



**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

15 JULY 2026

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

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

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: Geoff Gunn (Acting General Manager)
Scott Barnes (Acting Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Ebony Carter (Acting Executive Assistant to General Manager)
Jamie-Lee Kelly (Acting Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Armstrong advised he had a non-pecuniary and less than significant interest in item 9.8 as one of the directors of the applicant is a client in his normal line of work.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 24 June 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 24 June 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

Roy Costa spoke against Council consideration of the Development Application item 9.8

Michele Bos spoke in favour of Council approving the Development Application for consideration of item 9.9

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session. The meeting was reconvened at 4:26pm

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS 15 JULY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/318

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 15 July 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 15 July 2026.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT JULY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/319

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Linklater advised the chamber that he spoke to Councillor Graeme Milne, Mayor of Buloke Shire Council to express our Council and communities condolences to his community following the tragic passing of young Layla Jeffery earlier this month. Taking note that the chamber is wearing a splash of pink to acknowledge what is a dreadful situation. The Mayor extended his thoughts to the family, Laylas classmates, teachers and the whole community as these sort of tragic events create an enormous ripple effect.

7.2 WENTWORTH ROTARY CHANGEOVER DINNER & MEETING WITH SHADOW MINISTER FOR WATER THE HON. MICHAEL MCCORMACK MP

File Number: RPT/26/351

Summary

Councillor Crisp attended the Wentworth Rotary Club Change Over Dinner on Tuesday 30 June 2026 and a meeting with the Shadow Minister for Water the Hon. Michael McCormack MP on the 06 July 2026

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

Wentworth Rotary Club Changeover Dinner

On Tuesday June 30 I attended the Wentworth Rotary Change over dinner and funding distribution to local organisations

Twenty-two organisations benefited from the OP Shop totaling \$44,325

Other Rotary operations distributed \$48,394. The largest investment was to works at the Wentworth Goal totaling \$24,681.

A fantastic effort from a local organisation

Meeting with Shadow Minister for Water the Hon. Michael McCormack MP

I attended a meeting with the Shadow Minister for Water the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Dr Anne Webster and Mildura Rural City Council CEO

I presented the RAMJO submission to the Basin plan review and briefly discussed the recommendations and highlighted pages 29 SDLAM accounting

Mildura did likewise from the Murray Group of councils

The Lower Darling was discussed

The Coalition policy to trade surplus Enviro water was discussed as part of a discussion on Works & Measures

Accounting/converting non water measures that improve the flood plain health such as removing noxious weeds, feral animals (pigs) and carp from the river could be used as enviro water offsets in covert these measures to mgl.

There was a joint discussion (Mildura Council led) on funding pathways and the lack of in recent years

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT JULY 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/320
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering
Responsible Division:	Roads and Engineering
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:	4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

The Acting 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 - GC-155 – 2026/27 Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) – Advance Payment

Council Circular - 26-09 - The Local Government (General) Amendment (Meetings) Regulation 2026

2. **Meetings**

As listed.

3. **Upcoming meetings or events**

As listed.

4. **Other items of note**

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/310

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

Summary

The Local Government New South Wales 2026 Annual Conference is being held from Sunday 22 November to Tuesday 24 November at WIN Sports & Entertainment Centres, in Wollongong. This forum is the main Local Government policy making forum for Local Government New South Wales. In previous years Council has been represented by the Mayor and the General Manager at the conference. Councillors should also consider any motions to be put forward at the Conference, which will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting in August.

Recommendation

That Council nominate the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Local Government New South Wales 2026 Annual Conference from Sunday 22 November to Tuesday 24 November and that the Mayor be Councils voting delegate.

Council Resolution

That Council nominate the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Local Government New South Wales 2026 Annual Conference from Sunday 22 November to Tuesday 24 November and that the Mayor be Councils voting delegate.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/328

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 June 2026 were \$709,078.91. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 92.46%. For comparison purposes 94.12% of the levy had been collected at the end of June 2025. Council currently has \$37,942,957.94 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/311

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

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

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

Summary

As of 30 June 2026, Council had \$33 million invested in term deposits and fixed bonds with \$4,942,957.94 in other cash investments. Council received \$95,719.92 from its investments for the month of June 2026.

In June 2026 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.14% and it currently has \$4,456,679.35 of internal restrictions and \$27,413,166.49 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 USE OF PLANNING CONSULTANTS

File Number: RPT/26/325

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

Council's Planning Department is currently experiencing ongoing resourcing constraints due to three (3) vacant positions within the approved organisational structure. These vacancies have created pressure on Council's ability to maintain statutory planning functions and service delivery timeframes.

To address these challenges, Council has engaged planning consultants to provide planning services on an interim basis. The engagement has been undertaken in accordance with the NSW Local Government Procurement Panel Contract LGP1208-4 – Professional Consulting Services, which is exempt from the requirement to tender under Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council has now successfully recruited a Planning Manager, who is scheduled to commence on 1 September 2026. While this appointment represents a significant milestone in restoring the Department's capacity, it is anticipated that consultant support will continue to be required during the transition period while the new Manager assumes responsibility and reviews workloads.

Current expenditure is approaching \$700,000 and this report seeks Council approval to authorise the General Manager to expend a further \$400,000 (GST Exc) to ensure continuity of planning services to 31 December 2026, by which time it is anticipated that reliance on external consultants will have reduced substantially and may no longer be required.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Notes the engagement of consultants for the provision of Planning Services support.
- b) Authorises the General Manager to expend up to \$400,000 (GST Exc) for the engagement of planning consultants to support the Planning Department until 31 December 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Notes the engagement of consultants for the provision of Planning Services support.
- b) Authorises the General Manager to expend up to \$400,000 (GST Exc) for the engagement of planning consultants to support the Planning Department until 31

December 2026.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 REQUEST FOR EVENT FUNDING, 2026 SPIRIT OF CRICKET

File Number: RPT/26/337

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Aaron Hawkins - Manager 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 Mr Anthony Telfer seeking funding support for the Spirit of Cricket Festival in 2026. The event organiser is seeking \$20,000 in cash sponsorship under the Event Funding Program to support a well-established major event operating across both the Wentworth Shire and Mildura Rural City Council. The event is projected to attract 200-300 visitors from outside the Wentworth region, each staying over 16 days.

Assessment against the program criteria indicates that the event delivers significant economic value, with modelling indicating the event is likely to inject approximately \$250,000 within the local economy.

Recommendation

That Council based on the information provided in the report approves option a.

Motion

That Council provide a partial contribution of \$8,250.00.

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Nichols

Amendment

That Council provide a partial contribution of \$8,250 cash contribution plus in kind venue hire.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council provide a partial contribution of \$8,250 cash contribution plus in kind venue hire.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 REQUEST FOR EVENT FUNDING - SUNRAYSIA SAFARI RALLY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/340

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Aaron Hawkins - Manager 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 Mr Troy Bennett seeking funding support for the delivery of the Sunraysia Safari Rally in 2026. The event organiser is seeking \$20,000 in cash sponsorship and additional in kind support under the Event Funding Program to support a well-established major event operating in the Wentworth Shire since 2017.

In kind value including venue hire, camping, cleaning, rubbish and power would equate to approximately \$20,000.

The event is projected to attract up to 480 visitors from outside the Wentworth region, each staying a minimum of seven nights generating substantial tourism activity and economic benefit for the local economy.

The event demonstrates strong alignment with the objectives of the Event Funding Program and delivers measurable economic benefits. The estimated direct expenditure of approximately \$698,000 and total economic impact exceeding \$1 million, provides a solid return on investment for the region.

Recommendation

That Council consider the contents of the report and choose one of the suggested options.

Council Resolution

That Council provide a partial contribution of \$25,000 being made up of cash and in kind support.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.8 DA2025/021 MANUFACTURED HOME ESTATE 78 CORBERTT AVENUE
BURONGA LOT 2 DP 1300239**

File Number: RPT/26/291

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

Council Resolution

That Council lay item 9.8 on the table

Moved Cr. Nichols, 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, Beaumont, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Nichols, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.***

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

Summary

A development application (DA2025/021) was lodged by Council on 11 February 2025 for a manufactured home estate at 78 Corbett Avenue Buronga Lot 2 DP 1300239.

Under the RU5 Village zoning of the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP 2011), the proposed development (manufactured home estate) is permitted with consent.

The *Local Government Act 1993* defines manufactured home estate as:

- ***manufactured home estate*** means land on which manufactured homes are, or are to be, erected.

The *Local Government Act 1993* defines manufactured home as:

- ***manufactured home*** means a self-contained dwelling (that is, a dwelling that includes at least one kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and living area and that also includes toilet and laundry facilities), being a dwelling—
 - a) *that comprises one or more major sections, and*
 - b) *that is not a motor vehicle, trailer or other registrable vehicle within the meaning of the Road Transport Act 2013,*
- *and includes any associated structures that form part of the dwelling.*

During public exhibition, nine (9) submissions were received (2 being the same submitter) raising concerns about the proposed development.

For Council to have the legal pre-requisite power to approve development applications, the following must be provided:

- Written Land owners consent as per section 23 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*. License and leases are not considered land owners consent
- For land formally used for agriculture/horticulture use, a Preliminary Site Investigation for contamination **must** be provided to Council as per Chapter 4 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 (R&H SEPP).

For Council to be able to approve a development application for a manufactured home estate, a number of prerequisites must be met:

- Satisfy matters under Chapter 3, Part 8 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (Housing SEPP)
- Have a design consistent with Part 2 Division 3 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*
- The development must be capable of being adequately serviced as per clause 7.2 of the WLEP 2011
- Matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

The application was presented to Council at the 13 May 2026 ordinary Council meeting with a recommendation for refusal. A decision was made by Council to lay the matter on the table (defer determination).

To date, the above matters have not been met, and insufficient information has been provided with the development application.

The application has been presented to Council for determination and was not determined under delegation for the following reasons:

- The application is recommended for refusal
- More than 3 submissions were received to the application

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Refuse DA2025/021 for a manufactured home estate at 78 Corbett Avenue Buronga Lot 2 DP 1300239 subject to reasons.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

**9.9 DA2025/193 DWELLING (CONCEPT APPLICATION) 205 DELTA ROAD
CURLWAA LOT 60 DP 1320296**

File Number: RPT/26/339

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 (DA2025/193) was received by Council on 14 November 2025 for a dwelling concept application at 205 Delta Road Lot 60 DP 1320296 Curlwaa.

Under the RU1 Primary Production zoning of the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP 2011), the proposed concept development (dwelling house) is permitted with consent if the requirements under section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* are met.

Clause 4.2B of the WLEP 2011 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:

- 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) shown above as follows:

- a) The lot is below the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) for the zone at 4.397 ha where the MLS is 10000ha.
- b) Allotment was approved and created after the commencement of this plan.

The proposed development is on land with an area of 4.397 ha, below the MLS of 10000ha 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 DA2025/193 for a dwelling (concept application) at 205 Delta Road Lot 60 DP 1320296 Curlwaa 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 DA2025/193 for a concept development for a dwelling at 205 Delta Road Lot 60 DP 1320296 Curlwaa subject to draft conditions of consent excluding condition 4.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

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

Council Resolution

That Council take a brief adjournment.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND TO OPERATIONAL

File Number: RPT/26/288

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

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

Section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) notes that before Council acquires land, or within three months after it acquires land, Council may classify the subject land by resolution.

The purpose of classification is to identify Council owned land which should be kept for use by the general public (community) or for Council purposes (operational).

A resolution of Council, within the timeframe prescribed in the Act is required to finalise the classification of land as Operational. Should the classification process not be completed, the land will automatically default to Community Land.

Recommendation

That Council:

Classifies part Lot 1 Deposited Plan 13232396, the Wentworth Aerodrome runway extension as Operational Land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council Resolution

That Council:

Classifies part Lot 1 Deposited Plan 13232396, the Wentworth Aerodrome runway extension as Operational Land in accordance with section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

File Number: RPT/26/346

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Chloe Stephenson - Coordinator Health & Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

Council has received a request from the Wentworth District Rowing Club Inc to lift the alcohol-free zone for the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area for one (1) event in Wentworth. The Wentworth District Rowing Club has sought approval for the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in past years for community events in the same area. There have been no incidents or problems in past events that would warrant Council refusing the temporary lifting of the alcohol-free zone as requested.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) In accordance with Section 645 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area as shown on the map attached to this report, on Saturday 31 October 2026 and Sunday 1 November 2026 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm
- b) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and, Councils website and other social media
- c) Advise the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) In accordance with Section 645 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth District Rowing Club Lawns area as shown on the map attached to this report, on Saturday 31 October 2026 and Sunday 1 November 2026 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm
- b) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and, Councils website and other social media
- c) Advise the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATION REPORT - JUNE 2026

File Number: RPT/26/344

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 June 2026, a total of 30 Development Applications and seven (7) Modification Applications were determined.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$17,506,164.20. This brings the financial year to date total to 216 Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$90,810,304.55 and 33 Modification Applications.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT JULY 2026

File Number: RPT/26/256

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 June 2026, and the planned activities for July 2026.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting for only so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

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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.

Council Resolution

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Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 CADELL STREET SHARED PATH - PT2526/07-2

File Number: RPT/26/327

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director of Roads & Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Taygun Saritoprak - Project 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

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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That Council, in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, accepted the tender from Oliver Concreting Pty Ltd for Contract PT2526/07-2 in the amount of \$227,410.00 (ex GST), and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the Council seal.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 5:54pm

NEXT MEETING

19 August 2026

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CHAIR