



**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

20 AUGUST 2025

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country at 5:01PM

The Mayor acknowledged Profound sadness for this Council and community on 1 July 2025 the passing of Tim Elstone and our ongoing support for Ellen, Luke, Daniel, Sarah and Lachie.

Cr Beaumont took his Oath of Office and signed his Declaration of Oath on Monday 18 August 2025.

Cr Beaumont responded and acknowledged the contribution of Tim Elstone to the whole shire his knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. Cr Beaumont extended his sympathy to the Elstone family.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater
Councillor Jon Armstrong
Councillor Brian Beaumont
Councillor Peter Crisp
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda (Via Video Conference)
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

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Starick advised that she had a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.8 as a board member of MASP is a personal friend and MASP is requesting funding from Council.

Councillor Armstrong advised that he had a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.10 as his employer is a supplier to the business involved.

Councillor Beaumont advised that he has non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 as he is a member of the board of the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre.

Councillor Beaumont advised that he had a less non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.8 as prior to being re-elected to Council he provided some advice to the Dareton Youth & Community Centre submission for financial assistance.

Councillor Nichols advised that she had non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.8 as she is a life member of the Wentworth Bowling Club.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

Glenis Beaumont spoke in favour of Item 9.3

Simon Dorotich spoke in favour of the recommendation for Item 9.10

Brian Ferry spoke in favour of the recommendation for Item 9.10

Howard Ferry spoke in favour of the recommendation for Item 9.10

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session. The meeting was reconvened at 5:20pm.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/419

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report for August 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report for August 2025.

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 RIVER REFLECTIONS CONFERENCE - MURRAY BRIDGE

File Number: RPT/25/468

Summary

Cr Weeding and Cr Evans attended the *River Reflections Conference* held at Murray Bridge 29 & 30 July 2025. Cr Weeding has provided Council with the attached report regarding the conference.

Recommendation

That the information contained in the report from Councillor Weeding be noted.

Council Resolution

That the information contained in the report from Councillor Weeding be noted.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/420

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division:

Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

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 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

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 25-15 to 25-17
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. Starick, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 UNION PICNIC DAY

File Number: RPT/25/418

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

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

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

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Approve Tuesday 4 November 2025 as the Award holiday known as Union Picnic Day for those employees who are financial members of the United Services Union
- b) Authorise the closure of Council Offices, Council Depots, Libraries, Landfills and Visitor Information Centre
- c) Require Non-union members to apply for 4 November 2025 from leave entitlements to enable the above arrangements

Council Resolution

That Council:

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- c) Require Non-union members to apply for 4 November 2025 from leave entitlements to enable the above arrangements

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 AVAILABILITY OF THE WENTWORTH VISITOR CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM

File Number: RPT/25/427

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ebony Carter - Business Support Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region
Strategy: 1.1 Create a supportive environment for business to grow

At 5.37pm Councillor Brian Beaumont left the Council Chambers.

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. to make available the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities to host their annual charity dinner and auction event.

Recommendation

That Council considers making the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities available to Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc for their annual charity dinner and auction to be held on Friday 14 November 2025 and whether the nature of the request requires a fee to be paid for the hire of the facilities.

Council Resolution

That Council makes the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities available to Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc for their annual charity dinner and auction to be held on Friday 14 November 2025 and that fees not be charged.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 05:39 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont returned to Council Chambers.

9.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/433

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: 4.1 A well engaged and informed community

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of July 2025 were \$1,112,195.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 9.57%. For comparison purposes 7.97% of the levy had been collected at the end of July 2024. Council currently has \$42,249,006.63 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/442

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Ned Lamond - Financial Services Coordinator

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: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

As of 31 July 2025, Council had \$37 million invested in term deposits and \$5,249,005.63 in other cash investments. Council received \$217,205.76 from its investments for the month of July 2025.

In July 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.05% and it currently has \$6,546,983.93 of internal restrictions and \$34,008,988.24 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report for July 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report for July 2025.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 JUNE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

File Number: RPT/25/425

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Ned Lamond - Financial Services Coordinator

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: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

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

In the June Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$1,939 Million and a favorable capital variance of \$9,190 Million resulting in a total net variance of \$7,251 Million. Note all June figures are prepared prior to accruals posting and prepared on a cash basis for budget purposes only.

Recommendation

That Council:

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

Council Resolution

That Council:

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

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/440

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 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

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.

During the 4th Quarter the following occurred:

- The following actions have been completed
 - All annual actions
 - 2.3.8-Implementation of the Child Safe Standards
 - 3.2.7-Arumpo Road Upgrade
 - 3.2.8-Regional Emergency Road Repair Program
 - 3.2.11-Loop Road
 - 3.2.12-Wamberra Road
 - 3.2.13-Alcheringa Drive
 - 3.5.7-Burong/Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan
 - 4.3.4-Monitor Compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations
- 23 specific actions remain outstanding and will be carried over into the new financial year for completion.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report
- b) Notes the specific actions that will be carried forward into the new financial year for completion.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report
- b) Notes the specific actions that will be carried forward into the new financial year for completion.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/25/445

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
 Responsible Division: Corporate Services
 Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Team Leader Customer Service

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: 4.1 A well engaged and informed community

At 05:43 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont left the Council Chambers.

At 05:43 pm Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers.

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2025/26 financial year for consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$112,348.70 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process.

The total value of requests granted so far under delegated authority is \$1,306.00. The total value of requests for Round 1 of the 2025/2026 funding application period totals \$23,557.60, which if granted in full would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of \$62,787.70

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2023/24	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$112,348.70
Granted under delegated authority to July 2025	\$ 1,306.00
Available balance as at 1 August 2025	\$ 86,345.30
Round 1 Financial request applications received to 24/7/2025	\$ 23,557.60
Remaining balance if all approved	\$ 62,787.70

Recommendation

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, make appropriate recommendations on the level of funding to be provided to each of these applications from the Financial Assistance program.

Council Resolution

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, grant all requests for financial assistance as listed.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 05:44 pm Councillor Susan Nichols returned to Council Chambers.

At 05:44 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont returned to Council Chambers.

9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/449

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

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

Strategy: 3.1 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place

Summary

For the month of July 2025, a total of fourteen (14) Development Applications were determined under delegated authority by the General Manager.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$4,024,103.77. This brings the year to date total to fourteen (14) Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$4,024,103.77.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report for the Delegated Authority Approvals for the month of July 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the report for the Delegated Authority Approvals for the month of July 2025.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 DA2024/134 EXTENSION TO EXISTING RURAL INDUSTRY 623 RIVER ROAD LOT 989 DP 756961 & 28 JINDALEE ROAD LOT 1 DP 1264484 COOMEALLA

File Number: RPT/25/455

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Kerrie Copley - Planning Officer

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

Strategy: 3.1 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place

Summary

A development application (DA2024/134) was received by Council on 14 October 2024 for an extension to existing rural industry of 623 River Road Lot 989 DP 756961 & 28 Jindalee Road Lot 1 DP 1264484 Coomealla.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Determine DA2024/134 Extension to Existing Rural Industry 623 River Road Lot 989 DP 756961 & 28 Jindalee Road Lot 1 DP 1264484 Coomealla, by way of refusal for the following reasons:
 - a) Required concurrence provided as a refusal.
 - b) Council, as the consent authority cannot approve development without concurrence from the approval body under clause 4.47(4) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Determine DA2024/134 Extension to Existing Rural Industry 623 River Road Lot 989 DP 756961 & 28 Jindalee Road Lot 1 DP 1264484 Coomealla, by way of refusal for the following reasons:
 - a) Required concurrence provided as a refusal.
 - b) Council, as the consent authority cannot approve development without concurrence from the approval body under clause 4.47(4) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.11 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/456

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: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of July 2025 and the planned activities for August 2025.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 FUNDING REQUEST - SPIRIT OF CRICKET

File Number: RPT/25/470

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 is in receipt of a request for sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival to be held over two tournaments from 16 to 30 September 2025. The festival caters to Over 35 and Over 50's Masters Cricket players and will be held at various venues including Wentworth Shire Council venues, McLeod Oval and Carramar Oval. The festival will be broadcast by "Willow", North Americas leading cricket broadcaster. The broadcast will be 60+ hours live high-definition coverage, streamed across USA & Canada as well as Australia & New Zealand.

Recommendation

That Council consider the options available regarding sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival.

That Council consider the options available regarding sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival provide sponsorship of \$7500.00 (ex GST)

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Evans

Amendment

That Council consider the options available regarding sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival provide sponsorship of \$7500.00 (ex GST) and provide a fee waiver for McLeod Oval & George Gordon Oval fees.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council having considered the options available regarding sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival provide sponsorship of \$7500.00 (ex GST) and provide a fee waiver for McLeod Oval & George Gordon Oval fees.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT & LAND USE STRATEGY

File Number: RPT/25/471

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 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

Summary

This report provides information as requested by Mayoral Minute at the May 2025 Council meeting regarding transport related matters to enable Council to review, plan, prioritise and advocate effectively for necessary infrastructure

Recommendation

That Council notes the contents of this report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the contents of this report.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**10.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

File Number: RPT/25/469

Motion

That Council staff add to the Council Meeting agenda a permanent item Status Report on previous Resolutions and that the General Manager provide an update on actions completed in regards to the outstanding resolutions until the resolutions are closed.

Council Resolution

That Council staff add to the Council Meeting agenda a permanent item Status Report on previous Resolutions and that the General Manager provide an update on actions completed in regards to the outstanding resolutions until the resolutions are closed.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Weeding

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 Buronga Landfill Expansion - Project Management. (RPT/25/444)**

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 Water Account Reduction Request - P536/201. (RPT/25/421)

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.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 BURONGA LANDFILL EXPANSION - PROJECT MANAGEMENT

File Number: RPT/25/444

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 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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The General Manager advised that Council approved an extension of \$195,000.00 inc GST to the contract for the Buronga Landfill Expansion – Project Management Tender No. PT2324/18 with Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd.

12.2 WATER ACCOUNT REDUCTION REQUEST - P536/201

File Number: RPT/25/421

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 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

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 advises that Council authorised that the amount of water use charges of \$18,859.18 to be waived based on the previous average usage for property assessment P536/201.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 6:37pm.

NEXT MEETING

17 September 2025

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CHAIR