



# **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES**

of the Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers,  
Lands Building, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

**12 MAY 2026**

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GENERAL MANAGER**

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25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth  
TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026 at 6PM

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**PRESENT:** Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Steve Mears, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendon North, Cr Charles Impey and Cr Ryan Brooke.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The General Manager, Acting Director Liveable Communities, Executive Manager Creative Communities and Experiences, Director Regional Services, Director Water and Waste and Acting Executive Manager Strategy and Performance.

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## 1 **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Sutherland who is unable to attend the Meeting due to work commitments.

### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke**

That the apology be accepted and Cr Sutherland be granted leave of absence from the Meeting.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

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1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**105/26 RESOLVED**

## 2 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026, copies of which were circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

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1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears

Nil

5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

**106/26 RESOLVED**

### **3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

**Cr Charles Impey** declared a conflict of interest in Item 11.1 “E135-2025 – Expression of Interest – Proposed Lease of 7-11A Anne Street, South Tamworth” of the Business Paper, for the reason that he provides assistance to students at his place of employment that are associated with the proponents mentioned in the report. Cr Impey further declared that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

**Cr Mark Rodda** declared a conflict of interest in Item 7.6 “Sheba Dam Spillway and Channel Remediation – Request to Lower Spoil Disposal Charges” of the Business Paper, for the reason that his Employer would undertake the works required in the report. Cr Rodda further declared that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest but that he would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

### **4 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

### **5 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **6 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

#### **6.1 DRAFT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENTS - CALALA BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND THUNDERBOLT WIND FARM**

**DIRECTORATE:** LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES  
**AUTHOR:** Jordan Kirk, Renewable Energy Project Coordinator  
**Reference:** Item 7.3 to Ordinary Meeting 13 August 2024 - Minute No 202/24

#### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Budd**

That in relation to the report “Draft Voluntary Planning Agreements - Calala Battery Energy Storage System and Thunderbolt Wind Farm”, Council:

- (i) endorse the public exhibition of the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreements, omitting the second row of Table 1, for a period of 28 days; and

- (ii) receive a subsequent report to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council to detail the outcomes on the public exhibition.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**107/26 RESOLVED**

## **7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

### **7.1 PEEL RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**DIRECTORATE:**

**WATER AND WASTE**

**AUTHOR:**

Kate Perryman, Operations Environmental Officer  
Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations

**Reference:**

Item 8.2 to Ordinary Council 11 April 2023 - Minute No 72/23  
Item 6.1 to Ordinary Council 27 May 2025 - Minute No 113/25  
Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 22 July 2025 - Minute No 168/25

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Mears**

That in relation to the report "Peel River Environmental Improvements", Council:

- (i) receive and note the report; and
- (ii) endorse the proposed grant funding application as detailed in the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**108/26 RESOLVED**

## 7.2 RURAL FIRE SERVICE KOOTINGAL BRIGADE SHED EXTENSION

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Murray Russell, Manager - Operations  
Angie Taylor, Operations Engineer

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “Rural Fire Service Kootingal Brigade Shed Extension”, Council authorises the General Manager to allocate \$80,000 from Parry Bushfire Reserve (Section 7.11 developer contributions-funded) for the purposes of an extension to the existing Kootingal RFS brigade station.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**109/26 RESOLVED**

## 7.3 HEADWORKS CHARGES - DA2026-0002 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANGE ROOMS NORTH COMPANIONS FOOTBALL CLUB - MARIUS STREET TAMWORTH

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Rodda

That in relation to the report “Headworks Charges – DA2026-0002 Construction of New Change Rooms North Companions Football Club – Marius Street, Tamworth’ Council suspend the payment of the headworks charges levied on the development of the new change rooms (DA 2026-0002) subject to a review of the Headworks Policy pertaining to not-for-profit organisations utilising Council owned facilities. The reviewed Policy to be approved by Council.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda	Nil

7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

**110/26 RESOLVED**

#### **7.4 NEW DUNGOWAN PIPELINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION - DEED OF VARIATION TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**  
**AUTHOR: Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations**

**Reference: Item 8.3 to Ordinary Council 25 January 2022 - Minute No 18/22**  
**Item 12.5 to Ordinary Council 22 February 2022 - Minute No 56/22**  
**Item 8.2 to Ordinary Council 12 July 2022 - Minute No 206/22**  
**Item 12.5 to Ordinary Council 9 May 2023 - Minute No 97/23**  
**Item 8.5 to Ordinary Council 28 November 2023 - Minute No 295/23**  
**Item 8.2 to Ordinary Council 26 August 2025 - Minute No 206/25**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North**

That in relation to the report "New Dungowan Pipeline Easement Acquisition - Deed of Variation to Memorandum of Understanding", Council:

- (i) receive and note the report; and
- (ii) authorise the Director Water and Waste to execute the Deed of Variation to the Memorandum of Understanding for the new Dungowan Pipeline Easement Acquisition executed on 23 April 2024.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

Nil

**111/26 RESOLVED**

## 7.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY OPENING

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Doug Hughes, Manager - Waste & Resource Recovery

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Waste Management Facilities - ANZAC Day Public Holiday Opening”, Council agree that for future years when ANZAC day:

- (i) falls on a weekday and the public holiday coincides with ANZAC day, regional waste facilities will close, the Forest Road Waste Facility will open with reduced staff numbers and only accept waste from Councils’ kerb side collection; and
- (ii) falls on the weekend and the public holiday is on a different weekday, all waste facilities including Forest Road will close on ANZAC day itself and all facilities will open as normal/rostered on the allotted public holiday.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**112/26 RESOLVED**

**Cr Mark Rodda** declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper, for the reason that his Employer would undertake the works required in the report. Cr Rodda further declared that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest but that he would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

Cr Mark Rodda left the Meeting, the time being 6:21pm.

## 7.6 SHEBA DAM SPILLWAY AND CHANNEL REMEDIATION - REQUEST TO LOWER SPOIL DISPOSAL CHARGES

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Sheba Dam Spillway and Channel Remediation - Request to Lower Spoil Disposal Charges”, Council

- (i) do not agree to lower the gate fee associated with the disposal, at Council’s Forest Road Waste Management Facility, of contaminated waste removed as part of the Sheba Dam Spillway and Channel remediation project to be completed by NSW Crown Lands, Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure, and/or its nominated contractor by 25%; and

- (ii) request that applications to alter gate fees for contaminated waste continue to be referred to the elected Council for determination via a Council Meeting agenda item into the future.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**113/26 RESOLVED**

Cr Mark Rodda returned to the Meeting, the time being 6:27pm.

**7.7 REGIONAL WATER NETWORK LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Impey**

That in relation to the report "Regional Water Network Leak Detection Program", Council receive and note the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**114/26 RESOLVED**

**7.8 MEMBERSHIP OF THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste

**Reference:** Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 11 October 2022 - Minute No 295/22

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr North/Cr Sharpham**

That in relation to the report "Membership of the Murray Darling Association", Council

withdraw as a member of the Murray Darling Association

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Brendon North
4. Cr Matthew Sharpham
5. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Stephen Mears
3. Cr Mark Rodda

**115/26 RESOLVED**

## **8 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE**

### **8.1 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS) SUMMIT - GOLD COAST - 4 JUNE 2026**

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Karen Litchfield, Acting Executive Manager Strategy & Performance

#### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey**

That in relation to the report "Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Summit - Gold Coast - 4 June 2026", Council approve the attendance of Cr Sutherland to the Forum as a panel member.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

Nil

**116/26 RESOLVED**

### **8.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - EXHIBITION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET, DRAFT STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT ANNUAL FEES & CHARGES**

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Katie Alchin, Manager Strategy & Performance  
Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services

#### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Brooke/Cr North**

That in relation to the report "Integrated Planning and Reporting - Exhibition of Draft

Operational Plan and Budget, Draft Statement of Revenue Policy and Draft Annual Fees & Charges”, Council:

- (i) place the proposed draft documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with section 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993;
- (ii) require a further report to be submitted at the completion of the formal exhibition period detailing any submissions received during exhibition for Council’s consideration and final adoption of the documents;
- (iii) note the draft budget contains saving measures of \$3.6M that will need to be identified in the first quarter of the new financial year; additional information is contained in the report titled “2026-2027 Draft Budget Review”; and
- (iv) note that the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is being prepared for presentation at the Council Meeting of 30 June 2026, prior to being placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days. In accordance with mandatory requirements submissions will be accepted and considered before the Long-Term Financial Plan is adopted by Council.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**117/26 RESOLVED**

### **8.3 2026 - 2027 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW**

**DIRECTORATE:**  
**AUTHOR:**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**  
**Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North**

That in relation to the report “2026-2027 Draft Budget Review”, Council:

- (i) commit to identifying and delivering General Fund saving measures of \$3.6M with regards to the 2026/27 Annual Budget.
- (ii) commit to a timeframe for finding these savings. It is recommended that \$2.6M be identified and incorporated in the first quarterly budget review. The remaining \$1M to be identified and fully incorporated by 31 March 2027. All savings would be disclosed in the monthly budget variation reports.
- (iii) note that any material variations to the budget for 2026-2027 has the potential to reduce Council’s internal discretionary cash reserves for current and future years; if this occurs it will trigger the need to find commensurate savings elsewhere. Ensuring solid discretionary cash reserves are maintained, will mean

that there is a sufficient cash buffer to offset the timing of cash flows for General Fund operations. This is crucial to avoid utilising externally restricted cash in its day to day General Fund operations.

- (iv) identify and realise alternate saving amounts to those outlined in the Special Variation (SV) application to IPART 2024-25. To date, none of the anticipated realisable savings have been delivered and are not included in Council's Delivery Program or Long Term Financial Plans. In order to incorporate these savings into future Annual Budgets and Delivery Programs they should be identified by 28 February 2027.
- (v) take action to reduce internal loans within General Fund which are estimated to be \$30M as at 30 June 2026.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**118/26 RESOLVED**

## **9 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **9.1 TENNIS AUSTRALIA TWO YEAR FUNDING REQUEST**

**DIRECTORATE:** CREATIVE COMMUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES  
**AUTHOR:** Linda Bridges, Coordinator Visitor Economy

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr North/Cr Budd**

That in relation to the report "Tennis Australia Two Year Funding Request", Council approves the request of \$30,000 per year to host an ITF World Tennis Tour event in Tamworth for 2026 and 2027.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**119/26 RESOLVED**

## 10 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 6.54pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council.

The General Manager advised the Chairperson that no written public submissions or representations had been received as to whether or not part of the Meeting should be closed to the public. The Chairperson asked any members of the Council whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council. One submission was made by Mr Ben Hopkins who requested Item 11.4 be heard in Open Council. The Mayor advised that this was a tender report and as such for commercial in confidence reasons the Councillors would need to discuss the matter in Closed Council.

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sharpham

That the confidential reports as listed be considered in a Meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

### 120/26 RESOLVED

#### 10.1 E135-2025 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PROPOSED LEASE OF 7-11A ANNE STREET, SOUTH TAMWORTH

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d)i of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### 10.2 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION BLOCK E AT THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING TAMWORTH (IFTT) FACILITY - TAMWORTH REGIONAL AIRPORT

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer  
**Reference:** Item 12.8 to Ordinary Council 13 August 2024 - Minute No. 226/24

**Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 362//24**

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d)i of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**10.3 T059/2008 TAMWORTH EFFLUENT REUSE FARM OPERATIONS - HARLEY HAY LEGAL MATTER**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**

**AUTHOR: Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations**

**Reference: Item 12.3 to Ordinary Council 23 February 2021 - Minute No 45/21**

**Item 12.4 to Ordinary Council 25 May 2021 - Minute No 155/21**

**Item 12.12 to Ordinary Council 14 February 2023 - Minute No 22/23**

**Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 10 March 2026 - Minute No 41/26**

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

**10.4 T084-2026 DUNGOWAN DAM SAFETY REVIEW**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**

**AUTHOR: James McLoughney, Manager - Projects, Strategy & Infrastructure**

**1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)i&(d)ii of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

## 11 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

**Cr Charles Impey** declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper, for the reason that he provides assistance to students at his place of employment that are associated with the proponents mentioned in the report. Cr Impey further declared that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

### 11.1 E135-2025 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PROPOSED LEASE OF 7-11A ANNE STREET, SOUTH TAMWORTH

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

#### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “E135-2025 - Expression of Interest - Proposed Lease of 7-11A Anne Street, South Tamworth”, Council, defer the recommendation to allow for the TRC Commercial Property Team and the Manager of Sport and Recreation negotiate a suitable outcome with the current occupant, specifically addressing any subletting issues and ensuring that this Unique Olympic sport has a home in Tamworth.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
 THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
 THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**121/26 RESOLVED**

### 11.2 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION BLOCK E AT THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING TAMWORTH (IFTT) FACILITY - TAMWORTH REGIONAL AIRPORT

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

**Reference:** Item 12.8 to Ordinary Council 13 August 2024 - Minute No. 226/24  
 Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 362//24

#### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Proposed Licence Agreement of Accommodation Block E at the International Flight Training Tamworth (IFTT) Facility - Tamworth Regional Airport”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and enter into licence

agreements for Accommodation Blocks at the International Flight Training Tamworth (IFTT) Facility as set out in the body of this report; and

- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the licence agreement and any other associated documents in order to give effect to Council's Resolution.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**122/26 RESOLVED**

### **11.3 T059/2008 TAMWORTH EFFLUENT REUSE FARM OPERATIONS - HARLEY HAY LEGAL MATTER**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations

**Reference:** Item 12.3 to Ordinary Council 23 February 2021 - Minute No 45/21  
 Item 12.4 to Ordinary Council 25 May 2021 - Minute No 155/21  
 Item 12.12 to Ordinary Council 14 February 2023 - Minute No 22/23  
 Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 10 March 2026 - Minute No 41/26

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Impey/Cr Budd**

That in relation to the report "T059/2008 Tamworth Effluent Reuse Farm Operations - Harley Hay Legal Matter", Council receive and note the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**123/26 RESOLVED**

#### 11.4 T084-2026 DUNGOWAN DAM SAFETY REVIEW

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** James McLoughney, Manager - Projects, Strategy & Infrastructure

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

#### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Mears/Cr Sharpham

That in relation to the report “T084-2026 Dungowan Dam Safety Review”, Council accept the Tender from SMEC for the amount as detailed in the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

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1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**124/26 RESOLVED**

Minutes

## 12 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

That Council move into Open Council.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
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| 1. Cr Ryan Brooke      | Nil |
| 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd     |     |
| 3. Cr Charles Impey    |     |
| 4. Cr Stephen Mears    |     |
| 5. Cr Brendon North    |     |
| 6. Cr Mark Rodda       |     |
| 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham |     |
| 8. Cr Russell Webb     |     |

### 125/26 RESOLVED

At 7.12pm the meeting moved back into Open Council.

In accordance with the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.17, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Council.

**Closure:** There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 7.13pm.

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

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