



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

13 MAY 2025

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ORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Lands Building,
25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth
TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 at 6.30PM

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PRESENT: Cr Jeff Budd (Deputy Mayor), Cr Charles Impey, Cr Brendon North, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Ryan Brooke

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

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Russell Webb (Mayor) who is unable to attend due to being out of the LGA on business.

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Mark Rodda who is unable to attend due to personal reasons.

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Stephen Mears who is unable to attend due to personal reasons.

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North

That the apology be accepted and Cr Russell Webb (Mayor) Cr Mark Rodda and Cr Stephen Mears 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	Nil
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd	
3. Cr Charles Impey	
4. Cr Brendon North	
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham	
6. Cr Marc Sutherland	

105/25 RESOLVED

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

NIL

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Brooke

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 April 2025, 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	Nil
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd	
3. Cr Charles Impey	
4. Cr Brendon North	

5. Cr Matthew Sharpham
6. Cr Marc Sutherland

106/25 RESOLVED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Brendon North declared a conflict of interest in Item 10.1 “Tennis Australia Funding Request” of the Business Paper, for the reason that his business supplies to the host venue, being The Courts at East. Cr North further stated that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

8.1 NAMING OF THE BENDEMEER SPORTSGROUND THE KEN BRETT MEMORIAL SPORTSGROUND

**DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:**

REGIONAL SERVICES

Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation
Richard Willis, Sport and Recreation Development Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Naming of the Bendemeer Sportsground the Ken Brett Memorial Sportsground”, Council:

- (i) place on public exhibition the proposal to name the Bendemeer Sportsground the “Ken Brett Memorial Sportsground” for a period of 28 days;
- (ii) in the absence of any formal objection to the proposed naming, agree to adopt the name “Ken Brett Memorial Sportsground” for the Bendemeer sportsground; and
- (iii) permit the Bendemeer community to erect appropriate signage.

**COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR
THE DECISION**

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Brendon North

**COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST
THE DECISION**

Nil

5. Cr Matthew Sharpham
6. Cr Marc Sutherland

107/25 RESOLVED

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - EXHIBITION OF DRAFT DELIVERY PLAN, ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET, RESOURCING STRATEGY, REVENUE POLICY AND ANNUAL FEES & CHARGES

DIRECTORATE: **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**
AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Internal Auditor

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Integrated Planning and Reporting – Exhibition of Draft Delivery Plan, Annual Operational Plan and Budget, Resourcing Strategy, Revenue Policy and 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; and
- (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.

**COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR
THE DECISION**

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham
6. Cr Marc Sutherland

**COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST
THE DECISION**

Nil

108/25 RESOLVED

9.2 AMENDMENT TO ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

DIRECTORATE: **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**
AUTHOR: Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

Reference: Item 9.1 to Ordinary Meeting of 10 December 2024 -
Minute No 357/24

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Sharpham

That in relation to the report “Amendment to Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule”, Council amend the Council Meeting schedule to add an Ordinary Meeting to be held on Monday, 30 June 2025.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST

THE DECISION	THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke	Nil
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd	
3. Cr Charles Impey	
4. Cr Brendon North	
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham	
6. Cr Marc Sutherland	

109/25 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cr Brendon North declared a conflict of interest in this item of the Business Paper, for the reason that his business supplies to the host venue, being The Courts at East. Cr North further stated that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

10.1 TENNIS AUSTRALIA FUNDING REQUEST

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Tennis Australia Funding Request”, Council approves the request of \$30,000 to host the ITF World Tennis Tour Men’s 25 event 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 Brendon North 5. Cr Matthew Sharpham 6. Cr Marc Sutherland	Nil

110/25 RESOLVED

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 6.45, the Chairperson noted that there are no reports in closed Council

Closure: There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 6.45pm.

Cr Jeff Budd, Chairperson

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

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