



**ORDINARY MEETING  
MINUTES**

**26 JUNE 2024**

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	Cr Rodda thanked Council, Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, Wentworth District Community Bank for supporting the Why Not Winter in Wentworth campaign.	
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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:01PM.

## 2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Daniel Linklater  
Councillor Brian Beaumont  
Councillor Peter Crisp  
Councillor Tim Elstone (via Video Conference)  
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

### Council Resolution

That Council notes the apologies for Cr MacAllister and Cr Cooper.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Beaumont advised that he had a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 he is the President of Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15 May 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

### Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15 May 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Resolution**

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Public Forum:

Mr James Goldsworthy spoke in favour of Item 9.9.

Mr Roy Costa & Mr Brenton Jardine spoke against Item 9.9.

**Council Resolution**

That the Ordinary Council meeting be reconvened and the recording of the meeting be recommenced.  
The Ordinary Council meeting was reconvened at 7:26pm.

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Rodda**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/24/252

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 19 June 2024.

#### Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 19 June 2024.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.1 MAYORAL REPORT**

File Number: RPT/24/250

#### **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 Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2 WESTERN DIVISION OF COUNCILS - COBAR**

File Number: RPT/24/320

**Summary**

The Western Division of Councils NSW 2024 mid-term Conference was held in Cobar on 13 - 14 June 2024.

**Recommendation**

That the Western Division of Councils NSW Conference report from Councillor Crisp be received and noted.

**Council Resolution**

That the Western Division of Councils NSW Conference report from Councillor Crisp be received and noted.

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.3 DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER FORUM - DRAFT MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL WATER STRATEGIES**

File Number: RPT/24/324

**Summary**

Cr Beaumont attended the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Forum – Draft Murray and Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategies on behalf of Council at the Grande Resort 18 June 2024 and provided the following report.

**Recommendation**

That Council receives and notes the report from Councillor Beaumont.

**Council Resolution**

That Council receives and notes the report from Councillor Beaumont.

**Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 8.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/24/257

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

A meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was held on 13 May 2024 and the draft Minutes for the meeting have been separately circulated for the information of Councillors.

The Committee considered the following item of business:

- Audit Office of NSW Update
- Procurement & Contract Management Internal Audit and Internal Audit update
- 2024/2025 Budget & Operational Plan Update
- Internal Audit Extreme & High Risk Recommendations Update
- Quarterly Fraud Report
- Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report
- Quarterly Budget Review – Third Quarter 2023-2024
- Quarterly report on Legislative Updates
- Child Safe Standards Implementation Update

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meetings held on 13 May 2024

#### Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meetings held on 13 May 2024

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/251

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

Circulars 24-06, 24-07, 24-08, 24-09 and 24-10

2. Meetings

As listed.

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed.

4. Other items of note

Nil.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Rodda**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.2 CONSOLIDATING CURRENT VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE WITH THE ROTARY OP SHOP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OLD WENTWORTH GAOL**

File Number: RPT/24/280

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

At the end of June, the current caretaker of the Old Wentworth Gaol, Paul Swarbrick, will be retiring from his duties and handing the caretaking role of the Gaol back to Council. Council have received a letter from the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc, expressing their interest in operating the Gaol following Mr Swarbrick's departure. The letter also proposes that the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc Op Shop utilise the area that currently houses the Visitor Information Centre.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a) appoints the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc as the future operators of the Old Wentworth Gaol
- b) accept the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc's proposal to utilize the current Visitor Information Centre site for the Op Shop.

**Council Resolution**

That Council:

- a) appoints the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc as the future operators of the Old Wentworth Gaol
- b) accept the Rotary Club of Wentworth Inc's proposal to utilize the current Visitor Information Centre site for the Op Shop.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.3 DRAFT WENTWORTH REGION TOURISM & EVENTS STRATEGY 2024-2029**

File Number: RPT/24/291

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.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

That Council defer the community consultation process of this draft Wentworth Region Tourism & Events Strategy 2024-2029 to allow a review of the initiatives, actions and stakeholders prior to endorsement for community consultation.

**Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Rodda**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2024**

File Number: RPT/24/256

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 2024 were \$1,370,617.37. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 91.96%. For comparison purposes 87.44% of the levy had been collected at the end of May 2023. Council currently has \$45,574,280.82 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. Elstone**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.5 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - MAY 2024**

File Number: RPT/24/276

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 May 2024, Council had \$41 million invested in term deposits and \$4,574,280.82 in other cash investments. Council received \$103,274.43 from its investments for the month of May 2024.

In May 2024 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 5.05% and it currently has \$8,011,465.14 of internal restrictions and \$34,653,579.53 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 Rodda, Seconded Cr Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.6 DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION FOR 2023/2024**

File Number: RPT/24/247

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

**Summary**

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined a 3.75% increase to the Mayoral and Councillor fees for the 2024/2025 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2024.

Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 require Councils to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2024/2025 financial year. If a Council does not fix a fee, the Council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

The Remuneration Tribunal classifies the Wentworth Shire Council as a Rural Council. As such, the minimum fee for a Councillor is \$10,220 and the maximum allowable is \$13,520. In addition to the fee paid as a Councillor, the minimum fee payable to the Mayor is \$10,880 and the maximum fee is \$29,500.

In May 2023, Council resolved to increase the fees for the 2023/2024 to the maximum amount. The fees for 2023/2024 are \$13,030 for Councillors plus an additional \$28,430 for the Mayor.

**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 Tribunals.

**Council Resolution**

That Council sets the maximum of fees to be paid to the Councillors and Mayor in accordance with the schedule of fees determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunals being Mayor \$29,500 and Councillors \$13,520.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**9.7 ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2026 DELIVERY PROGRAM/2023-2024 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

File Number: RPT/24/255

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**

Following the presentation of the Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan to the May Ordinary 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 2024/2025 Operational Plan. This includes the following:

- The 2024/2025 Annual Statement of Revenue and the Annual Fees and Charges.
- The making and levying of rates and charges including:
  - 5.20% increase in the Ordinary Rate for 2024/2025
  - 5.00% increase in Sewer Access Charges for 2024/2025
  - 5.00% increase in Water Access Charges for 2024/2025
  - 5.00% increase in Domestic Waste Charges for 2024/2025
  - 5.00% increase to Water Consumption Charges for 2024/2025
  - Charge the maximum interest rate on Overdue Rates and Charges

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council adopts the 2024/2025 Operational Plan, as amended, having considered submissions received.
- b) That Council resolves to increase ordinary rate income for the 2023/2024 year by the maximum 5.20% 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* (NSW) for the 2023/2024 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 0.00200372 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 32.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,281,704.

### Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

- An ordinary rate of 0.00160101 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Dry Land Grazing in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.21% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$827,783.

### Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

- An ordinary rate of 0.03526919 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,218.

## ***Residential Category***

### Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00350233 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$240.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 40.45% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$360,774.

### Buronga

- An ordinary rate of 0.00284856 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.87% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$534,262.

### Gol Gol

- An ordinary rate of 0.00315362 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.56% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$757,851.

### Gol Gol East

- An ordinary rate of 0.00300166 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.74% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$450,388

**Pooncarie**

- An ordinary rate of 0.01556897 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 44.88% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$24,801.

**Dareton**

- An ordinary rate of 0.01920076 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.44% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$85,924.

**Rural Residential**

- An ordinary rate of 0.0024780 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.94% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$554,151.

***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 0.00540767 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 16.69% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$302,597.

**Business, Wentworth**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00787116 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for

each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.54% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$38,528.

**Business, Mourquong**

- An ordinary rate of 0.17286802 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.11% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$284,668.

**Business, Trentham Cliffs**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00495035 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.73% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$12,861.

**Business, Arumpo**

- An ordinary rate of 0.06449843 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.39% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$105,957.

**Business, Poongcarie**

- An ordinary rate of 0.05613864 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Poongcarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$789,790
- d) That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Sewer Services for the 2024/2025 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 the 2024/2025 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue.
- f) That Council resolves to make and levy a Domestic Waste Management charge for the 2024/2025 year under Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) 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 the 2024/2024 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue.
- h) That Council resolves to charge the maximum interest rate on overdue rates and charges.
- i) That Council resolves to approve Appendix A – Bodies Granted Exemptions automatic fee waiver as part of the 2023/2024 Financial Assistance Program as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

- j) That Council resolves to approve borrowings for 2024/2025 of \$12,000,000 as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue.

### **Council Resolution**

- a) That Council adopts the 2024/2025 Operational Plan, as amended, having considered submissions received.
- b) That Council resolves to increase ordinary rate income for the 2023/2024 year by the maximum 5.20% 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* (NSW) for the 2023/2024 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 0.00200372 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 32.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,281,704.

#### **Farmland – Dry Land Grazing**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00160101 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Dry Land Grazing in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.21% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$827,783.

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

- An ordinary rate of 0.03526919 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,218.

### ***Residential Category***

#### **Wentworth**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00350233 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$240.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 40.45% of the estimated yield for this

category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$360,774.

**Buronga**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00284856 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.87% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$534,262.

**Gol Gol**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00315362 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.56% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$757,851.

**Gol Gol East**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00300166 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.74% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$450,388

**Pooncarie**

- An ordinary rate of 0.01556897 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 44.88% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$24,801.

**Dareton**

- An ordinary rate of 0.01920076 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.44% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$85,924.

**Rural Residential**

- An ordinary rate of 0.0024780 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.94% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$554,151.

***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 0.00540767 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 16.69% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$302,597.

**Business, Wentworth**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00787116 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.54% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$38,528.

**Business, Mourquong**

- An ordinary rate of 0.17286802 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.11% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$284,668.

**Business, Trentham Cliffs**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00495035 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.73% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$12,861.

**Business, Arumpo**

- An ordinary rate of 0.06449843 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.39% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$105,957.

**Business, Pooncarie**

- An ordinary rate of 0.05613864 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 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$789,790

- d) That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Sewer Services for the 2024/2025 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 the 2024/2025 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue.
- f) That Council resolves to make and levy a Domestic Waste Management charge for the 2024/2025 year under Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) 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 the 2024/2024 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue.
- h) That Council resolves to charge the maximum interest rate on overdue rates and charges.
- i) That Council resolves to approve Appendix A – Bodies Granted Exemptions automatic fee waiver as part of the 2023/2024 Financial Assistance Program as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- j) That Council resolves to approve borrowings for 2024/2025 of \$12,000,000 as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Crisp**

**CARRIED**

***For the Motion :***

***Clr.s Beaumont, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater and Rodda.***

***Against the Motion:***

***Clr. Nichols.***



**9.8 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS**

File Number: RPT/24/292

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Deborah Zorzi - Governance 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**

Council's Code of Conduct Policy requires Councillors and Designated Persons to disclose their personal interests by completing a publicly available return of interests.

In addition to the annual lodgement of returns within three (3) months following 30 June, a Councillor or Designated Person must make and lodge with the General Manager a return disclosing a new interest as specified in schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct Policy within 3 months after becoming aware of that interest.

These returns are required to be lodged with the General Manager and tabled at the next meeting of Council after the return is lodged.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the tabling of updated Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillor MacAllister and for Councillor Rodda.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the tabling of updated Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillor MacAllister and for Councillor Rodda.

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.9 DA2024/008 TWO (2) LOT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT LOT 5 DP 1253993 AND LOT 3 DP 1250369 POMONA**

File Number: RPT/24/319

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

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 (DA2024/008) was received by Council for a two (2) lot boundary adjustment at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona.

Under the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011), this development is permitted with consent when located within the RU1 Primary Production zone.

The proposed development will adjust the existing boundaries between allotments to 4,871.8ha and 19.24ha.

The application was publicly notified for 14 days as per the Council Community Participation Plan. During the public notification four (4) submissions were received by Council objecting to the proposed development.

As per Council delegations, any development applications with three (3) or more submissions cannot be determined under delegated authority, and must be determined by Council.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/008 being a Two (2) lot boundary adjustment located at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/008 being a Two (2) lot boundary adjustment located at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

**Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Beaumont**

**Amendment**

That Council defer Item 9.9 pending further information.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Resolution**

That Council defer Item 9.9 pending further information.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

*Against the Motion:*              *Nil.*

**9.10 DA2024/034 DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT FOR A DWELLING CREEK ROAD LOT 2 DP 1072364 CURLWAA**

File Number: RPT/24/306

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Georgie Martin - Cadet Planner

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 (DA2024/034) was received by Council for a deferred commencement dwelling to be located at Creek Road Lot 2 DP 1072364, Curlwaa, within close proximity to Tuckers Creek.

Under the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011), this development is permitted with consent within the RU4 – Primary Production Small Lots zone as a dwelling.

The proposed deferred commencement dwelling is to be located on land that is presently used for grazing of rangeland goats and other agricultural purposes, but is under the 10ha minimum lot size, being only 8.8ha.

The minimum lot size under Clause 4.2B for erection of dwellings on the land is 10ha. As part of the assessment, a variation to the minimum lot size standard is required (referred to as a 4.6 variation).

Due to the variation being 12%, greater than 10%, the application cannot be determined under delegated authority, and must be determined by Council.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/034 being a deferred commencement dwelling located at Creek Road Lot 2 DP 1072364, Curlwaa.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/034 being a deferred commencement dwelling located at Creek Road Lot 2 DP 1072364, Curlwaa.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**CARRIED**

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

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

*Against the Motion:*                *Clr. Nichols.*

**9.11 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE RU5 LAND TO E4 AND INTRODUCE A 1000SQM MLS 48 CORBETT AVENUE BURONGA**

File Number: RPT/24/317

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

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**

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to proceed with a Planning Proposal to amend planning provisions in the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP) that specifically relate to amendment to the Zoning and Minimum Lot Size (MLS) mapping.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) issued a Gateway Determination to proceed on 19 February 2024.

The Planning Proposal sought to amend the following provisions:

- Rezone part of Lot 2 DP 1300239 from RU5 Village to E4 General Industrial
- Introduce a Minimum Lot Size (MLS) of 1,000sqm to part of Lot 2 DP 1300239 being rezoned to E4 General Industrial (Lot Size Map - Sheet LSZ\_004F)

Public exhibition consultation was conducted in accordance with the Gateway Determination. No public submissions were received however one (1) state agency submission was received.

No amendments have been made to the Planning Proposal as an outcome of public exhibition.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Planning Proposal and approval to proceed with finalisation of the amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 as Council are the plan-making authority.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a) Endorse the post exhibition documentation as outlined in this report.
- b) Support and resolve to proceed with the finalisation of the Planning Proposal in accordance with section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- c) Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Council Resolution**

That Council:

- a) Endorse the post exhibition documentation as outlined in this report.
- b) Support and resolve to proceed with the finalisation of the Planning Proposal in accordance with section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- c) Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

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

**9.12 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - JUNE 2024**

File Number: RPT/24/258

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 May 2024 and the planned activities for June 2024.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 10.1 NEW 40KM SIGNAGE

Cr Brian Beaumont requested that the new signage be looked at as there are visibility issues.

Director Roads and Engineering advised that works are being done to rectify and also that there will be pavement marking completed next week.

Cr Beaumont advised a publication called Afloat, June 2024 recognises Rodney Hobbs' model making.

### 10.2 PLANNING PORTAL

Cr Tim Elstone asked there was any truth in the rumour that the planning portal is going to be made easier.

The Acting Director Health and Planning advised that he hasn't had any information regarding updates of the portal.

### 10.3 DARLING RIVER FLUSH

Cr Tim Elstone advised the flush down the Darling River was a good outcome for all. He advised that Council, residents of Sunset Strip, Menindee, the South West Water User groups and Mayor Linklater all worked hard to get this result. Andrew McConville CEO of Murray Darling Basin Authority did a great job. Now we need to work toward making the process to receive a flush easier. Cr Elstone requested that thank you letters be sent to the groups.

Cr Rodda thanked Council, Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club, Wentworth District Community Bank for supporting the Why Not Winter in Wentworth campaign.

Cr Rodda reminded Councillors of the Smoke on the Water event at the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens on 13-14 July 2024

### 10.4 OLD SERVICE STATION BURONGA

Cr Susan Nichols asked how long the clean up of the service station will take and what will happen to the site.

The General Manager advised that there is only a Development Application for a demolition. He will reach out to the Contractor completing the work and ask for a timeframe.

#### **Council Resolution**

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 Crisp, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting for only so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
  - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
  - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

### **Recommendation**

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from 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 Provision of Cleaning Services for Public Amenities and Transport for NSW Rest Areas - PT2324/15. (RPT/24/287)**

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 (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 Arumpo Road Reconstruction - Hire of Tip Truck & Super Dog Combinations. (RPT/24/314)**

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 Waste Management Consultancy Services - PT2324/16. (RPT/24/253)**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

### **12.4 Buronga Landfill Expansion - PT2324/14. (RPT/24/279)**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

### **12.5 Buronga Landfill Expansion - Project Management - PT2324/18. (RPT/24/254)**

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.

### **Council Resolution**

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from 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.

**Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

### 12.1 PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC AMENITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR NSW REST AREAS - PT2324/15

File Number: RPT/24/287

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

#### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

*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.*

The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepts the tender from Karym Cleaning Services and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works as specified for PT2324/15 in the amount of \$ 221,430.55

**12.2 ARUMPO ROAD RECONSTRUCTION - HIRE OF TIP TRUCK & SUPER DOG COMBINATIONS**

File Number: RPT/24/314

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - 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

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

*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.*

The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) awarded the following tenders authorising the use of contractors in accordance with their Evaluation Score as nominated.

Tip truck and Super Dog Combination hire rate:

- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 1
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 2
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 3
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 4
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 5
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 6
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 7
- KW Earthmoving (28t) item 8
- Bott Earthmoving (50t)
- Bulpunga Enterprises (28t)
- Doddy 4 Dirt Bulk Hauled item 1
- Doddy 4 Dirt Bulk Hauled item 2

**12.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES - PT2324/16**

File Number: RPT/24/253

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

**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

*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.*

The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepted the tender from Waste and Management Services Pty Ltd and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works as specified for PT2324/16 at the hourly rate of \$297.00 GST Inclusive.

**12.4 BURONGA LANDFILL EXPANSION - PT2324/14**

File Number: RPT/24/279

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering  
Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepted the tender from Waters Excavations Pty Ltd and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works as specified for PT2324/14 for \$10,750,222.91 GST Inclusive and that Council approved a contingency allowance of \$1,075,022.00 GST Inclusive.

**12.5 BURONGA LANDFILL EXPANSION - PROJECT MANAGEMENT - PT2324/18**

File Number: RPT/24/254

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

Meeting closed 8:37PM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

17 July 2024

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**CHAIR**