facilitating access to and from the facilities. The proposed development does not meet the required criteria under clause 7.8 the WLEP 2011 as it occurs on the outside bend of the Murray River. Due to this non-compliance, a variation to the standard is required (usually referred to as a 4.6 variation).

Due to the variation being a non-numerical variation, the application cannot be determined under delegated authority, and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve DA2023/031 being for a boating facility with verandah shed, boatshed, jetty and pontoon located at 185 Boeill Creek Road Lot 1 DP 1215859 Boeill Creek.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve DA2023/031 being for a boating facility with verandah shed, boatshed, jetty and pontoon located at 185 Boeill Creek Road Lot 1 DP 1215859 Boeill Creek.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : *Clr.s Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater, Nichols and Rodda.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.11 DA2024/046 DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND REPLACEMENT DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING WITH SWIMMING POOL AND SAFETY BARRIER 175A WEST ROAD LOT 2 DP 1196467 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/24/323

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Kerrie Copley - Planning Officer

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

Strategy: 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2024/046) was received by Council on 11 April 2024 for demolition of the existing dwelling & replacement double storey dwelling with swimming pool and safety barrier to be located at 175A West Road Lot 2 DP 1196467 Buronga within the river front setback.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011)*, this development is permitted with consent when located within the RU1 Primary Production zone, despite the lot being below the Minimum Lot Size of 10,000ha as the proposal is intended to replace the existing lawfully constructed dwelling on the site.

The proposed development is to be located within the same footprint as the existing dwelling, completely within the high bank or river front area of the Murray River. The high bank in this case being an artificial high bank located in the position of the existing dwelling. The proposed double storey dwelling and swimming pool with safety barrier is to be located no closer to the river than the existing dwelling. The required river setback under clause 7.6 the WLEP 2011 is 30m from the high bank of the river. As part of the 7.6 assessment, a variation to the 30m river setback standard was required (usually referred to as a 4.6 variation).

Due to the variation being greater than 10%, the application cannot be determined under delegated authority, and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/046 for the demolition of the existing dwelling and replacement with double storey dwelling and swimming pool with safety barrier located at 175A West Road Lot 2 DP 1196467 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/046 for the demolition of the existing dwelling and replacement with double storey dwelling and swimming pool with safety barrier located at 175A West Road Lot 2 DP 1196467 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : *Clr.s Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater, Nichols and Rodda.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.12 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - DISPOSAL OF 3 TRACTORS

File Number: RPT/24/520

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

Council at its December 2023 meeting approved the replacement of 3 Council owned Massey Ferguson Tractors Plant Items 34,39 & 51, Council also decided not to accept any of the trade in prices submitted for the tractors as part of this tender response, opting to undertake an Expression of Interest for the disposal of the three tractors, gifting the 3 surplus tractors to interested local users or sporting groups. 5 responses have been received.

Recommendation

That Council consider the expressions of interest received and approve allocation of surplus Plant Items 34,39 & 51 to User/Sporting groups of their choosing.

Council Resolution

That Council accept submissions from the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, Wentworth Showgrounds User Group and the Pooncarie Recreation User Group to receive the plant, with the Pooncarie Recreation User Group receiving plant 51.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 DARLING STREET FOOTPATH UPGRADE

File Number: RPT/24/450

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

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

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

Council secured funding through the Resources for Regions Program for various Council projects. One of the projects that will be funded by the Program is the Darling Street footpath upgrade. In May 2024, Council undertook community consultation for the project, as a result Council has produced a Consultation Report pertaining to the Darling Street footpath upgrade that includes findings and recommendations for the project going forward.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the information in this report.
- b) Select one of the options available with regards to the London Plane Trees.

Council Resolution

That Council proceeds to develop the Darling Street footpath upgrade based on retaining the London Plane Trees and that the upgrade include a connection to the Caravan Park.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.14 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - AUGUST 2024

File Number: RPT/24/463

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of July 2024 and the planned activities for August 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in July 2024 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in July 2024 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.15 TCORP LOAN ACCEPTANCE - BURONGA LANDFILL EXPANSION

File Number: RPT/24/569

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule

Responsible Division:

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

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

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

Summary

At the March 2024 Ordinary Council meeting, Council endorsed the future direction of the Buronga Landfill including the borrowing of \$12,000,000 to fund stage 1 of the Landfill Expansion.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Admits the late supplementary report for consideration.
- b) Accepts the Loan Offer from NSW TCorp.
- c) Delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan documents and affix the Council Seal.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Admits the late supplementary report for consideration.
- b) Accepts the Loan Offer from NSW TCorp.
- c) Delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan documents and affix the Council Seal.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr Rodda asked if there could be an investigation into the Modikerr Way and Wilga Road intersection. Is there an opportunity to widen the road or traffic calming infrastructure?

The Director Roads and Engineering advised he will take the question on notice.

Cr Elstone congratulated the Mayor on a job well done and thanked the senior staff and fellow Councillors. He also paid special thanks and recognition to the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club and Wentworth District Community Bank for their huge support of the community and Council.

Cr Crisp thanked his fellow Councillors for their work and wished those standing again good luck and those not a thank you for serving your community.

Cr Cooper thanked his fellow Councillors and wished those nominating all the best.

Cr Nichols thanked the Council staff for all their work during the term of Council. It was great to see the work that has been done by Council for the ratepayers.

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

7:56pm.

NEXT MEETING

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CHAIR