



**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

24 JUNE 2026

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 4:03PM

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

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

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

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Rodda advised she had a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.7 as it was her disclosure of interest return form

Councillor Weeding advised he had a non-pecuniary but significant interest in item 9.10 as he is a director at the Coomealla Club

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 May 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 May 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

Maria Cursaro spoke in favour of Council approving the Development Application for consideration of item 9.13

David Williams spoke in favour of Council approving the Development Application for consideration of item 9.13

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session. The meeting was reconvened at 4:15pm

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS 24 JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/255

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - 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: 4.3 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 24 June 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 24 June 2026

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**7.1 MAYORAL REPORT JUNE 2026**

File Number: RPT/26/253

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 WENTWORTH FLOOD RALLY (70 YEARS ON)

File Number: RPT/26/283

Summary

Councillor Crisp attended the celebrations for the Wentworth Flood Rally (70 Years On) over the June long weekend Friday 5 – Sunday 7.

Cr Crisp has provided the below report and will speak to his report further if required.

The Wentworth Flood Rally (70 Years On) was a great success from the Friday afternoon to the Sunday. Successful events just don't happen without a lot of collaboration, dedication, persistence, and hard work by those involved.

Our Visitor Information Centre staff including Hannah, Cathryn and Kendall deserve special praise.

TRACS (Tractor Restoration & Appreciation Club of Sunraysia) led by Alan Whyte, Ray Hill from the Vintage Machinery Society of Sunraysia (VMSOS) and the WSC traffic control staff ensured the tractor events went smoothly

The crowd turn out on Sunday was astounding and this event has shown our capability to achieve something special

Recommendation

That the information contained in the report from Councillor Crisp be noted and that the General Manager pass on the Councils commendation to all those involved in the Wentworth Flood Rally.

Council Resolution

That the information contained in the report from Councillor Crisp be noted and that the General Manager pass on the Councils commendation to all those involved in the Wentworth Flood Rally.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 14 MAY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/264

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 14 May 2026. The Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee considered the following items of business:

- 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 – 3rd Quarter 2025-2026
- Draft Procurement Policy
- Draft Statement of Business Ethics Policy
- Draft Credit Card Policy
- Quarterly Fraud Report
- Quarterly report on Legislative Updates
- Cyber Security Quarterly Update

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2026.

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

- GOV005 Procurement Policy
- GOV019 Statement of Business Ethics Policy
- GOV024 Credit Card Policy

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2026.

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

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- GOV019 Statement of Business Ethics Policy
- GOV024 Credit Card Policy

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 RESCISSION COUNCIL POLICY - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE 2025

File Number: RPT/26/289

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

Summary

The purpose of this report is to rescind the 2025 Code of Meeting Practice and reinstate Council's previously adopted Code of Meeting Practice containing the mandatory provisions of the 2021 Model Code of Meeting Practice and Council's adopted supplementary provisions.

Recommendation

1. That Council rescind the 2025 Code of Meeting Practice, due to the NSW Legislative Council on 26 May 2026 passing a motion to disallow the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) Regulation 2025.
2. That Council's previously adopted (16 July 2025) Code of Meeting Practice (Attachment 2 of the report) be adopted.

Council Resolution

1. That Council rescind the 2025 Code of Meeting Practice, due to the NSW Legislative Council on 26 May 2026 passing a motion to disallow the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) Regulation 2025.
2. That Council's previously adopted (16 July 2025) Code of Meeting Practice (Attachment 2 of the report) be adopted.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/254

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 is 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 26-05 2026/27 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Council Circular 26-07 Time Series Data 2024-25

Council Circular 26-08 Consultation on Councillor Conduct Reforms

2. Meetings

As listed.

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed.

4. Other items of note

The General Manager is taking leave from 4 July 2025 to 26 July 2026. Under Council's Delegations Policy an Acting General Manager receives the General Managers Delegation by resolution of Council. As such the General Manager recommends to Council that Director Geoff Gunn be the Acting General Manager in his absence.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receive and note the information contained within the June 2026 report from the General Manager.
- b) Appoint Director Geoff Gunn as Acting General Manager from 4 July to 26 July 2026

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receive and note the information contained within the June 2026 report from the General Manager.
- b) Appoint Director Geoff Gunn as Acting General Manager from 4 July to 26 July 2026

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/268

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 May 2026 were \$1,160,575.82. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 87.77%. For comparison purposes 90.02% of the levy had been collected at the end of May 2025. Council currently has \$34,321,218.70 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - MAY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/267

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 May 2026, Council had \$28 million invested in term deposits and fixed bonds with \$6,321,218.70 in other cash investments. Council received \$90,469.81 from its investments for the month of May 2026.

In May 2026 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.05% and it currently has \$4,427,895.39 of internal restrictions and \$28,748,396.53 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 ADOPTION OF THE 2026/2030 DELIVERY PROGRAM - 2026/2027 OPERATIONAL PLAN

File Number: RPT/26/260

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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

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

Summary

Following the presentation of the Draft 2026/2027 Operational Plan to the May Ordinary Council Meeting, the Draft Plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days as required under the *Local Government Act*.

Council is now required to consider all submissions received prior to adopting the 2026/2027 Operational Plan. This includes the following:

- The 2026/2026 Annual Statement of Revenue and the Annual Fees and Charges.
- The making and levying of rates and charges including
 - 3.20% increase in the Ordinary rate for 2026/2027.
 - 3.70% increase in Sewer Access Charges for 2026/2027.
 - 3.70% increase in Water Access Charges for 2026/2027.
 - Increase in Domestic Waste Charges for 2026/2027 in line with the provision of new services.
 - 3.70% increase in Water Consumption Charges for 2026/2027.
 - Charge the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges

Recommendation

That Council adopts the 2026-2030 Operational Plan as amended, having considered submissions received;

That Council resolves to increase the General rate for the 2026/2027 year by the maximum 3.20% rate pegged amount as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART);

That Council resolves to make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for Residential, Business and Farmland categories of rates under Sections 534, 535 & 537 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) for the 2026/2027 year including:

Farmland category

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Farmland

except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Farmland, Dry Land Grazing and Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

Farmland

- An ordinary rate of 0.00229167 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 29.06% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,433,076

Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

- An ordinary rate of 0.00180339 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Dry Land Grazing in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 17.01% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$938,274

Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

- An ordinary rate of 0.04285573 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 37.66% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$18,921

Residential Category**Wentworth**

- An ordinary rate of 0.00427538 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$240.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 35.95% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$418,611

Buronga

- An ordinary rate of 0.00336258 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.50% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$604,860

Gol Gol

- An ordinary rate of 0.00365342 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.91% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$890,010

Gol Gol East

- An ordinary rate of 0.00337775 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.84% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$540,622

Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.01961801 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 43.33% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$25,204

Dareton

- An ordinary rate of 0.00959530 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 40.94% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$96,443

Rural Residential

- An ordinary rate of 0.00269527 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural Residential, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 22.35% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$658,572

Business Category

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Business except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Business, Mourquong; Business, Trentham Cliffs; Business, Arumpo; Business, Wentworth; Business, Pooncarie (including all of the lands within the locality of Pooncarie sub categorised as Business Pooncarie except those lands within the township of Pooncarie).

Business

- An ordinary rate of 0.00424881 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 15.63% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$381,695

Business, Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00956230 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised

Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 33.86% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$43,058

Business, Mourquong

- An ordinary rate of 0.09794355 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.04% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$486,000

Business, Trentham Cliffs

- An ordinary rate of 0.00535371 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.46% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$13,870

Business, Arumpo

- An ordinary rate of 0.07113887 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.23% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$119,774

Business, Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.07907677 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$616,208

That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Sewer Services for 2026/2027 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Water Services for 2026/2027 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to make and levy a Domestic Waste Management charge for 2026/2027 year under Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on each parcel of rateable land of which the service is available as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to fix the fees and charges as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue; and

That Council resolves to charge the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges as

determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the 2026-2030 Operational Plan as amended, having considered submissions received;

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- An ordinary rate of 0.00424881 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 15.63% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$381,695

Business, Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00956230 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 33.86% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$43,058

Business, Mourquong

- An ordinary rate of 0.09794355 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.04% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$486,000

Business, Trentham Cliffs

- An ordinary rate of 0.00535371 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.46% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$13,870

Business, Arumpo

- An ordinary rate of 0.07113887 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.23% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$119,774

Business, Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.07907677 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for

each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$616,208

That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Sewer Services for 2026/2027 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to make and levy fees and charges for Water Services for 2026/2027 year as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to make and levy a Domestic Waste Management charge for 2026/2027 year under Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) on each parcel of rateable land of which the service is available as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue;

That Council resolves to fix the fees and charges as set out in the Annual Statement of Revenue; and

That Council resolves to charge the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION FOR 2026/2027

File Number: RPT/26/259

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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

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

Summary

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined a 3.70% increase to the Mayoral and Councillor fees for the 2026/2027 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2026.

Sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993* require Councils to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2026/2027 financial year. If a Council does not fix a fee, the Council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

The Remuneration Tribunal classifies the Wentworth Shire Council as a Rural Council. As such, the minimum fee for a Councillor is \$10,920 and the maximum allowable is \$14,450. In addition to the fee paid as a Councillor, the minimum fee payable to the Mayor is \$11,620 and the maximum fee is \$31,510.

In June 2025, Council resolved to increase the fees for 2025/2026 to the maximum amount. The fees for 2025/2026 are \$13,930 for Councillors plus an additional \$30,390 for the Mayor.

Recommendation

That Council sets the maximum level of fees to be paid to the Councillors (\$14,450) and Mayor (\$31,510) in accordance with the schedule of fees determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunals.

Council Resolution

That Council sets the maximum level of fees to be paid to the Councillors (\$14,450) and Mayor (\$31,510) in accordance with the schedule of fees determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunals.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURN

File Number: RPT/26/276

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

Summary

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

A Councillor or Designated Person must make and lodge with the General Manager a Disclosure of Interest Form within 3 months after:

- Becoming a Councillor or Designated Person; and
- After 30 June of each year; and
- The Councillor or Designated Person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 of the Policy that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs a) or b).

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

Recommendation

That Council notes the tabling of a Disclosure of Interest Return by Councillor Jo Rodda.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the tabling of a Disclosure of Interest Return by Councillor Jo Rodda.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

File Number: RPT/26/266

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

This report recommends the reappointment of Di Schmidt to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, concluding at the end of her allowable tenure under the guideline for risk management and internal audit for NSW local government.

A performance review conducted by the Director Corporate Services and the Chair of the Committee confirms that Di continues to make a strong contribution to the Committee's objectives.

Recommendation

That Council reappoints Di Schmidt as an Independent Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, noting that this term will take her to the end of her allowable period of membership.

Council Resolution

That Council reappoints Di Schmidt as an Independent Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, noting that this term will take her to the end of her allowable period of membership.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

File Number: RPT/26/277

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

This report recommends the reappointment of Rosanne Kava as the Independent Chair of Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, concluding at the end of her allowable tenure under the guideline for risk management and internal audit for NSW local government.

A performance review conducted by the Director Corporate Services and Cr Starick confirms that Rosanne continues to make a strong contribution to the Committee's objectives.

Recommendation

That Council reappoints Rosanne Kava as the Independent Chairperson to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, noting that this term will take her to the end of her allowable period of membership.

Council Resolution

That Council reappoints Rosanne Kava as the Independent Chairperson to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a further term of four (4) years, noting that this term will take her to the end of her allowable period of membership.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 04:52 pm Councillor Michael Weeding left the Council Chambers.

9.10 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT DARETON NSW

File Number: RPT/26/270

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

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

A Council resolution is required to commence compulsory acquisition, from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Crown Lands and private landholders, of:

- Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, and
- part Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961, and
- unidentified Crown land separating Lots 22 & 23 Deposited Plan 756961 from Lots 551 & 719 Deposited Plan 756961 and Lot 1057 Deposited Plan 40315 (the unidentified Crown land)

for public road, access, drainage infrastructure and recreation resulting in the delivery of residential land supply at Devenport Street, Dareton.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded pink in **Attachment AT-1**, for a future public road in accordance with section 177 of the *Roads Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- 2) Makes an application to the Minister and Governor for approval to acquire part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded pink in **AT-1**, in accordance with section 178(2) of the *Roads Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- 3) Proceed with the compulsory acquisition of:
 - part Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, and
 - part Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961, and
 - unidentified Crown land,

shown shaded yellow, orange, blue and green in **AT-1**, for the purposes of access, recreation and drainage infrastructure in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the

Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

4) Makes an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire:

- part Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, and
- part Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961, and
- unidentified Crown land,

shown shaded yellow, orange, blue and green in **AT-1**, in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

5) Makes the said applications in **(2)** and **(4)** with the opinion that native title has been extinguished by way of public work.

6) In the event that the Office of Local Government does not accept Council's opinion in **(5)** makes the said application in **(4)** stating that the purpose of the acquisition of all rights and interests including native title rights and interests, is to confer rights and interests, being:

- the right to develop and maintain drainage and water supply facilities, and
- the right to provide legal access
- the right to develop recreation areas

in relation to the land to be acquired, on Wentworth Shire Council in accordance with section 26(1)(c)(iii)(A) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

7) Does not acquire the mineral rights over the land to be acquired.

8) Confirms the acquisition of the land is not for the purpose of resale.

9) Classifies the part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded blue in **AT-1**, as community land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

10) Classifies the part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, the part of Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961 and the unidentified Crown land, shown shaded yellow, orange and green in **AT-1**, as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

11) Delegate to the General Manager or his delegate, the power to do anything further as necessary to give effect to the compulsory acquisition including obtaining any necessary approvals and publishing any necessary notices in the Gazette.

12) Agrees to the land being acquired for compensation, at the market value of the land, to an amount determined by the Valuer General.

13) Approves the granting of the following easements to Western Murray Irrigation Limited, on the basis that they are forgiven without compensation once they are no longer required:

- Easement for Water Supply 10.06 wide over that part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown with dashed blue line on **AT-1**.

- Easement for Drainage 10.06 wide over that part of the unidentified Crown land, shown with dashed red line on **AT-1**.

14) Approves the granting of easements for access to:

- the owners of Lot 2 Deposited Plan 1278190, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow and the land shaded orange in **AT-1**.
- the owners of Lot 22 Deposited Plan 756962, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow in **AT-1**.
- the owners of Lot 23 Deposited Plan 756962, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow and green in **AT-1**.

15) Grants authority to the General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1) Proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded pink in **Attachment AT-1**, for a future public road in accordance with section 177 of the *Roads Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- 2) Makes an application to the Minister and Governor for approval to acquire part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded pink in **AT-1**, in accordance with section 178(2) of the *Roads Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- 3) Proceed with the compulsory acquisition of:
 - part Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, and
 - part Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961, and
 - unidentified Crown land,

shown shaded yellow, orange, blue and green in **AT-1**, for the purposes of access, recreation and drainage infrastructure in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

4) Makes an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire:

- part Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, and
- part Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961, and
- unidentified Crown land,

shown shaded yellow, orange, blue and green in **AT-1**, in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

5) Makes the said applications in **(2)** and **(4)** with the opinion that native title has been extinguished by way of public work.

- 6) In the event that the Office of Local Government does not accept Council's opinion in (5) makes the said application in (4) stating that the purpose of the acquisition of all rights and interests including native title rights and interests, is to confer rights and interests, being:

- the right to develop and maintain drainage and water supply facilities, and
- the right to provide legal access
- the right to develop recreation areas

in relation to the land to be acquired, on Wentworth Shire Council in accordance with section 26(1)(c)(iii)(A) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

- 7) Does not acquire the mineral rights over the land to be acquired.
- 8) Confirms the acquisition of the land is not for the purpose of resale.
- 9) Classifies the part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown shaded blue in **AT-1**, as community land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 10) Classifies the part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, the part of Lot 503 Deposited Plan 756961 and the unidentified Crown land, shown shaded yellow, orange and green in **AT-1**, as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 11) Delegate to the General Manager or his delegate, the power to do anything further as necessary to give effect to the compulsory acquisition including obtaining any necessary approvals and publishing any necessary notices in the Gazette.
- 12) Agrees to the land being acquired for compensation, at the market value of the land, to an amount determined by the Valuer General.
- 13) Approves the granting of the following easements to Western Murray Irrigation Limited, on the basis that they are forgiven without compensation once they are no longer required:
- Easement for Water Supply 10.06 wide over that part of Lot 519 Deposited Plan 1216747, shown with dashed blue line on **AT-1**.
 - Easement for Drainage 10.06 wide over that part of the unidentified Crown land, shown with dashed red line on **AT-1**.
- 14) Approves the granting of easements for access to:
- the owners of Lot 2 Deposited Plan 1278190, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow and the land shaded orange in **AT-1**.
 - the owners of Lot 22 Deposited Plan 756962, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow in **AT-1**.
 - the owners of Lot 23 Deposited Plan 756962, over the land adjoining that parcel, shown shaded yellow and green in **AT-1**.
- 15) Grants authority to the General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 04:54 pm Councillor Michael Weeding returned to Council Chambers.

9.11 GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

File Number: RPT/26/271

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

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

Wentworth Shire Council by resolution adopted the draft Generic Plan of Management in July 2022 (RPT/21/694) and resolved to apply to the former Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for Minister consent to undertake community consultation / public hearing requirements under Section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Notes the submissions received and the outcomes of the Public Hearing Report regarding the draft Wentworth Shire Council Generic Plan of Management Public Hearing held on 22 April 2026.
- 2) Adopts the Public Hearing Report and the recommendations to categorise Council-owned community land as General Community Use.
- 3) Delegates authority to the General Manger or his delegate to make amendments and changes as required.
- 4) Authorises the General Manager to provide notice of the Generic draft Plan of Management to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands seeking Minster's consent to adopt Wentworth Shire Council's Generic Plan of Management.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1) Notes the submissions received and the outcomes of the Public Hearing Report regarding the draft Wentworth Shire Council Generic Plan of Management Public Hearing held on 22 April 2026.
- 2) Adopts the Public Hearing Report and the recommendations to categorise Council-owned community land as General Community Use.
- 3) Delegates authority to the General Manger or his delegate to make amendments and changes as required.
- 4) Authorises the General Manager to provide notice of the Generic draft Plan of Management to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands seeking Minster's consent to adopt Wentworth Shire Council's Generic Plan of Management.

\Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY

File Number: RPT/26/278

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

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

At the April meeting of Council the Mobile Food Vendor Policy was considered and the following was adopted

1. Endorse the Draft Mobile Food Vendor Policy for public exhibition for 28 days including the opt in to the mutual recognition scheme
2. determine a fee of \$180 for the mutual recognition scheme process.

After this and throughout the advertising period there were 23 submissions received – all of which conveyed comments relative to the site within the James King Park Reserve.

To clarify this, it should be noted that the policy has implications to the operation of mobile food vans at all of the following locations.

Junction Park Wentworth, O'Donnell Park Curlwaa, Boat Ramp Reserve Dareton, Travelers Rest Stop Buronga, Riverfront Reserve Buronga and James King Park Gol Gol.

In preparation for this Council meeting, Council's Community Road Safety Officer compiled a report related to the matters raised in the submissions and drawing a conclusion based on experience, knowledge and site inspection observations. The conclusion of that separate report states "The proposed vendor site, adjacent to the highway, is a safer location that mitigates community exposure to unnecessary risk within the recreation al park area."

Recommendation

That Council

adopts the Mobile Food Vendor Policy, having considered submissions received

Motion

That Council

adopts the Mobile Food Vendor Policy, having considered submissions received

Amendment

That Council

- a) adopts the Mobile Food Vendor Policy, having considered submissions received
- b) that council staff develop an appropriate charge for mobile food vendors who operate on the same or similar location for 8 or more days out of every fourteen and that the fee be include in the 2027/28 operational fees and charges

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council

- a) adopts the Mobile Food Vendor Policy, having considered submissions received
- b) that council staff develop an appropriate charge for mobile food vendors who operate on the same or similar location for 8 or more days out of every fourteen and that the fee be include in the 2027/28 operational fees and charges

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 DA2026/011 DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING WITH GARAGE, SWIMMING POOL WITH SAFETY BARRIER AND STORAGE SHED WITH WET AREA STURT HIGHWAY LOT 2 DP 1284408 TRENTAM CLIFFS

File Number: RPT/26/273

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

A development application (DA2026/011) was lodged with Council on 16 January 2026 for a dwelling and storage shed at Sturt Highway Lot 2 DP 1284408 Trentam Cliffs.

Under the RU4 Primary Production Small Lots zoning of the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP 2011), the proposed development (dwelling house and ancillary development) is permitted with consent if the requirements under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* are met.

Clause 4.2B relates to “Erection of dwelling houses on land in Zones RU1, RU4, R5, C3 and C4” and establishes that development consent may only be granted for dwelling houses within the specified zones in instances where:

(3) Development consent must not be granted for the erection of a dwelling house on land in a zone to which this clause applies unless the land is—

(a) a lot that is at least the minimum lot size specified for that land by the [Lot Size Map](#), or

(b) a lot created under an environmental planning instrument before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house was permissible immediately before that commencement, or

(c) a lot resulting from a subdivision for which development consent (or equivalent) was granted before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house would have been permissible if the plan of subdivision had been registered before that commencement.

The proposed erection of a dwelling house on the site does not meet the requirements of clause 4.2B(3)(a),(b) & (c) included above as follows:

(a) The lot is below the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) for the zone at 1.735ha where the MLS is 10ha, thus preventing the approval of a dwelling on the lot.

(b) Allotment was created using Clause 4.2 which prohibits future dwellings.

The proposed development is on land with an area of 1.735 ha, below the MLS of 10ha which permits dwellings. This variation is greater than 10%, as such, the application cannot be determined by delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Determine DA2026/011 for a double storey dwelling with garage, swimming pool with safety barrier and storage shed with wet area at STURT HIGHWAY LOT 2 DP 1284408 TRENTHAM CLIFFS from the two nominated options within the report.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve DA2026/011, double storey dwelling with garage, swimming pool with safety barrier and storage shed with wet area at Sturt Highway Lot 2 DP 1284408 Trentham Cliffs, Excluding condition D1, being the allotment should go through a boundary realignment with adjoining land or subdivision, using legislation that does not prohibit dwellings on the new allotment.

Including the provision of additional documents:

- Complete site plan including access from Sturt Highway
- Retaining wall elevations
- Shadow diagrams meeting all requirements
- Tennis court details
- Fencing or lighting associated with the tennis court
- Rain water tank elevations

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

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

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

9.14 DA2026/091 TWO (2) STOREY DWELLING WITH GARAGE, SWIMMING POOL WITH SAFETY BARRIER AND BOUNDARY FENCE 113 ADELAIDE STREET LOT 221 DP 43587 GOL GOL

File Number: RPT/26/279

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Strategic Planner

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

A development application (DA2026/091) was received by Council on 21st May 2025 for a Two-Storey Dwelling with Garage & Swimming Pool with Safety Barrier & Boundary Fence at 113 Adelaide Street, Gol Gol (Lot 221 DP43587).

Under the RU5 Village zoning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011), the proposed Two-Storey dwelling with attached garage (swimming pool with barrier) is permitted with consent with the Dwelling with attached Garage being the primary use and the Swimming Pool with Safety Barrier & Boundary fence being ancillary land uses to the dwelling if requirements under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* are met.

River front area is defined as “the land between the river front building line and the highest bank of the Murray River or, if there is no river front building line, the land within 30 metres of the highest bank of the River” in WLEP 2011.

Murray River is defined as “includes the Darling River and the Great Darling Anabranch” in WLEP 2011.

Clause 7.6(2) establishes that despite any other provision in the LEP, development consent may only be granted for development on land in a river front area for various purposes listed in 7.6(2) of the WLEP 2011, none of which include the Dwelling with attached garage and the swimming pool (including safety fence & boundary fence). The proposed development does not fall within those purposes. The applicant has provided a written Clause 4.6 request to vary the numerical development standard – development on river front area in Clauses 7.6 (2) of the WLEP 2011. Clause 4.6(2) of the WLEP 2011 allows variations of development standards.

The proposed dwelling is approximately 14.7m (measured) from high bank of river, with a variation of 51% (from the 30m setback). In addition, the swimming pool (and associated safety barrier and boundary fence is 13.7m (measured) from high bank of river where this represents a 54% variation to the standard. Due to the variation being greater than 10%, the application cannot be determined under delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2026/091 for the two-storey dwelling with attached garage, and swimming pool (with safety barrier and boundary fence) at 113 Adelaide Street, Gol Gol (Lot 221 DP 43587).
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2026/091 for the two-storey dwelling with attached garage, and swimming pool (with safety barrier and boundary fence) at 113 Adelaide Street, Gol Gol (Lot 221 DP 43587).
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

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

9.15 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATION REPORT - MAY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/265

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 May 2026, a total of 25 Development Applications and five (5) Modification Applications were determined.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$9,910,892.88. This brings the financial year to date total to 186 Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$73,304,140.35 and 26 Modification Applications.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.16 ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL 2026 - JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/274

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Barnaby Bates - Council Community Officer Road Safety

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

Strategy: 1.3 High quality connectivity across the region

Summary

This report is to provide Council with an update of the Road Safety Officer's activities from April 2026 to June 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for April 2026 to June 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for April 2026 to June 2026.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.17 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/272

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 May 2026, and the planned activities for June 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in May 2026 and the scheduled works for June 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in May 2026 and the scheduled works for June 2026.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 5:21pm

NEXT MEETING

15 July 2026

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CHAIR