



**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

14 MAY 2025

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:05 PM

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater
Councillor Jon Armstrong
Councillor Peter Crisp
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda
Councillor Jody Starick
Councillor Michael Weeding

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)
Ebony Carter (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Nichols Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nichols advised that she had a less than significant/ non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.12 – 9.20 as her grandson is a NDIS client and will be offered a placement in similar accommodation in the near future.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 16 April 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 16 April 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 05:10 pm Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers.

Public Forum

Mai Sarkissian spoke in favour of Items 9.12, 9.13, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19 and 9.20

Jamie Symonds spoke against Items 9.12, 9.13, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19 and 9.20

Alan McWhae spoke against Items 9.12, 9.13, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19 and 9.20

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 05:27 pm Councillor Susan Nichols returned to Council Chambers.

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/245

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

Mayor Linklater gave a verbal update on the reimbursement to Council for the flood related expenses.

Mayor Linklater gave an update on correspondence sent to Minister Moriarty regarding drought declaration.

Mayoral Minute

That the General Manager or his delegate prepare a report to be presented at the August Meeting of Council, that considers the following transport related items so that council can review, plan, prioritise and advocate effectively for necessary infrastructure:

1. Compile existing strategic transport documents
2. Examine the Mildura Rural City Council Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy where it is relevant to WSC, namely the bypass and bridge crossing at Monak, and reference appropriate course of advocacy
3. Examine the interaction between the council road network and state highways, particularly our residential growth areas, with the aim of identifying intersection and other upgrades that will effectively accommodate increased traffic flows into the future
4. Identify key infrastructure priorities by short/medium/long term
5. Identify potential location for overtaking lanes on the Sturt Highway and feed into the Sturt Highway Taskforce
6. Consider strategic long-term access to appropriate water and gravel resources that can assist rural road maintenance outcomes, particularly during periods of prolonged dry
7. Compile an action/reference table of requests made to TfNSW and the status of responses

Moved Cr. Linklater,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

Council Resolution

That Council move Items 9.12 to 9.20 forward in the agenda.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 5:34pm Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers.

Council deliberated Items 9.12 – 9.20

Council Resolution

That Council returns to Item 9.1 in the agenda and a brief adjournment to allow the gallery who wish to leave in an orderly manner.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 5:50pm Councillor Susan Nichols returned to the Council Chambers.

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/231

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Ebony Carter - 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
2. Meetings
As listed.
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed.
4. Other items of note

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. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 LIFTING OF ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE – WENTWORTH ROWING CLUB LAWNS AREA

File Number: RPT/25/236

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

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

Council has received a request from the Wentworth District Rowing Club Inc to lift the alcohol- free zone for the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area for one event in Wentworth. The Wentworth District Rowing Club has sought approval for the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in past years for community events in the same area. There have been no incidents or problems in past events that would warrant Council refusing the temporary lifting of the alcohol-free zone as requested.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) In accordance with Section 645 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area as shown on the map attached to this report, on Friday 12 September 2025 and Saturday 13 September 2025 from 12:00 noon to 22:00pm
- b) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and, Councils website and other social media
- c) Advise the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) In accordance with Section 645 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area as shown on the map attached to this report, on Friday 12 September 2025 and Saturday 13 September 2025 from 12:00 noon to 22:00pm
- b) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and, Councils website and other social media
- c) Advise the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - APRIL 2025

File Number: RPT/25/251

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring , supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of April 2025 were \$817,350.51. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 80.03%. For comparison purposes 81.49% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2024. Council currently has \$47,352,291.53 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for April 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for April 2025.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2025

File Number: RPT/25/249

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

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 30 April 2025, Council had \$43 million invested in term deposits and \$4,352,291.53 in other cash investments. Council received \$173,001.59 from its investments for the month of April 2025.

In April 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.77% and it currently has \$4,535,490.24 of internal restrictions and \$40,623,235.35 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

That Council approves the temporary use of up to \$2.5 million from internally restricted.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the monthly investment report.
- b) Approves the temporary use of up to \$2.5 million from internally restricted funds.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 2024-2025 3RD QUARTER

File Number: RPT/25/250

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the 2024/2025 Third Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed revised 2024/2025 changes to operational & capital Budgets.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Note the 2024/2025 Third Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed revised 2024/2025 changes to operational & capital Budgets.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/244

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 ENDORSEMENT OF DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN, DISABILITY INCLUSION PLAN AND RESOURCE STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

File Number: RPT/25/239

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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 Act, Council must review the following Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework that supports the Community Strategic Plan:

- Delivery Program;
- Operational Plan;
- Resource Strategy; and
- Disability Inclusion Plan

The revised Community Strategic Plan was endorsed by Council in draft format at the April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting and is currently on public exhibition.

Recommendation

That Council endorses for public exhibition the draft 2025 Resource Strategy, which includes the following documents:

- Long Term Financial Plan
- Asset Management Strategy
- Workforce Management Plan

That Council endorses for public exhibition the draft 2026-2030 Delivery Program, which incorporates the 2026 Operational Plan and budget including:

- 2025-2026 Annual Statement of Revenue
- 2025-2026 Annual Fees & Charges Schedule

That Council endorses for public exhibition the draft 2026-2030 Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

That Council gives notice of its intention to adopt the following rates and annual charges, which are contained within the draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan:

- 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;

- To increase the Ordinary Rate by the maximum 4.50% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART);
- To increase waste water access charges by 4.50%;
- To increase raw and filtered water access charges by 4.50%;
- To increase domestic waste charges by 4.50%;
- To increase water consumption charges by 4.50%
- To levy the fees and charges established in Part B of the Annual Statement of Revenue; and
- To charge the maximum interest of 10.50% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses for public exhibition for 28 days, the draft 2025 Resource Strategy, which includes the following documents:

- Long Term Financial Plan
- Asset Management Strategy
- Workforce Management Plan

That Council endorses for public exhibition for 28 days, the draft 2026-2030 Delivery Program, which incorporates the 2026 Operational Plan and budget including:

- 2025-2026 Annual Statement of Revenue
- 2025-2026 Annual Fees & Charges Schedule

That Council endorses for public exhibition for 28 days, the draft 2026-2030 Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

That Council gives notice of its intention to adopt the following rates and annual charges, which are contained within the draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan:

- 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;
- To increase the Ordinary Rate by the maximum 4.50% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART);
- To increase waste water access charges by 4.50%;
- To increase raw and filtered water access charges by 4.50%;
- To increase domestic waste charges by 4.50%;
- To increase water consumption charges by 4.50%

- To levy the fees and charges established in Part B of the Annual Statement of Revenue; and
- To charge the maximum interest of 10.50% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/25/246

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
 Responsible Division: Corporate Services
 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 (refer 2024/2025 annual fees & charges).

The total value of requests granted this financial year so far under delegated authority is \$4,830.75

The total value of requests approved at the March 2025 Council Meeting was \$419.79

A further request was also approved at the March 2025 Council Meeting for Wentworth Pioneer Homes Committee for the amount of \$4,734.75 and the April 2025 Council meeting for Northern Mallee Leaders for the amount of \$4,545.45.

The total value of requests for this current funding round ending 24 April 2025 totals \$10,000.00 which if granted in full, would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of -\$1,338.96

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2024/25	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$110,337.00
Granted under delegated authority 1 July – 31 October 2024	\$ 4,301.25
Value of approved requests after August 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 37,042.22
Available balance after August 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 48,319.53
Value of approved requests November 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 12,000.00
Available balance after November 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 36,319.53
Granted under delegated authority 1 November 24 – 31 January 25	\$ 529.50
Available balance as 31 January 2024	\$ 35,790.03
Value of approved requests – November 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 8,608.00
Value of approved requests – December 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 2,764.00
Value of approved requests 1 November 2024 – 31 January 2025	\$ 419.79
Available balance after February 2025 Council Meeting	\$ 23,998.24
Granted under delegated authority 31 January – 24 April 2025	\$ 6,057.00
Value of approved requests 19 March 2025 Council Meeting	\$ 4,734.75
Value of approved requests 16 April 2025 Council Meeting	\$ 4,545.45

Financial Requests received 31 January – 24 April 2025	\$ 10,000.00
Remaining balance if all approved	-\$ 1,338.96

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.

That Council considers a budget variation of \$10,000 to provide sufficient funds till the end of the financial year.

Council Resolution

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance fund the Coomealla Cricket Club application and not fund the Wentworth RSL application from the Financial Assistance program.

That Council considers a budget variation of \$5,000 to provide sufficient funds until the end of the financial year.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 BURONGA GOL GOL SPORTING MASTERPLAN

File Number: RPT/25/171

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

The Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan is a strategic assessment of the future sporting and recreation needs for the Buronga Gol Gol area. It provides a guiding framework for Council, stakeholders and partners for the future provision of sporting and recreation facilities to meet the changing needs of the community.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the Draft Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the Draft Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan as a guiding document for future sporting infrastructure and commits phased funding and implementation to achieve outlined and will work to identify a suitable parcel of land that can satisfy the intent and spirit of the masterplan.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 COUNCIL POLICIES - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

File Number: RPT/25/174

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

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

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* councils must adopt a code of meeting practice and adopt a code of conduct no later than 12 months after an ordinary election of councillors. The adopted codes must incorporate the mandatory provisions of the model codes prescribed by the regulations and may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions and other provisions that supplement the model codes.

Council's adopted codes must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

Council is required to consult with the community prior to adopting a code of meeting practice.

Councils and committees of councils of which all the members are councillors must conduct their meetings in accordance with the code of meeting practice adopted by the council.

One of the provisions previously adopted by Council relates to the Council Seal. As required by the *Local Government Regulations (General) 2021* the seal of a council must be kept by the mayor or the general manager, as the council determines. This is an opportune time for Council to review where the Council Seal is to be stored.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Endorses the draft *Code of Meeting Practice* including the change to clause 22.3 indicating that the Council Seal is kept in the office of the General Manager, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days
- b) Adopts the draft *Code of Conduct*.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Endorses the draft *Code of Meeting Practice* including the change to clause 22.3 indicating that the Council Seal is kept in the office of the General Manager, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days
- b) Adopts the draft *Code of Conduct*.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 LAND ACQUISITION A65 GEORGE GORDON OVAL

File Number: RPT/24/404

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

A Council Resolution is required to commence the acquisition of Crown Land being Lot 650 Deposited Plan 1298337, being part of the land within Lot 711 Deposited Plan 1213849 at Dareton NSW, for the purpose of public recreational infrastructure constructed by Council relating to the George Gordon Sporting Complex Reserve 61503.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Proceeds to acquire Lot 650 Deposited Plan 1298337 by the compulsory process under the terms of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW) and by authority contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).
2. Acquires the land for the purpose of public recreational infrastructure constructed by Council, for the use of the community.
3. Approves that any minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition.
4. Acknowledges that the acquisition is not for the purpose of resale.
5. Will be responsible for Native Title compensation as determined by the Valuer General, or as otherwise agreed by negotiation with the Native Title holders.
6. Will be responsible for compensation paid to Crown Lands for the acquisition of the subject land as determined by the Valuer General (market value) or agreed directly with Crown Lands via a valuation report to be obtained from a qualified valuer.
7. Makes an application submitted to the NSW Minister for Local Government via the Office of Local Government and to the NSW Governor General for approval to compulsorily acquire the Crown land for the public purpose.
8. Authorises the General Manager and Mayor to give effect to this resolution and sign any documentation necessary to finalise the acquisition.

Council Resolution

That Council

1. Proceeds to acquire Lot 650 Deposited Plan 1298337 by the compulsory process under the terms of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW) and by authority contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).
2. Acquires the land for the purpose of public recreational infrastructure constructed by Council, for the use of the community.
3. Approves that any minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition.
4. Acknowledges that the acquisition is not for the purpose of resale.
5. Will be responsible for Native Title compensation as determined by the Valuer General, or as otherwise agreed by negotiation with the Native Title holders.
6. Will be responsible for compensation paid to Crown Lands for the acquisition of the subject land as determined by the Valuer General (market value) or agreed directly with Crown Lands via a valuation report to be obtained from a qualified valuer.
7. Makes an application submitted to the NSW Minister for Local Government via the Office of Local Government and to the NSW Governor General for approval to compulsorily acquire the Crown land for the public purpose.
8. Authorises the General Manager and Mayor to give effect to this resolution and sign any documentation necessary to finalise the acquisition.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 DA2025/055 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 190 PITMAN AVENUE LOT 2 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/264

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/055) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 190 Pitman Avenue Lot 2 DP 1288183, Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/055 for a permanent group home to be located at 190 Pitman Avenue – Lot 2, DP 1288183, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason: To be consistent with previous decisions and the reason for the rejection is Clause 62a “must not refuse a group development unless an assessment of community need has been done”.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.***

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

9.13 DA2025/056 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 11 WENDY COURT LOT 11 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/265

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/056) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 11 Wendy Court Lot 11 DP 1288183 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. DA2025/056 for a permanent group home to be located at 11 Wendy Court Lot 11 DP 1288183 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation

2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason: Is Clause 62a “must not refuse a group development unless an assessment of community need has been done” that assessment is still pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.***

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

9.14 DA2025/057 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 8 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 2 DP 1302556 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/266

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/057) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 8 Midway Drive Lot 2 DP 1302556 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/057 for a permanent group home to be located at 8 Midway Drive – Lot 2, DP 1302556, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason: Is Clause 62a and that assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : *Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.15 DA2025/058 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 12 WENDY COURT LOT 21 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/267

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/058) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 12 Wendy Court Lot 21 DP 1288183 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/058 for a permanent group home to be located at 12 Wendy Court Lot 21 DP 1288183 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation

2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason : Is Clause 62a and that that assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

*For the Motion : Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick
and Weeding.*

Against the Motion: Nil.

9.16 DA2025/059 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 6 BROADSTOCK COURT LOT 4 DP 1302556 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/272

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/059) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 6 Broadstock Court Lot 4 DP 1302556 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/059 for a permanent group home to be located at 6 Broadstock Court Lot 4 DP 1302556 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation

2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason: Is Clause 62a and that that assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : *Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.17 DA2025/060 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 22 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 30 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/273

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/060) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 22 Midway Drive Lot 30 DP 1288183 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/060 for a permanent group home to be located at 22 Midway Drive Lot 30 DP 1288183 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation

2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
Reason: Clause 62a and the assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : *Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.18 DA2025/061 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 10 BROADSTOCK COURT LOT 6 DP 1302556 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/274

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/061) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 10 Broadstock Court Lot 6 DP 1302556 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/061 for a permanent group home to be located at 10 Broadstock Court Lot 6 DP 1302556 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason : Clause 62a and the assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

***For the Motion : Cllr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick
and Weeding.***

Against the Motion: Nil.

9.19 DA2025/062 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 10 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 3 DP 1302556 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/275

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/062) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 10 Midway Drive Lot 3 DP 1302556 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/062 for a permanent group home to be located at 10 Midway Drive Lot 3 DP 1302556 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason : Clause 62a and the assessment is pending presentation to Council

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : **Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.**

Against the Motion: **Nil.**

9.20 DA2025/063 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 32 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 25 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/276

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
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 (DA2025/063) was received by Council on 19 March 2025, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 32 Midway Drive Lot 25 DP 1288183 Buronga.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

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

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2025/063 for a permanent group home to be located at 32 Midway Drive Lot 25 DP 1288183 Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Reject the recommendation
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason : Clause 62a and the assessment is pending presentation to Council.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

***For the Motion : Cllr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick
and Weeding.***

Against the Motion: Nil.

9.21 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT MAY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/260

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Megan Jackson - Roads & Engineering 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 April 2025 and the planned activities for May 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in April 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in April 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

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 NDIS Commission and NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission. (RPT/25/280)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12.2 Water Account Reduction Request - P599/1. (RPT/24/491)

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 (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

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.

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 NDIS Commission and NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission.
(RPT/25/280)**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

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Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 NDIS COMMISSION AND NDIS QUALITY & SAFEGUARDS COMMISSION

File Number: RPT/25/280

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 (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

The General Manager advised that Council resolved to write to the NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission (which regulates NDIS Service Providers) and the NDIS Commission (which provides information to amongst other things, to Government Services) asking for comments / verification of the issues raised in the Brighter Living letter around demand and data for SDA Group housing.

12.2 WATER ACCOUNT REDUCTION REQUEST - P599/1

File Number: RPT/24/491

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance 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: 4.3 An effective and efficient organisation

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 (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

The General Manager advised that Council waived \$3,831.60 being the initial water tariff for Property Assessment P599/1.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 7:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

25 June 2025

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CHAIR