



# Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

## **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**15 OCTOBER 2025**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

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

## 2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Daniel Linklater  
Councillor Jon Armstrong  
Councillor Brian Beaumont  
Councillor Peter Crisp (Via Video Conference)  
Councillor Susan Nichols  
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 from Councillor Rodda and grants the Leave of Absence Request from Councillor Evans.

**Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

NIL

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 September 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

### Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 September 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS 15 OCTOBER 2025

File Number: RPT/25/554

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
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: 4.3 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

#### Summary

The Status Report on previous Council Resolutions provides details of actions that remain outstanding.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 15 October 2025.

#### Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 15 October 2025.

**Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Armstrong**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **7.1 MAYORAL REPORT OCTOBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/553

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Armstrong**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT OCTOBER 2025

File Number: RPT/25/556

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 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  
Circular 25-22
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 September 2025 report from the General Manager.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council receive and note the information contained within the September 2025 report from the General Manager.

**Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.2 2025 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS**

File Number: RPT/25/622

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: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

**Summary**

The ALGA National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress will be held from 11-12 November 2025 in Bendigo, Victoria. The theme of this year's Congress is "Driving National Productivity".

**Recommendation**

That Council determines attendance and attendees for the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress.

**Council Resolution**

That Council determined that a member of Staff and a Councillor attend the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/611

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 September 2025 were \$1,618,226.36. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 44.48%. For comparison purposes 45.9% of the levy had been collected at the end of September 2024. Council currently has \$41,066,419.66 in cash and investments.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/617

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 30 September 2025, Council had \$36 million invested in term deposits and \$5,066,419.66 in other cash investments. Council received \$215,532.00 from its investments for the month of September 2025.

In September 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 3.68% and it currently has \$6,522,314.93 of internal restrictions and \$31,211,962.54 of external restrictions.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

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

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.5 DRAFT 2024-2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - REFER TO AUDIT**

File Number: RPT/25/574

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

**Summary**

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (the Act) that Council prepare its Annual Financial Statements as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice.

The Financial Statements must be audited and the audit opinion issued by the Audit Office of NSW and lodged with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2025.

Section 413 and 418 of the Act and Clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) have a number of specific requirements that Council has to comply with in regards to the production, auditing and finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements and year end reporting requirements.

**Recommendation**

That Council certifies:

- a. That the Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:
  - i. The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and the Regulations made there under;
  - ii. The Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
  - iii. The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- b. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:
  - i. Present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the 2024/2025 financial year; and
  - ii. Accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- c. That Council is not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

That Council:

- a. Adopt the Councillors and Management Statement and resolves that it be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer and that it is attached to the financial statements;
- b. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to “finalise the date” at which the auditor’s report and financial statements are to be presented to the public; and
- c. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the auditor’s reports.

That Council:

- a. Refer the Draft 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements to audit.

### **Council Resolution**

That Council certifies:

- a. That the Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:
  - i. The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and the Regulations made there under;
  - ii. The Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
  - iii. The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- b. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:
  - i. Present fairly the Council’s operating result and financial position for the 2024/2025 financial year; and
  - ii. Accord with Council’s accounting and other records.
- c. That Council is not aware of any matter that would render these Statements false or misleading in any way.

That Council:

- a. Adopt the Councillors and Management Statement and resolves that it be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer and that it is attached to the financial statements;
- b. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to “finalise the date” at which the auditor’s report and financial statements are to be presented to the public; and
- c. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the auditor’s reports.

That Council:

- a. Refer the Draft 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements to audit.

**Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.6 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS**

File Number:	RPT/25/572
Responsible Officer:	Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division:	Corporate Services
Reporting Officer:	Mardi Cleggett - 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 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

**Summary**

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

The annual returns are required to be lodged within three (3) months following 30 June and must be tabled no later than the first available Council meeting in October.

As required by the Office of Local Government and the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (GIPA), the returns will be made available on Council's website after noting by Council.

**Recommendation**

That Council note the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons for the period 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025.

**Council Resolution**

That Council note the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons for the period 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025.

**Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.7 USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY**

File Number:	RPT/25/571
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 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

**Summary**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* Council is required to review and adopt nominated policies with 12 months of a Council election. Council reviews its other policies every four years in accordance with best practice procedures.

Council's *Use of Information Technology and Communication Devices Policy* has been reviewed in accordance with this review cycle. Minor amendments only from the previous version have been made.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the revised *Use of Information Technology and Communication Devices Policy* and adopts the Policy.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the revised *Use of Information Technology and Communication Devices Policy* and adopts the Policy.

**Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Weeding**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.8 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE FOR WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL - GOV018**

File Number: RPT/25/603

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
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: 4.3 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

**Summary**

Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires Council to adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the requirements of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. A new 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice for local councils has been released as part of the broader set of reforms to improve confidence, trust and transparency across NSW councils.

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* has been updated to reflect that the 2025 Model Meeting Code, published in the Gazette on 29 August 2025, is prescribed for the purposes of the Act section 360(1).

All councils will need to adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the revised Model Code no later than 31 December 2025.

**Recommendation**

That Council

(a) endorse the attached draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy and place on public exhibition for 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft Code, and

(b) following the public consultation period, a further report be presented to Council for final adoption.

**Council Resolution**

That Council:

Endorse the attached draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy and place on public exhibition for 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft Code, including amendments to the following non-mandatory options and supplementary provisions prior to exhibition of the draft policy:

- Giving notice of business to be considered at council meetings  
3.10 The time frame inserted at 3.10 is that which is currently exercised by Council.
- Standard of dress  
5.2 Any other option to the included description (i.e. business casual) as determined by Council.

- Order of business for ordinary council meetings

8.1 The general order of business inserted at 8.1 is that which is currently exercised by Council.

- Voting at council meetings

Clause 11.11 is selected in lieu of clauses 11.6 - 11.9 and 11.15. Clause 11.11 is Council's current practice and is an alternative to those clauses. The alternate clauses 11.6 - 11.9 and 11.15 read:

*If a councillor who has voted against a motion put at a council meeting so requests, the general manager must ensure that the councillor's dissenting vote is recorded in the council's minutes.*

*The decision of the chairperson as to the result of a vote is final unless the decision is immediately challenged and not fewer than two (2) councillors rise and call for a division.*

*When a division on a motion is called, the chairperson must ensure that the division takes place immediately. The general manager must ensure that the names of those who vote for the motion and those who vote against it are recorded in the council's minutes for the meeting.*

*When a division on a motion is called, any councillor who fails to vote will be recorded as having voted against the motion in accordance with clause 11.5 of this code.*

*For the purpose of maintaining the register, a division is taken to have been called whenever a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the council or a council committee.*

- Representation by members of the public

14.12 The described application process is that which is currently exercised by Council.

- Expulsion from meetings

15.15 Option 15.15 is currently exercised by Council and is included in the recommended draft, the alternate being Clause 15.16 which reads:

*All chairpersons of meetings of the council and committees of the council are authorized under this code to expel any persons other than a councillor, from a council or committee meeting, for the purposes of section 10(2)(b) of the Act. Councillors may only be expelled by resolution of the council or the committee of the council.*

- Rescinding or altering council decisions

17.10 Remove or amend the currently exercised inclusion which reads:

*A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution relating to a development application must be submitted to the general manager no later than the close of business **on the second business day** after the meeting at which the resolution was adopted.*

17.12-17.14 are non-mandatory additional clauses that provide for rescinding or altering council decisions 'in cases of urgency'. Whilst Council currently exercises those clauses it should be noted there is some change of wording although the intent of these clauses, which is to provide for cases of urgency, remains the same.

- Time limits on council meetings

18.1 The inserted time limit of 11pm is that which is currently exercised by Council.

- Minutes of council committee meetings

Clause 20.25 is not selected. It is not currently exercised by Council. Clause 20.25 reads:

*All voting at meetings of committees of the council (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote) being recorded.*

- Supplementary Provisions

These include the supplementary provision regarding storage of the Council seal as currently exercised by Council.

Additional supplementary provisions include Council Acknowledgement; Giving Notice of business to be considered at council meetings; Webcasting and Recording of Meetings; Lay on the Table/Defer Items; and Public Participation at Council Meetings.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Beaumont**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.9 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE RU4 LAND TO R5 AND INTRODUCE A 1500SQM MLS GOL GOL**

File Number:	RPT/25/621
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
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**

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 2 August 2024.

The Planning Proposal sought to amend the following provisions:

- Rezone subject land from RU4 Primary Production Small Lots to R5 Large Lot Residential
- Amend the Minimum Lot Size of the subject land from 10 ha to 1500 sqm

Public exhibition and external agency consultation was conducted in accordance with the Gateway Determination. One (1) public submission and 3 agency responses were received.

Minimal amendments have been made to the Planning Proposal as an outcome of public exhibition. The addition was for an additional permitted use over part of Lot 1 DP 439084 for Rural industry purposes, more specifically the regular servicing and repairs of plant and equipment used for the purposes of supporting rural enterprises.

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**

- a) That Council endorse the post exhibition documentation including amended planning proposal as outlined in this report.
- b) That Council, 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**

- a) That Council endorse the post exhibition documentation including amended planning proposal as outlined in this report.
- b) That Council, 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. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

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

**9.10 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATION REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/551

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Carmel Giugno - Administration 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 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

**Summary**

For the month of September 2025, a total of thirteen (13) Development Applications and six (6) Modification Application were determined.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,027,178.30 This brings the year to date total to 32 Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$7,830,925.07 and 9 Modification Applications.

**Recommendation**

That Council receives and notes the report for the Determined Development Applications for the month of September 2025.

**Council Resolution**

That Council receives and notes the report for the Determined Development Applications for the month of September 2025.

**Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.11 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

File Number: RPT/25/563

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

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live  
Strategy: 2.3 To have a safe community

**Summary**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, an Alcohol Free Zone may be re-established from time to time for further periods each not exceeding four years.

The expiry date for all Alcohol Free Zones was 30 June 2025. Therefore, Council needs to endorse the re-establishment of the current Alcohol Free Zones in place for Wentworth, Dareton and the Buronga Wetlands for a further period of four years.

**Recommendation**

That Council endorses the re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones at Wentworth, Dareton and the Buronga Wetlands for a further period of four years as identified in the attached maps and exhibits the documentation for community consultation for a period 28 days.

**Council Resolution**

That Council endorses the re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones at Wentworth, Dareton and the Buronga Wetlands for a further period of four years as identified in the attached maps and exhibits the documentation for community consultation for a period 28 days.

**Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Crisp**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.12 ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORT JULY 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/586

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering  
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering  
Reporting Officer: Barnaby Bates - Council Community Officer Road Safety

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live  
Strategy: 2.3 To have a safe community

**Summary**

This report is to provide Council with an update of the Road Safety Officer's activities from July 2025 to September 2025.

**Recommendation**

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for July 2025 to September 2025.

**Council Resolution**

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for July 2025 to September 2025.

**Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.13 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT OCTOBER 2025**

File Number: RPT/25/596

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 September 2025 and the planned activities for October 2025.

**Recommendation**

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in September 2025 and the scheduled works for October 2025.

**Council Resolution**

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in September 2025 and the scheduled works for October 2025.

**Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Nichols**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 CONTRACTS REGISTER**

File Number: RPT/25/552

**Motion**

That Council receive future Contracts Register reports in a way that aggregates all contractors by relative project with a progressive and total expenditure being provided per project and that in the interest of capturing the full cost of projects the report must transcend financial years where necessary.

That Council receive future Contracts Register reports in a way that aggregates all contractors by relative project with a progressive and total expenditure being provided per project and that in the interest of capturing the full cost of projects the report must transcend financial years where necessary.

**Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Starick****Amendment**

That council request the Director Corporate Services write a report that captures the intent of the notice of motion in a different format to the contracts register.

**Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Council Resolution**

That council request the Director Corporate Services write a report that captures the intent of the notice of motion in a different format to the contracts register.

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

### **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 and that Council admit the late supplementary item into the Confidential Agenda.

**Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

### 12.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 528 - MITSUBISHI FUSO CANTER - VR2526/528

File Number: RPT/25/557

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 accepted the tender from Johnsons Truck & Coach Service for the supply & delivery of one Hino 300 721 for the sum of \$120,000.00 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$8,800.00 inc GST for the Council owned Mitsubishi Fuso Canter, plant item 528 with a total changeover price of \$111,200.00 inc GST.

**12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 530 - JOHN DEERE 5093E TRACTOR - VR2526/530**

File Number: RPT/25/559

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Haeuslers Group for the supply & delivery of one John Deere 5090E tractor for the sum of \$134,750.00 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$32,400.00 inc GST for the Council owned John Deere Tractor, plant item 530 with a total changeover price of \$102,300.00 inc GST.

**12.3 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 532 - ISUZU NRP-190 TRUCK - VR2526/532**

File Number: RPT/25/560

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Johnson's Truck & Coach Service for the supply & delivery of one Hino 300 721 for the sum of \$ 178,000.00 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$30,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Isuzu NRP-190 Truck, plant item 532 with a total changeover price of \$148,000.00 inc GST.

**12.4 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 678 - TOYOTA PRADO - VR2526/678**

File Number: RPT/25/561

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford Everest for the sum of \$83,703.61 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$52,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Toyota Prado, plant item 678 with a total changeover price of \$31,703.61 inc GST.

**12.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 362 - FORD RANGER - VR2526/362**

File Number: RPT/25/567

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford Ranger for the sum of \$72,256.89 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$20,890.00 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 362 with a total changeover price of \$51,366.89 inc GST.

**12.6 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 640 & 643 - KIA OPTIMA - VR2526/640&643**

File Number: RPT/25/568

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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**REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Auto Synergy Mildura for the supply & delivery of two Subaru Foresters for the sum of \$87,426.82 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$18,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Kia Optima, plant item 640 & \$16,000.00 inc GST for Council owned Kia Optima, plant item 643 with a total changeover price of \$53,426.82 inc GST.

**12.7 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 676 - FORD RANGER - VR2526/676**

File Number: RPT/25/569

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Auto Synergy for the supply & delivery of one Isuzu D-Max for the sum of \$69,059.46 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$13,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 676 with a total changeover price of \$56,059.46 inc GST.

**12.8 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 681 - FORD RANGER - VR2526/681**

File Number: RPT/25/570

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford Ranger for the sum of \$73,824.25 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$22,590.00 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 681 with a total changeover price of \$51,234.25 inc GST.

**12.9 WENTWORTH ROWING CLUB EXTENSION - PT2526/02**

File Number: RPT/25/594

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Ivan McKenzie - Infrastructure Projects Officer

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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 CPM Building Contractors 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 PT2526/02 for \$281,985.00 GST Inclusive.

**12.10 PLANT PURCHASE - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF A USED ARTICULATED DUMP TRUCK**

File Number: RPT/25/562

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

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from KW Earthmoving & Concreting P/L for the supply of a Cat 735C 2017 model Articulated Dump Truck for the sum of \$451,275.00 inc GST as specified.

**13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 6:10pm

**NEXT MEETING**

19 November 2025

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**CHAIR**