



# **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

**14 APRIL 2026**

**PAUL BENNETT  
GENERAL MANAGER**

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Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Lands Building,  
25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth  
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 at 6PM

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**PRESENT:** Cr Russell Webb, Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Charles Impey and Cr Steve Mears (via Audio Visual Link).

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

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

Apologies were announced as having been received from Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Ryan Brooke, Cr Mark Rodda and Cr Brendon North who were unable to attend the Meeting due to being on leave.

### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland**

That the apologies be accepted and Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Ryan Brooke, Cr Mark Rodda and Cr Brendon North be granted leave of absence from the Meeting.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**71/26 RESOLVED**

### **MOTION**

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

That Cr Stephen Mears be approved to attend the Meeting via Audio Visual Link in accordance with Section 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice due to unexpected carers leave.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**72/26 RESOLVED**

## 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March 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 <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd	Nil
2. Cr Charles Impey	
3. Cr Stephen Mears	
4. Cr Marc Sutherland	
5. Cr Russell Webb	

**73/26 RESOLVED**

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

## 4 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

## 5 NOTICE OF MOTION

### 5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR RYAN BROOKE - NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM: EXAMPLES, PATHWAYS, AND OPPORTUNITIES - DELEGATES REPORT

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That Council in relation to the delegates report “NSW Local Government and Affordable Housing Forum: examples, pathways, and opportunities”, Council receive and note the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd	Nil
2. Cr Charles Impey	
3. Cr Stephen Mears	
4. Cr Marc Sutherland	
5. Cr Russell Webb	

**74/26 RESOLVED**

## 5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR CHARLES IMPEY - MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT 2026

**Reference:** Item 6.1 to Ordinary Council 26 August 2025 - Minute No 201/25

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Impey/Cr Sutherland

- (i) That following a very successful and exceptionally well attended Tamworth Mental Health Summit on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 brilliantly supported by Tamworth Regional Council and the Hon Kevin Anderson MP, this report is to seek Council support to move onto the next phase with the establishment of the Tamworth Regional Mental Health Working for the Tamworth Region, which includes supporting the towns and villages such as Manilla, Barraba, Bendemeer, Moonbi, Nundle, Kootingal and others across our Local Government Area.
- (ii) Tamworth Regional Mental Health Working Group be added to the register of Working Groups and Committees.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**75/26 RESOLVED**

## OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

### 6 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

#### 6.1 ADOPTION OF TAMWORTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE PLANS 2026

**DIRECTORATE:** LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES  
**AUTHOR:** Andrew Spicer, Manager - Future Communities

**Reference:** Item 7.2 to Ordinary Council 8 July 2025 - Minute No. 158/25  
Item 7.1 to Ordinary Council 16 December 2025 - Minute No. 312/25

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report "Adoption of Tamworth Regional Structure Plans 2026", Council:

- (i) adopt the draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans 2026 as amended by this report; and
- (ii) forward the adopted Tamworth Regional Structure Plans 2026 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting endorsement; and
- (iii) note that with regard to Precinct 1 (Southern Gateway Activation Precinct), further Investigation and consultation is required with the residents

and members of the Burgmans Lane Action Group as to options moving forward.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**76/26 RESOLVED**

## **7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

### **7.1 FORMER MANILLA WATER TREATMENT PLANT REMEDIATION OPTIONS**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**

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

**Reference: Item 8.6 Ordinary Meeting 12 December 2023 - Minute No 330/23**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Impey**

That in relation to the report “Former Manilla Water Treatment Plant Remediation Options”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the report;
- (ii) not proceed with demolition of the former Manilla Water Treatment Plant at this time and continue existing operational inspection and site maintenance; and
- (iii) continue to investigate site use options, including leasing options and request the Director Water and Waste to present further reports to Council as required.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**77/26 RESOLVED**

### **7.2 FOREST ROAD LANDFILL - LICENCE AMENDMENT (EPL 5921)**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**

**AUTHOR: Doug Hughes, Manager - Waste & Resource Recovery**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Impey/Cr Sutherland**

That in relation to the report “Forest Road Landfill - Licence Amendment (EPL 5921)”, Council approve the lodgement of an application to increase the annual tonnage capacity of the Forest Road Landfill from 60,000 tonnes per annum to 90,000 tonnes

per annum.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd 2. Cr Charles Impey 3. Cr Stephen Mears 4. Cr Marc Sutherland 5. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**78/26 RESOLVED**

### **7.3 EASEMENT OVER THE OLD MOORE CREEK DAM PIPELINE**

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

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears**

That in relation to the report “Easement Over the Old Moore Creek Dam Pipeline”, Council:

- (i) agree to extinguish easements associated with the Moore Creek Dam pipeline as owners of property traversed by the easement request same; and
- (ii) agree all costs associated with extinguishing the easement be paid for by the property owner requesting the easement be removed.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd 2. Cr Charles Impey 3. Cr Stephen Mears 4. Cr Marc Sutherland 5. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**79/26 RESOLVED**

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

### **8.1 DRAFT TAMWORTH CENTRAL TURF PRECINCT MASTERPLAN 2026**

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation  
Samuel Eriksson, Sports and Recreation Strategy Officer

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey**

That in relation to the report “Draft Tamworth Central Turf Precinct Masterplan 2026”, Council:

- (i) approve the masterplan to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days; and
- (ii) request a future report outlining any submissions made during this period to approve the masterplan.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**80/26 RESOLVED**

## **8.2 LEASE ASSIGNMENT FROM WEST TAMWORTH SPORTS AND BOWLING CLUB LTD TO SOUTH TAMWORTH BOWLING CLUB LTD FOLLOWING AMALGAMATION**

**DIRECTORATE:**

**REGIONAL SERVICES**

**AUTHOR:**

**Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation**

**Reference:**

**Item 14.4 to Ordinary Council 24 May 2016 - Minute No 149/16**

**Item 14.1 to Ordinary Council 10 October 2017 - Minute No 343/17**

### **MOTION**

#### **Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland**

That in relation to the report "Lease Assignment from West Tamworth Sports and Bowling Club Ltd to South Tamworth Bowling Club Ltd following Amalgamation", Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to enter into a Deed of Assignment regarding the lease to West Tamworth Sports and Bowling Club Ltd of part Lot 32 DP 975057; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the Deed of Assignment and any other associated documentation.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**81/26 RESOLVED**

## **9 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **9.1 NSWRL 2026 FUNDING REQUEST**

**DIRECTORATE:**

**CREATIVE COMMUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES**

**AUTHOR:**

**Linda Bridges, Coordinator Visitor Economy**

### **MOTION**

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

That in relation to the report "NSWRL 2026 Funding Request", Council approves the request of \$20,000 as noted in the body of this report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**

THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

THE DECISION

Nil

**82/26 RESOLVED**

**9.2 2027 HOCKEY AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FUNDING REQUEST**

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

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland**

That in relation to the report “2027 Hockey Australia National Country Championships Funding Request”, Council approves the request of \$25,000 as noted in the body of this report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
 THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
 THE DECISION

Nil

**83/26 RESOLVED**

**9.3 BASELINE BIODIVERSITY STUDY SUMMARY REPORT**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**  
**AUTHOR: Ashleigh Smith, Sustainability Coordinator**

**MOTION**

**Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Mears**

That in relation to the report “Baseline Biodiversity Study Summary Report”, Council receive and note the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
 THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
 THE DECISION

Nil

**84/26 RESOLVED**

## 10 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 6.37pm, 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.

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears

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.

### 85/26 RESOLVED

#### 10.1 TENDER T086-2025 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT POWERSTATION MUSEUM ENGINE SHED EXTENSION - CONTRACT NEGOTIATION OUTCOME

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Mark Gardiner, Manager - Project Planning and Delivery  
Lisa Hannaford, Project Administrator

**Reference:** Item 12.2 Ordinary Council 11 November 2025 - Minute No 289/25

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d) 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.

#### 10.2 TENDER T073/2026 - TAMWORTH AIRPORT CAR PARK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Mark Gardiner, Manager - Project Planning and Delivery  
Stephen Westhorpe, Project Officer Aviation Precinct

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d) 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.

#### 10.3 PROPOSED LEASE - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNCIL STAFF

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Rami Abu-Shaqra, Chief Financial Officer

**Reference:** Item 9.6 to Ordinary Council 24 February 2026 - Minute No 147/15  
Item 7.1 to Ordinary Council 24 March 2026 - Minute No 177/42  
**3 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d) 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.

## 11 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

### 11.1 TENDER T086-2025 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT POWERSTATION MUSEUM ENGINE SHED EXTENSION - CONTRACT NEGOTIATION OUTCOME

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Mark Gardiner, Manager - Project Planning and Delivery  
 Lisa Hannaford, Project Administrator

**Reference:** Item 12.2 Ordinary Council 11 November 2025 - Minute No 289/25

#### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Impey/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Tender T086-2025 - Design and Construct Powerstation Museum Engine Shed Extension - Contract Negotiation Outcome”, Council notes that negotiations were entered into with the preferred tenderer, as authorised by Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 11 November 2025, and a contract was awarded to Rice Construction Group Pty Ltd (ABN 32 149 851 114) for an initial contract sum of \$224,615.00 (excluding GST).

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd 2. Cr Charles Impey 3. Cr Stephen Mears 4. Cr Marc Sutherland 5. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**86/26 RESOLVED**

### 11.2 TENDER T073/2026 - TAMWORTH AIRPORT CAR PARK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES  
**AUTHOR:** Mark Gardiner, Manager - Project Planning and Delivery  
 Stephen Westhorpe, Project Officer Aviation Precinct

#### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Tender T073/2026 - Tamworth Airport Car Park Management System Upgrade”, Council:

- (i) declines to accept any of the tenders submitted in response to the request for tender;
- (ii) authorises the General Manager to enter negotiations with one or more of the tenderers with a view to entering into a contract for supply and installation of the

works;

- (iii) notes the reason for declining to invite fresh tenders and determining to enter negotiations with current tenderers is due to the project team being confident that through these negotiations a contract can be agreed; and
- (iv) notes that a future report will be presented to Council advising the outcome of these negotiations.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**87/26 RESOLVED**

### 11.3 PROPOSED LEASE - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNCIL STAFF

**DIRECTORATE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
**AUTHOR:** Rami Abu-Shaqra, Chief Financial Officer

**Reference:** Item 9.6 to Ordinary Council 24 February 2026 - Minute No 147/15  
Item 7.1 to Ordinary Council 24 March 2026 - Minute No 177/42

**3 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

#### MOTION

**Moved Cr Mears/Cr Sutherland**

That in relation to the report "Proposed Lease - Office Accommodation for Council Staff", Council:

- (i) receive and note the report;
- (ii) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to finalise and execute a lease agreement on satisfactory terms as outlined in the body of this report;
- (iii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the lease agreement and any other associated documents required to give effect to Council's Resolution; and
- (iv) pay particular reference to the financial implication section of this report and the need to ensure significant financial decisions are not made in isolation and take into account longer term financial planning and sound financial decision making.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**  
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**  
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Marc Sutherland
5. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

**88/26 RESOLVED**

## 12 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

### MOTION

#### Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Impey

That Council move into Open Council.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>FOR</b> THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED <b>AGAINST</b> THE DECISION
1. Cr Jeffrey Budd 2. Cr Charles Impey 3. Cr Stephen Mears 4. Cr Marc Sutherland 5. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

**89/26 RESOLVED**

At 6.50pm 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 6.51pm.

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

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