



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

23 SEPTEMBER 2025

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Lands Building,
25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth
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PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Charles Impey, Cr Steve Mears, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendon North and Cr Ryan Brooke.

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

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2.1 ITEM 6.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - COUNCIL'S PREVENTION AND CONTAINMENT PROCESSES FOR INVASIVE ANIMAL AND WEED SPECIES

Wayne Collision addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

2.2 ITEM 8.1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER ACCESS RULES - COCKBURN AND NAMOI/MACDONALD

James Treloar addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sharpham

That the speaker, James Treloar, be allocated additional time to address 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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

227/25 RESOLVED

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 September 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

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

228/25 RESOLVED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 RAY WALSH HOUSE, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE CENTRE

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Russell Webb, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb

That in relation to the report "Ray Walsh House, Office Accommodation, and Visitor Experience Centre", Council confirm the instructions to the General Manager as contained within the body of the Minute.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

229/25 RESOLVED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – Cr RYAN BROOKE - QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - COUNCIL'S PREVENTION AND CONTAINMENT PROCESSES FOR INVASIVE ANIMAL AND WEED SPECIES

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr North

That in relation to the Notice of Motion “Questions with Notice - Council’s Prevention and Containment Processes for Invasive Animal and Weed Species”, Council:

- (i) Receive and note the Questions with Notice; and
- (ii) request a report to Council detailing how the Biosecurity Program could be better resourced to more effectively meet our legislative requirements under the Biosecurity Act, as well as developing a localised approach to achieving our responsibilities under the North West Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan and the Invasive Species Plan.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST** THE DECISION

Nil

230/25 RESOLVED

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Cr Stephen Mears left the Meeting, the time being 7:14pm.

Cr Stephen Mears returned to the Meeting, the time being 7:16pm.

8.1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER ACCESS RULES - COCKBURN AND NAMOI/MACDONALD RIVERS

DIRECTORATE:

WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR:

Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report “Proposed Changes to Water Access Rules - Cockburn and Namoi/Macdonald Rivers”, Council agree to prepare and submit a submission on the proposed changes to the access rules in the Cockburn River and

Namoi/MacDonald unregulated river objecting to the changes, including points generally as detailed within the Council 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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

231/25 RESOLVED

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 RETURNING OFFICER

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr North

That the advice in relation to the role of the Returning Officer for any election required for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be received and noted and the General Manager act as the Returning Officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

232/25 RESOLVED

9.2 DETERMINATION OF METHOD OF VOTING FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Determination of Method of Voting for Election of Deputy Mayor”, Council elect the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing term by Ordinary Ballot.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

233/25 RESOLVED

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

That the following Item 9.3 Nomination for the Position of Deputy Mayor be conducted by the Returning Officer.

Chairperson, Cr Russell Webb vacated the Chair and handed the Meeting over to the General Manager for conduct of an election and appointment of the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 2025/2026 Deputy Mayoral term.

9.3 NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

DIRECTORATE:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR:

Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Sharpham

In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager as the Returning Officer announced that two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received. The Returning Officer announced that the nominations were for Cr Jeff Budd and Cr Stephen Mears.

As there were two nominations received for the position of Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer announced that an election for the position of Deputy Mayor would be conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

Following an election by Ordinary Ballot for the position of Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared that Cr Jeff Budd had received six votes, Cr Stephen Mears had received three votes.

The Returning Officer declared that Cr Jeff Budd had been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2025/2026 Term on a count of six votes to three.

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 Marc Sutherland

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

9. Cr Russell Webb

234/25 RESOLVED

The General Manager vacated the Chair and Cr Russell Webb as Mayor occupied the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

9.4 CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING TIME

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Change of Council Meeting Time”, Council

- (i) change the Council Meeting commencement time to 6:00pm from February 2026; and
- (ii) develop an alternate option for what is currently called Public Forum.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

235/25 RESOLVED

9.5 REVIEW OF GENERAL POLICY REGISTER

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Review of General Policy Register”, Council:

- (i) endorse the proposed revocation or amendment of the General Policies identified in the Annexures and advertise the proposed changes for a period of 28 days for public comments prior to formal revocation or amendment by Council; and
- (ii) request a further report to Council following the review period to consider any public comments received and adopt the General Policy Register.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

236/25 RESOLVED

9.6 MOTIONS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025”, Council

- (i) authorise the following motions to be submitted to Local Government NSW:
 - (a) That Local Government NSW That Local Government NSW use the failed purchase of the Rosehill Racecourse be an opportunity to use the \$6B in funding to turbo charge identified regional cities with critical social, transport, housing, economic and enterprise infrastructure to create very attractive regional capital cities for people in Sydney to relocate to. In addition to a massive publicity campaign to encourage people in Sydney to move to either of those major inland cities which will take that incredible pressure off Sydney’s urban sprawling.
 - (b) That Local Government NSW That LGNSW calls on the NSW and Commonwealth governments to:
 - (1). Acknowledge a weed management response is required immediately following a disaster before weeds spread beyond containment and create negative post-disaster outcomes
 - (2). Prioritise inclusion of weed management funding in post-disaster grants available to Councils; preferably under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).
 - (c) That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:
 - (1) Acknowledge that 18 regional centres with art galleries across the state will face the prospect of not being able to fund infrastructure and core staffing costs as a result of the funding cuts to Create NSW 4 year funding in the latest NSW State Government Budget;
 - (2) Acknowledges that the removal of Create NSW 4 year funding constitutes an example of cost shifting of responsibilities onto Local Government; .
 - (3) Acknowledge the crucial role of regional galleries in supporting artist-led programming and professional development initiatives that connect creatives with audiences across regional and remote communities; and

- (4) Restore funding Create NSW 4 year funding to art galleries across the state.
 - (d) That Local Government NSW lobby the NSW Government to ensure a surety is paid by self-represented litigants at the commencement of proceedings that will be returned if they win and given to Council if costs are awarded.
- (ii) nominate Councillor Mark Rodda to attend the Conference as observer in accordance with Council's Policy for the attendance of observers.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report "Motions for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025", Council

- (i) authorise the following motions to be submitted to Local Government NSW:
 - (a) That Local Government NSW That Local Government NSW use the failed purchase of the Rosehill Racecourse be an opportunity to use the \$6B in funding to turbo charge identified regional cities with critical social, transport, housing, economic and enterprise infrastructure to create very attractive regional capital cities for people in Sydney to relocate to. In addition to a massive publicity campaign to encourage people in Sydney to move to either of those major inland cities which will take that incredible pressure off Sydney's urban sprawling.
 - (b) That Local Government NSW That LGNSW calls on the NSW and Commonwealth governments to:
 - (1). Acknowledge a weed management response is required immediately following a disaster before weeds spread beyond containment and create negative post-disaster outcomes
 - (2). Prioritise inclusion of weed management funding in post-disaster grants available to Councils; preferably under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).
 - (c) That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:
 - (1) Acknowledge that 18 regional centres with art galleries across the state will face the prospect of not being able to fund infrastructure and core staffing costs as a result of the funding cuts to Create NSW 4 year funding in the latest NSW State Government Budget;
 - (2) Acknowledges that the removal of Create NSW 4 year funding constitutes an example of cost shifting of responsibilities onto Local Government; .
 - (3) Acknowledge the crucial role of regional galleries in supporting artist-led programming and professional development initiatives that connect creatives with audiences across regional and remote communities; and
 - (4) Restore funding Create NSW 4 year funding to art galleries across the state.
 - (d) That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to investigate adding "Energy Production and Storage" as a rateable land category.

- (e) That Local Government NSW lobby the NSW Government to ensure a surety is paid by self-represented litigants at the commencement of proceedings that will be returned if they win and given to Council if costs are awarded.
- (ii) nominate Councillor Mark Rodda to attend the Conference as observer in accordance with Council's Policy for the attendance of observers.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Marc Sutherland

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Matthew Sharpham
3. Cr Russell Webb

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT BECOMES THE MOTION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Matthew Sharpham

237/25 RESOLVED

9.7 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Lisa May, Coordinator Governance and Executive Services

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report "Code of Meeting Practice ", Council:

- (i) endorse the updated Code of Meeting Practice and advertise the proposed Code for a period of 28 days and allow a period of 42 days for public comments prior to formal adoption by Council; and
- (ii) request a further report following the 42-day consultation period to consider any comments received.

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

238/25 RESOLVED

9.8 REVIEW OF ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Internal Auditor

Reference: Item 9.5 to Ordinary Council 30 June 2025 - Minute No 147/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr North

That in relation to the report “Review of Organisation Structure”, Council endorse the organisation structure as detailed in the report.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

239/25 RESOLVED

9.9 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR MEMBER TO AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Internal Auditor

Reference: Item 9.3 to Ordinary Council 22 October 2024 - Minute No 276/24

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “Appointment of Councillor Member to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee”, Council reappoint Cr Matt Sharpham as Councillor Representative to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until September 2028.

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

240/25 RESOLVED

9.10 2024/2025 GENERAL PURPOSE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUDIT

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Robyn Barnes, Accountant

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “2024/2025 General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports for Audit”, for the period ending 30 June 2025, Council:

- (i) resolve to present the Audited General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports, together with the Auditors Reports at a Public Meeting to be held as part of Council’s Meeting on 11 November 2025, in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993;
- (ii) record as an opinion of Council pursuant to Section 413 (2c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended), that the General Purpose Financial Reports for Tamworth Regional Council for the period ending 30 June 2025:
 - (a) have been prepared in accordance with:
 - the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and Regulations made thereafter;
 - the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
 - the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;
 - (b) the General Purpose Financial Report presents fairly Council’s operating result and financial position for the year;
 - (c) the General Purpose Financial Report accords with Council’s accounting and other records; and
 - (d) the signatories are not aware of anything that would make the General Purpose Financial Report false or misleading in any way;
- (iii) record as an opinion of Council pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting, that the Special Purpose Financial Reports for Tamworth Regional Council for the period ending 30 June 2025:
 - (a) have been prepared in accordance with:
 - the NSW Government Policy Statement “Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government”;
 - the Division of Local Government Guidelines “Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality”;
 - the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; and
 - Sections 3 and 4 of the NSW Department of Planning and

Environment, Water's "Regulatory and assurance framework for local water utilities".

- (b) the Special Purpose Financial Reports present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year;
- (c) the Special Purpose Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records; and
- (d) present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable; and
- (e) the signatories are not aware of anything that would make the Special Purpose Financial Reports false or misleading in any way.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

241/25 RESOLVED

9.11 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AUGUST 2025

DIRECTORATE:
AUTHOR:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services
Hannah Allwood, Accountant

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report "Council Investments August 2025", 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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

242/25 RESOLVED

9.12 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025/2026 BUDGET VARIATION REPORT - JULY/AUGUST 2025

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services
Reference: Item to Ordinary Council 30 June 2025 - Minute No 147/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Annual Operational Plan 2025/2026 Budget Variation Report - July/August 2025”, Council note and approve the variations to the existing budget as listed in the ANNEXURE attached to the report.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

243/25 RESOLVED

9.13 GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report “General Managers Performance Review Panel”, Council nominate the following Councillors to the Panel:

- (i) Mayor of the Day;
- (ii) Deputy Mayor of the Day
- (iii) a Councillor nominated by the General Manager – Cr Marc Sutherland; and
- (iv) a Councillor nominated by Council – Cr Sharpham

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “General Managers Performance Review Panel”, Council nominate all Councillors to the Panel

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Brendon North
3. Cr Matthew Sharpham

4. Cr Mark Rodda

4. Cr Marc Sutherland

5. Cr Russell Webb

AMENDMENT LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION STANDS

Cr Mears nominated Cr Ryan Brooke to be the Councillor representative. An election was held though show of hands, Cr Sharpham won the vote by five votes to four.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR** THE DECISION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST** THE DECISION

1. Cr Stephen Mears

244/25 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 TAMWORTH WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY - PROPOSED CONCRETE WASTE CHARGES

DIRECTORATE:

WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR:

Doug Hughes, Manager - Waste & Resource Recovery

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report "Tamworth Waste Management Facility - Proposed Concrete Waste Charges", Council:

- i) agree to place the proposed gate fees for concrete waste disposal at Council's Forest Road Waste Management Facility on public display for a period of not less than 28 days;
- ii) in the event no objections are received from the public during the public display period Council adopt the proposed gate fees; and
- iii) request the Director Water and Waste submit a further report on this matter, following the period of public display, if any objections are received.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST** THE DECISION

Nil

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11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 8.19pm, 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 Sutherland/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 FOR THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION
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 Marc Sutherland	
9. Cr Russell Webb	

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11.1 TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AGGREGATES - T082526NAMO

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR: Murray Russell, Manager - Operations

2 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)i&(d)iii 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, 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, reveal a trade secret.

12 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

12.1 TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AGGREGATES - T082526NAMOI

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Murray Russell, Manager - Operations

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “Tender for Supply of Aggregates and Roadbase – T082526NAMOI”, Council:

- (i) approve the following tender submissions be awarded this contract, T082526NAMOI:
 - BMR Quarries Pty Ltd;
 - Boral Construction Materials Group;
 - Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd T/A Daracon Quarries;
 - Graymont Australia Pty Ltd; and
 - Regional Quarries Australia Pty Ltd
- (ii) note the commencement of the Regional Procurement contract for these services on 1 October 2025, for a period of 36 months, with provision for a 2 x 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance.

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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

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13 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Budd

That Council move into Open 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 Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

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At 8.24pm the meeting moved back into Open Council.

In accordance with the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.21, 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 8.24pm.

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

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