ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES

16 SEPTEMBER 2026

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 4:00pm.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:	Councillor Daniel Linklater Councillor Jon Armstrong Councillor Brian Beaumont Councillor Peter Crisp Councillor Greg Evans Councillor Susan Nichols Councillor Jo Rodda Councillor Jody Starick Councillor Michael Weeding
STAFF:	Ken Ross (General Manager) Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering) Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy) Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager) Ebony Carter (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

That Council grants the Leave of Absence Requests from Cr Beaumont from 17 September 2026 to 25 October 2026 & Cr Armstrong from 19 September 2026 to 28 September 2026.

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 19 August 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 19 August 2026 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum

Brenton Jardine spoke against Item 9.11

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session. The meeting was reconvened at 4:07pm.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/484
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:	4.3 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 16 September 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items for Council Resolutions as at 16 September 2026.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

File Number: RPT/26/482

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Crisp and Cr Starick provided an update from the Western Division of Councils.

Mayoral Minute
Indian Delegation Visit

The purpose of the minute is to seek the allocation of $5,000 to match Mildura Rural City Councils budget for a civic reception. The visit is to foster cultural and civic exchange and for the Indian delegation to experience our region, its industry, and the potential for enhancing our trading relationship. The combined $10,000 budget will fund a civic reception, accommodation and transportation (vehicles) around our region

Mayoral Minute

That Council allocate $5,000 to match the MRCC Civic Reception budget to support appropriate hospitality for a delegation visiting from Punjab State, India 15-17 October 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council allocate $5,000 to match the MRCC Civic Reception budget to support appropriate hospitality for a delegation visiting from Punjab State, India 15-17 October 2026.

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 MDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/513
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy:	3.3 Minimise the impact on our natural environment

Summary

Cr Evans has provided a brief of the Murray Darling Associations Annual National Conference 2026 held in Shepparton VIC which he attended.

Recommendation

That Cr Evans report on the MDA National Conference be received and noted.

Council Resolution

That Cr Evans report on the MDA National Conference be received and noted.

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 13 AUGUST 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/498
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 13 August 2026. The Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee considered the following items of business:

- Committee Terms of Reference
- Annual Report
- 2026-2027 Work Plan
- Audit Office of NSW Update
- Review of Internal Audit Charter
- Internal Audit Quarterly Update
- Business Continuity Plan Exercise
- Waste Services Contract – Probity Advisor Final Report
- Quarterly Risk Report
- Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report
- Quarterly Budget Review – 4th Quarter 2025-2026
- Council Policies – Review of Key Governance Policies
- Asset Management Plans Update
- Quarterly Fraud Report
- Quarterly report on Legislative Updates
- Cyber Security Quarterly Update

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

a) Receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2026.

b) Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

c) Adopt the following policies:

- GOV023 Conflict of Interest Policy
- GOV003 Fraud Control Policy
- GOV001 Gifts and Benefits Policy

Council Resolution

That Council:

a) Receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2026.

b) Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

c) Adopt the following policies:

- GOV023 Conflict of Interest Policy
- GOV003 Fraud Control Policy
- GOV001 Gifts and Benefits Policy

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Officer Recommendation

That Council move Item 9.11 to the front of the agenda to be resolved now.

Council Resolution

That the order of reports to Council be suspended to allow Item 9.11 to be debated.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 STATUTORY MEETING ITEM - ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

File Number: RPT/26/478

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

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

Councils that elect their Mayors are required to do so under the *Local Government Act 1993* section 290(1)(a) at the first meeting after an ordinary election of councillors, and within 3 weeks after the ordinary election
(b) if it is not that first election or an election to fill a casual vacancy--during the month of September

Under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Schedule 7*, provides for the election of a Mayor by Councillors by either ordinary ballot, open voting or by preferential ballot.

This procedure is overseen with the returning officer duties performed by the General Manager.

Mayor Linklater vacated the chair

Recommendation

1. That Council determines in the event of two or more nominations being received for Mayor the process to elect the Mayor either by ordinary ballot (secret ballot) **or** open voting **or** preferential ballot;
2. That the General Manager receives nominations for the position of Mayor and declares whether an election is required, and if so conducts the election.
3. That Council determines if the position of Deputy Mayor will be elected for the Mayoral term being two years, or a shorter term.
4. That the General Manager receives nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and declares whether an election is required, and if so conducts the election.

Council Resolution

1. That Council determined in the event of two or more nominations being received for Mayor the process to elect the Mayor will be by open voting.
2. That the General Manager received one nomination for the position of Mayor and declared an election is not required.
3. That Council determined that the position of Deputy Mayor be elected for the Mayoral term being two years.

4. That the General Manager received one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor and declared an election is not required.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The General Manager, being the returning officer, advised he had received (one) 1 nominations for the position of Mayor, being:

- Cr Daniel Linklater

Cr Crisp nominated Cr Linklater for Mayor seconded by Cr Starick, being only one nomination for Mayor, Cr Linklater is duly declared as Mayor unopposed for a period of 2 years.

The General Manager advised that the Deputy Mayor position was now vacant and advised he had received (one) 1 nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor, being:

- Cr Peter Crisp

Cr Linklater nominated Cr Crisp for Deputy Mayor seconded by Cr Evans, being only one nomination for Deputy Mayor, Cr Crisp is duly declared Deputy Mayor unopposed for a period of 2 years.

Mayor Linklater resumed the chair

9.2 STATUTORY MEETING ITEM - DELEGATIONS TO MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

File Number:	RPT/26/489
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.3 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

Summary

The purpose of this report is to establish the delegated authority of the Mayor. Council Policy GOV009 sets the delegations for these positions. The policy is attached for reference to the schedules. There have been no amendments made to the delegation schedules.

Recommendation

That Council:

a) Retains all functions, duties and responsibilities outlined in schedule 1 of Council Policy GOV009

b) Pursuant to Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegates to the Mayor, as elected at the Council Meeting on 16 September 2026, the powers, duties, authorities and functions of the position as listed in schedule 2 of the Delegation Policy (GOV009).

c) Resolves that in the absence of the Mayor, and when officially acting in the position of Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, as elected at the Council Meeting on 16 September 2026 is authorised to exercise delegations of the Mayor as listed in schedule 2 of the Delegation Policy (GOV009).

d) Resolves that the delegations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor remain in place for the term of this Council or until revoked or amended by Council.

Council Resolution

That Council:

a) Retains all functions, duties and responsibilities outlined in schedule 1 of Council Policy GOV009

b) Pursuant to Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegates to the Mayor, as elected at the Council Meeting on 16 September 2026, the powers, duties, authorities and functions of the position as listed in schedule 2 of the Delegation Policy (GOV009).

c) Resolves that in the absence of the Mayor, and when officially acting in the position of Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, as elected at the Council Meeting on 16 September 2026 is authorised to exercise delegations of the Mayor as listed in schedule 2 of the Delegation Policy (GOV009).

d) Resolves that the delegations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor remain in place for the term of this Council or until revoked or amended by Council.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 STATUTORY MEETING ITEM - COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

File Number:	RPT/26/475
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

The purpose of this report is to set the date and time for the Ordinary Meetings of Council for the next twelve months.

Recommendation

That Council resolves the following in relation to Ordinary Meetings of Council:

1. Ordinary future meetings of Council will be held on the third Wednesday of all months except January 2027, May 2027 & June 2027, commencing at 4.00pm
2. The Ordinary meetings will be held Wednesday 12 May 2027 & Wednesday 23 June 2027, commencing at 4.00pm
3. The January 2027 meeting will not be held.

Council Resolution

That Council resolves the following in relation to Ordinary Meetings of Council:

1. Ordinary future meetings of Council will be held on the third Wednesday of all months except January 2027, June 2027, commencing at 4.00pm
2. The Ordinary meetings will be held Wednesday 19 May 2027 & Wednesday 30 June 2027, commencing at 4.00pm
3. The January 2027 meeting will not be held.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 REVIEW OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/476
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

The Statutory meeting of Council is an opportunity for Council to review the committee structure that it requires for the upcoming 12 month period. Council is able to determine the number and type of committees that it wishes to establish and the functions of each committee.

Recommendation

That Council maintains the status quo of names and numbers of representation on the Internal Committees as provided in the attachment to this report.

Council Resolution

That Council maintains the status quo of names and numbers of representation on the Internal Committees as provided in the attachment to this report.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 REVIEW OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEES 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/517
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

In order to respond to the needs of its community, Council annually reviews the External Committees to which it has appointed representatives. Representation on these committees is important in our community engagement obligations.

Recommendation

That Council maintains the status quo of names and numbers of representations on the Internal Committees as provided in the attachment to this report.

Council Resolution

That Council maintains the status quo of names and numbers of representations on the Internal Committees as provided in the attachment to this report.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

File Number: RPT/26/483

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 26-15 – Elections for Mayors and Elections for Chairpersons of Joint Organisation and County Councils.
   - Council Circular 26-17 – Local Government Performance Ratios Discussion Paper
   - Council Circular 26-18 – Consultation in Model Code of Conduct for Council Staff Delegates and Committee Members
   - Council Circular 26-19 – Completion of Evaluation – Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Laws

2. Meetings

   As listed.

3. Upcoming meetings or events

   As listed.

4. Other items of note

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

File Number:	RPT/26/497
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

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) is established under section 428A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and in accordance with the guidelines for *risk management and internal audit for local councils in NSW.*

The ARIC provides independent assurance and advice to Council on governance, risk management and internal control, financial reporting, service reviews, continuous improvement and compliance.

This Annual Report provides an overview of the Committee's activities during 2025-2026 and demonstrates compliance with the Guidelines.

Committee Membership

- Independent Chair: Rosanne Kava
- Independent Member: Dianne Schmidt
- Independent Member: Caroline Smith
- Councillor Representative: Cr Jody Starick

The Committee met 5 times during the reporting year. All meetings were conducted in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

- 15 August 2025
- 26 September 2025 (standalone meeting to review the Annual Financial Statements)
- 12 November 2025
- 06 February 2026
- 14 May 2026

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Report for the year end 30 June 2026

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Report for the year end 30 June 2026

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - AUGUST 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/492
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 August 2026 were $3,175,521.22**.** After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 33.21**%.** For comparison purposes 32.52**%** of the levy had been collected at the end of August 2025. Council currently has $38,543,885.88 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/493
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 responsibily and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

As of 31 August 2026, Council had $31 million invested in term deposits and fixed bonds with $7,543,885.88 in other cash investments. Council received $108,561.09 from its investments for the month of August 2026.

In August 2026 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.35% and it currently has $4,580,371.92 of internal restrictions and $28,440,552.37 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 A54 WILGA ROAD - ROAD CLOSURE AND LAND SWAP

File Number: RPT/26/494

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

Summary

This report is submitted to obtain Council authority to:

1. Acquire Lot 540 DP1297629, being part of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol that fronts Wilga Road, to complete and formalise the realignment of the Wilga Road to a consistent 20-metre-wide road corridor; and
2. To complete the land acquisition by an exchange of land with the landowner in lieu of the payment of compensation.
3. For the land exchange to be completed, Council must first formally close an unused portion of Wilga Road in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorise the acquisition of Lot 540 DP1297629, being part of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, as shown shaded on Attachment 2 for the widening of Wilga Road under the *Roads Act 1993*.
2. Council authorise the formal closure of the portion of Public Road adjoining Lot 1 DP 803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, as shown hatched in Attachment 1 under the *Roads Act 1993*.
3. Council publicly notify the formal closure in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993* and the General Manager be delegated authority to resolve any submissions or objections to the road closure.
4. Upon closure, pursuant to section 43 of the *Roads Act 1993*, the land vest to Council as Operational Land for the purpose of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
5. Pursuant to section 44 of the *Roads Act 1993*, Council authorities a land exchange with the owners of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, of the closure portion of public road as compensation for the land being acquired for road widening.
6. The General Manager be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions for the land exchange with the landowners of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, including entering into a Deed of Agreement or Contract for the Sale of Land (whichever is recommended by Council's legal representative).
7. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to affix the Common Seal of Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution and the General

Manager be authorised to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Council Resolution
That Council:

1. Authorise the acquisition of Lot 540 DP1297629, being part of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, as shown shaded on Attachment 2 for the widening of Wilga Road under the *Roads Act 1993*.
2. Council authorise the formal closure of the portion of Public Road adjoining Lot 1 DP 803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, as shown hatched in Attachment 1 under the *Roads Act 1993*.
3. Council publicly notify the formal closure in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993* and the General Manager be delegated authority to resolve any submissions or objections to the road closure.
4. Upon closure, pursuant to section 43 of the *Roads Act 1993*, the land vest to Council as Operational Land for the purpose of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
5. Pursuant to section 44 of the *Roads Act 1993*, Council authorities a land exchange with the owners of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, of the closure portion of public road as compensation for the land being acquired for road widening.
6. The General Manager be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions for the land exchange with the landowners of Lot 1 DP803555, known as 101 Wilga Road, Gol Gol, including entering into a Deed of Agreement or Contract for the Sale of Land (whichever is recommended by Council's legal representative).
7. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to affix the Common Seal of Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution and the General Manager be authorised to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 DA2026/063 TWO LOT BOUNDARY RE-ALIGNMENT LOT 5 DP 1253993 AND LOT 3 DP 1250369 POMONA

File Number: RPT/26/499

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

This Item was debated at the commencement of Council report prior to Item 9.1

Summary

A development application (DA2026/063) was lodged with Council for a two (2) lot boundary adjustment at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP 2011), subdivision (which includes boundary re-alignments) is a development type permitted with consent.

The proposed development will adjust the existing boundaries between allotments from 13.8ha and 4876.279ha to 19.24ha and 4,870.9ha.

The application was publicly notified for 14 days as per the Council Community Participation Plan. During the public notification five (5) submissions were received by Council, although one was subsequently withdrawn, raising concerns to the proposed development.

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 WLEP 2011, 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 a subdivision. The proposed boundary re-alignment 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 development is for land with river frontage, with a variation of 100%.

As per Council delegations, applications with more than 10% variation and any development applications with three (3) or more submissions cannot be determined under delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve DA2026/063 for a two lot boundary re-alignment at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona subject to conditions.

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

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve DA2026/063 for a two lot boundary re-alignment at Lot 5 DP 1253993 and Lot 3 DP 1250369 Pomona subject to conditions.

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

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED

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

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

Council Resolution

That Council move back to the main agenda following a short break.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATION REPORT - AUGUST 2026

File Number:	RPT/26/500
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 August 2026, a total of 14 Development Applications and seven (7) Modification Applications were determined.

The estimated value of the determined developments was $6,271,381.18. This brings the financial year to date total to 29 Development Applications with an estimated development value of $12,452,547.47 and 11 Modification Applications.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

File Number: RPT/26/488

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 August 2026, and the planned activities for September 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in August 2026 and the scheduled works for September 2026.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in August 2026 and the scheduled works for September 2026.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 SECURING OUR WATER SUPPLY

File Number: RPT/26/514

Motion

That Council:

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Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 5:48PM

NEXT MEETING

21 October 2026 at 4pm.

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CHAIR