



Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18 MARCH 2026

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 4:02pm

Councillor Beaumont acknowledged the passing of Mr Brian Grogan OAM on the 06 March 2026. Brian as the chair of the Greater Murray Darling Junction Interpretive Facility Committee was instrumental in achieving the construction of the platform at the junction island. His knowledge experience and expert leadership was pivotal in achieving that goal. Councillor Beaumont passed on his condolences to the Grogan family.

Mayor Linklater passed on his condolences to Mr Grogans children and 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
Councillor Jody Starick
Councillor Michael Weeding

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Ebony Carter (Business Support Officer)
Jamie-Lee Kelly (Administration Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Crisp advised that he had a less than significant non pecuniary interest in item 9.6 as he is a member of the board of the Sunraysia Early Settlers Museum.

Councillor Weeding advised he had a less than significant non pecuniary interest in item 9.9 as he has discussed sponsorship as a director of the Coomealla Club.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 February 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 February 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council admits to the agenda the late closed item 12.5

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS 18 MARCH 2026

File Number: RPT/26/99

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 18 March 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 18 March 2026.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT MARCH 2026

File Number: RPT/26/100

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report for March 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report for March 2026.

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 4 MARCH 2026

File Number: RPT/26/118

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: 3.3 Minimise the impact on our natural environment

Summary

A meeting of the Flood Risk Management Committee was held on 4 March 2026 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

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

1. Final Wentworth Flood Study Report
2. Wentworth Flood Study 2026 Development Control Plan Land Use Planning Provisions
3. Wentworth Flood Study 2026 Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Land Use Planning Provisions
4. Applying for funding for the Pooncarie Environs Flood Study

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorse the recommendations of the Flood Risk Management Committee as follows:

1. That Council adopt the final Wentworth Flood Study Report.
2. That Council
 - a) Endorse public exhibition of the interim Flood Planning Area mapping, Flood Planning Constraints Category mapping and suggested DCP wording under Appendix I of the flood report
 - b) Adopt and include the preliminary Flood Planning Area mapping, Flood Planning Constraints Category mapping and Development Control Plan wording into the Wentworth Development Control Plan after exhibition and review.
3. That Council, following adoption of the flood study, endorse Council staff commence using the 0.5m freeboard to determine the flood planning levels using the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood mapping within the report (amending the 0.75m within the current Wentworth Development Control Plan). This will include land within the suggested Development Control Plan under Appendix I of the flood report, until such time as that Development Control Plan chapter and accompanying mapping is

adopted by Council.

4. That Council apply to the next round of funding for a Pooncarie Environs Flood Study.

Council Resolution

That Council endorse the recommendations of the Flood Risk Management Committee as follows:

1. That Council adopt the final Wentworth Flood Study Report.
2. That Council
 - a) Endorse public exhibition of the interim Flood Planning Area mapping, Flood Planning Constraints Category mapping and suggested DCP wording under Appendix I of the flood report
 - b) Adopt and include the preliminary Flood Planning Area mapping, Flood Planning Constraints Category mapping and Development Control Plan wording into the Wentworth Development Control Plan after exhibition and review.
3. That Council, following adoption of the flood study, endorse Council staff commence using the 0.5m freeboard to determine the flood planning levels using the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood mapping within the report (amending the 0.75m within the current Wentworth Development Control Plan). This will include land within the suggested Development Control Plan under Appendix I of the flood report, until such time as that Development Control Plan chapter and accompanying mapping is adopted by Council.
4. That Council apply to the next round of funding for a Pooncarie Environs Flood Study.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 6 FEBRUARY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/105

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

Summary

A meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was held on 6 February 2026. The Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee considered the following items of business:

- Buronga Landfill Presentation
- Audit Office of NSW Update
- Internal Audit Extreme & High-Risk Recommendations Update
- Internal Audit Quarterly Update
- Quarterly Risk Report
- Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report
- Quarterly Budget Review – 2nd Quarter 2025-2026
- Draft Privacy Policy
- Draft Access to Information Policy
- Draft Complaint Management Policy
- Work Health & Safety Report
- Quarterly Fraud Report
- Quarterly report on Legislative Updates
- Cyber Security Quarterly Update
- Asset Management Plan Update

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee continues to operate in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW. The February meeting addressed all key areas of compliance,

providing assurance to Council regarding its governance, risk, compliance, financial and audit functions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2026.

That Council endorse the following draft policies to be placed on public exhibition

- GOV007 Privacy Policy
- GOV008 Access to Information Policy
- GOV012 Complaint Management Policy

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2026.

That Council endorse the following draft policies to be placed on public exhibition

- GOV007 Privacy Policy
- GOV008 Access to Information Policy
- GOV012 Complaint Management Policy

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

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

Against the Motion: ***Clr. Rodda.***

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT MARCH 2026

File Number: RPT/26/97

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

Council Circular 26-04

2. Meetings

As listed.

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed.

4. Other items of note

The Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra opening has been delayed until 24 April 2026 due to the impact of the massive rain event at the end of February.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the information contained within the March 2026 report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council receive and note the information contained within the March 2026 report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 ATTENDANCE TO THE 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

File Number:	RPT/26/83
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 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government is being held from 23 June to 25 June 2026 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra. The National General Assembly of Local Government provides an opportunity for Councils to identify and discuss national issues of priority for the sector.

Council is required to nominate and endorse delegates to attend the National General Assembly. In previous years the Mayor and General Manager have attended the conference and from time to time one other Councillor.

Please note that the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government conference will coincide with the 24 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting. This meeting cannot be brought forward due to the consultation period required for the Delivery Plan and Operation Plan 2026/27. These documents which will include the budget and Councils fees and charges are to be presented at the June Ordinary Council Meeting for endorsement.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Nominate delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held from 23 June to 25 June 2026
- b) Not send delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held from 23 June to 25 June 2026

Council Resolution

That Council:

- b) Not send delegates to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held from 23 June to 25 June 2026

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/110

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 February 2026 were \$ 1,288,377.57. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 71.3%. For comparison purposes 74.51% of the levy had been collected at the end of February 2025. Council currently has \$35,206,545.89 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for February 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for February 2026.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/108

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 28 February 2026, Council had \$31 million invested in term deposits and fixed bonds with \$4,206,545.89 in other cash investments. Council received \$71,643.04 from its investments for the month of February 2026.

In February 2026 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 3.52% and it currently has \$5,816,314.93 of internal restrictions and \$27,958,249.40 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report for February 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report for February 2026.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 QUARTERLY PROJECT REPORT

File Number: RPT/26/128

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

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

This report provides Council with an update on the progress of capital projects with an approved original budget greater than \$250,000, as well as projects that have exceeded this threshold due to approved variations. The report outlines expenditure to 31 December 2025, variations, delivery status, key risks and any issues impacting project timelines or costs.

For the reporting period ending 31 December 2025, there were 16 capital projects that met the reporting requirements and are included in this report.

Recommendation

That Council notes the report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the report.

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

File Number: RPT/26/107

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

Council has undertaken, and is planning to undertake, several strategic land acquisitions to support service delivery requirements. While each acquisition could have been funded individually from existing unrestricted cash reserves, the cumulative impact of four land purchases totaling \$2,455,000 over an 18-month period would place undue strain on Council's unrestricted cash and liquidity position.

This report recommends that Council borrow funds to reimburse prior land purchases and to fund future acquisitions. Borrowing allows Council to preserve adequate working capital, apply intergenerational equity principles, and spread the cost of long-life assets across the ratepayers that will benefit from them over time.

An analysis of borrowing options demonstrates that a longer loan term provides improved cash flow flexibility and better alignment with Council's long-term sustainability objectives.

Recommendation

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to reimburse Council from previous land purchases totaling \$1,400,000.

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to finance future land purchases totaling \$1,055,000.

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan agreement and affix the Council seal.

Motion

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to reimburse Council from previous land purchases totaling \$1,400,000.

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to finance future land purchases totaling \$1,055,000.

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan agreement and affix the Council seal.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick

Amendment

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to finance future land purchases totaling \$1,055,000.

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan agreement and affix the Council seal.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Beaumont, Evans, Nichols, Rodda, and Weeding.***

Against the Motion: ***Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp. Linklater and Starick.***

Council Resolution

That Council approves the borrowing of funds to finance future land purchases totaling \$1,055,000.

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign loan agreement and affix the Council seal.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED

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

Against the Motion: ***Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp and Linklater.***

9.7 COUNCIL USE OF CCTV POLICY FOR ADOPTION

File Number: RPT/26/116

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Mardi Cleggett - Governance Officer

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

Summary

Council has developed a *Council Use of CCTV Policy* to appropriately operate and manage CCTV systems installed across Council facilities and public spaces.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Council Use of CCTV Policy.

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the Council Use of CCTV Policy.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 WORKS IN KIND AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

File Number: RPT/26/106

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

Summary

This report seeks Council's consideration of the Draft Works in Kind Agreements for Developer Contributions Policy, which has been developed to provide a clear, consistent and transparent framework for the assessment and acceptance of works delivered by developers in lieu of monetary contributions.

The Policy clarifies when Works in Kind Agreements may be considered, the governance and approval requirements, valuation and certification processes, and the circumstances in which Works in Kind Agreements are not permitted.

Following public exhibition, during which no formal submissions were received, the policy is presented to Council for endorsement to support sound decision-making, reduce risk and ensure alignment with legislative requirements and best-practice governance.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Works in Kind Agreements for Developer Contributions Policy

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the Works in Kind Agreements for Developer Contributions Policy

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP - WENTWORTH SHIRE POONCARIE DESERT DASH.

File Number: RPT/26/120

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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 Sunraysia Motor Sports Club seeking funding support for the delivery of the Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash in 2026. The event organisers are seeking \$30,000 in sponsorship under the Event Funding Program to support a well-established major event that has operated in the region for the past five years. The event is projected to attract up to 1,200 visitors from outside the Wentworth region, each staying a minimum of three nights generating substantial tourism activity and economic benefit for the local economy.

Assessment against the program criteria indicates that the event delivers significant economic value, with modelling indicating the event is likely to inject approximately \$800,000 in direct expenditure within the local economy. When broader indirect and induced impacts are considered, the total regional economic contribution is projected to increase significantly, potentially reaching closer to \$1,500,000 in overall benefit

Recommendation

That Council approves funding support for the 2026 Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash, to be allocated from the Events Sponsorship Budget.

Motion

That Council approves the full \$30,000 request

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Starick

Amendment

That council maintain funding at the previous level of \$20,000

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

Further Amendment

That council provides \$25,000 in sponsorship to the event

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That council provides \$25,000 in sponsorship to the event

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATION REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/117

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Chloe Stephenson - Coordinator 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

For the month of February 2026, a total of 21 Development Applications and three (3) Modification Applications were determined.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$8,989,247.09. This brings the Financial year to date total to 119 Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$50,063,210.49 and 16 Modification Applications.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report for the Determined Development Applications for the month of February 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the report for the Determined Development Applications for the month of February 2026.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT MARCH 2026

File Number: RPT/26/115

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & 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 February 2026, and the planned activities for March 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in February 2026 and the scheduled works for March 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in February 2026 and the scheduled works for March 2026.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Crisp

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 Plant Replacement - Approval for Tender for Replacement of Plant 660 - Mazda BT50 - VR2526/660. (RPT/26/95)

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 PT2526/05 - Stabilisation Works - Various Roads. (RPT/26/96)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for

business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 PT2526/06 - Supply Road Base Material - Various Roads -. (RPT/26/102)

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

12.4 New kerbside waste collection contract. (RPT/26/131)

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12.5 PT2425/03 Bridge Lift and Maintenance 12 Month Contract Extension. (RPT/26/136)

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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 Plant Replacement - Approval for Tender for Replacement of Plant 660 - Mazda BT50 - VR2526/660. (RPT/26/95)

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 PT2526/05 - Stabilisation Works - Various Roads. (RPT/26/96)

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

12.3 PT2526/06 - Supply Road Base Material - Various Roads -. (RPT/26/102)

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

12.4 New kerbside waste collection contract. (RPT/26/131)

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

12.5 PT2425/03 Bridge Lift and Maintenance 12 Month Contract Extension. (RPT/26/136)

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.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL FOR TENDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 660 - MAZDA BT50 - VR2526/660

File Number: RPT/26/95

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & 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 Pioneer Ford for the supply & delivery of one Ford Ranger XL for the sum of \$51,310.00 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$15,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Mazda BT-50, plant item 660 with a total changeover price of \$36,310.00 inc GST.

12.2 PT2526/05 - STABILISATION WORKS - VARIOUS ROADS

File Number: RPT/26/96

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

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

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

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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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 Stabilco Pty Ltd to carry out the Stabilisation works as specified on Fletchers Lake Road, Memorial Road, River Road, Arumpo Road & Old Wentworth Road, Contract PT2526/05 in the amount of \$430,696.20 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.3 PT2526/06 - SUPPLY ROAD BASE MATERIAL - VARIOUS ROADS -

File Number: RPT/26/102

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

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

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

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from Mallee Earthmoving & Excavations Pty Ltd to carry out the supply of road base material for Contract PT2526/06 in the amount of \$570,446.80 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.4 NEW KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

File Number: RPT/26/131

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering
Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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

Strategy: 3.3 Minimise the impact on our natural environment

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

The General Manager advised that Council:

- a) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the proposed offer for Full Service Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO), Recycling & kerbside waste collection services submitted by Cleanaway,
- b) Authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to provide all waste collection services as specified for a 7 year contract term.
- c) Approved a 3 month extension of the current kerbside contract PT1314/12C to cover continued service provision until commencement of the new kerbside, Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) & Recycling service contract on 1 October 2026.

12.5 PT2425/03 BRIDGE LIFT AND MAINTENANCE 12 MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION

File Number: RPT/26/136

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

The General Manager advised that Council approved the 1 year extension of contract PT2425/03 Wentworth Shire Council Bridge Lifts and Maintenance, with Regional Power Services, in the amount of \$640.00 Including GST per bridge lift, based on the updated schedule of rates.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:17pm

NEXT MEETING

15 April 2026

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CHAIR