



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

24 MARCH 2026

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

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PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, 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, Chief Finance Officer, Director Regional Services, Director Water and Waste, and Acting Executive Manager Strategy and Performance.

1 **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

An apology was announced as having been received from Cr Stephen Mears who is unable to attend the Meeting due to being out of the LGA on work commitments

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Impey

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

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 Brendon North

5. Cr Mark Rodda

6. Cr Matthew Sharpham

7. Cr Marc Sutherland

8. Cr Russell Webb

44/26 RESOLVED

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 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 **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke

Nil

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

45/26 RESOLVED

3 **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cr Ryan Brooke declared a conflict of interest in Item 9.3 “Youth Week Activities - Fee Waiver” of the Business Paper for the reason that the external organiser was on the same group ticket during the last Local Government Election. Cr Brooke further stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

Cr Charles Impey declared a conflict of interest in Item 5.6 “Feasibility of Heating the Kootingal War Memorial Swimming Pool” of the Business Paper for the reason that some of his students of members of a swimming club. Cr Impey stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

Cr Marc Sutherland declared a conflict of interest in Item 5.6 “Feasibility of Heating the Kootingal War Memorial Swimming Pool” of the Business Paper for the reason that his children are members of a swimming club. Cr Sutherland stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

Cr Marc Sutherland declared a conflict of interest in Item 9.1 “2026 Tamworth NAIDOC Committee Fee Waiver” of the Business Paper for the reason that he is a member of the NAIDOC Committee. Cr Sutherland stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

4 **MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

5 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

5.1 **NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MARK RODDA - ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND SITE**

MOTION

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Impey

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice I give notice of a request for answers to a number of Questions With Notice pertaining to contamination at the University of New England (UNE) site, Peel Street, Tamworth at the meeting of 24 March 2026.

1. I understand that when the original agreement between Council and the UNE it was promised a “clean site”. Was Council aware of the contamination of the current UNE site prior to offering it to the university for its facility?
2. Following remediation works by Council on the southern end of the site, was Council aware that asbestos contamination in the northern end of the site that the UNE are spending thousands on further cleanup costs?
3. Is Council aware of the impact to the UNE project because of the added burden of having to remediate a contaminated site?

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

46/26 RESOLVED

5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MARK RODDA - DRAINAGE AT TAMWORTH GLOBAL GATEWAY PARK

MOTION

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr North

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice I give notice of a request for answers to a number of Questions With Notice pertaining to drainage at the Tamworth Global Gateway Park, Westdale at the Meeting of 24 March 2026.

1. Has Council completed the inter-allotment drainage at the Tamworth Global Gateway Park in accordance with the approved Development Application and approved plans?
2. Have connections for stormwater been constructed to each lot as shown in the approved Development Application?

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

Nil

47/26 RESOLVED

5.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MARK RODDA - REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF PURPOSE BUILT KITCHEN - WILLIAMSBURG RESTAURANT

MOTION

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Sutherland

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice I give notice of a request for answers to a number of Questions With Notice pertaining to the purpose-built kitchen and sundry cooking and heating equipment at the former Williamsburg Restaurant located at 87-93 Brisbane Street, East Tamworth at the Meeting of 24 March 2026.

1. Prior to termite remediation of the timber floors of the building by a contractor, what was the written down value of the kitchen and equipment?

2. What were the removal instructions provided to the contractor?
3. How was the kitchen and its equipment removed and to what site was it located?
4. Was the kitchen and its equipment sold?
5. Did Council receive a valuation or estimate of value from a suitably qualified person as to the value of the kitchen equipment? If sold how was the kitchen and its equipment sold? Was it by public auction?
6. If sold by public auction, who was the auctioneer?
7. How much did the kitchen and its equipment realise for Council and were the funds returned to the General Fund or other Council fund?
8. Does the cessation of the lease and removal of all the restaurant equipment mean that the site's use as an approved restaurant or entertainment venue is lost? Would any future use require a further development application approval no matter what it is?
9. Will any future use of the building have to provide for on-site parking and other requirements such as payment of Council's car park levy?

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 Brendon North

5. Cr Mark Rodda

6. Cr Matthew Sharpham

7. Cr Marc Sutherland

8. Cr Russell Webb

48/26 RESOLVED

5.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MARK RODDA - DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A TOILET BLOCK ONTO COUNCIL OWNED LAND, BARRABA

MOTION

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Brooke

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice I give notice of a request for answers to a number of Questions With Notice pertaining to the demolition and construction of a new toilet block in the town of Barraba originally located in the south-west corner of freehold land being Lot 1430 DP 1312653 (143 Queen Street, Barraba) and moved onto the adjoining Council owned land – Lot 14 DP 1162061 at the Meeting of 24 March 2026.

1. When the old toilet block was demolished had anyone such as a Council surveyor checked that it was on Council owned land? If not, why not?
2. What was the total cost of the relocation of the reasonably new toilet block to Council's land so it did not encroach on the freehold land including plumbing, concrete, crane hire and other safety requirements such as exclusion fencing.
3. What other similar facilities have been delayed because of the necessity to

relocate a new toilet block onto council owned premises; and

I believe this has denied the ability of other needy projects of this type to be delayed or cancelled such as Belmore Park, Gipps Street, West Tamworth because of an avoidable mistake?

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 Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

49/26 RESOLVED

5.5 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR STEPHEN MEARS - REQUEST FOR FULL FISCAL ANALYSIS – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPER CHARGES

Reference: Item 8.2 to Ordinary Council 16 December 2025 – Minute No 315/25

MOTION

That Council:

1. Request the General Manager prepare and present a detailed fiscal analysis of the developer charge structure adopted under Resolution 315/25 (Option 3) compared with the previously applied location-based developer charge structure (Option 1).
2. The analysis should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. [Insert full fiscal data here] – including total revenue differences between Option 3 and Option 1 and projected impacts on water and sewer funds over short, medium, and long-term timeframes.
 - b. Identification of any cross-subsidisation between service areas resulting from Option 3.
 - c. Clarification of how any revenue shortfall will be addressed, including whether recovery will occur via water and sewer charges, service fees, or other Council revenue sources.
 - d. Confirmation of whether any direct or indirect cost will be borne by existing residents, ratepayers, or water and sewer customers.
 - e. Assessment of compliance with applicable NSW developer charge guidelines and any associated risk to Council.
3. Provide the completed report as a formal agenda item for a future Ordinary Council Meeting so that the financial implications of the adopted developer charge structure are clearly documented and publicly available.

MOTION LAPSED FOR THE WANT OF A MOVER

Cr Charles Impey declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper for the reason that some of his students of members of a swimming club. Cr Impey stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

Cr Marc Sutherland declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper for the reason that his children are members of a swimming club. Cr Sutherland stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

5.6 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR RYAN BROOKE - FEASIBILITY OF HEATING THE KOOTINGAL WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Impey

That Council request a report outlining preliminary scoping of potential options that could be pursued to heat the Kootingal War Memorial Swimming Pool for use during winter months, to inform Council and residents alike of the feasibility of such actions.

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 Marc Sutherland
7. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Matthew Sharpham

50/26 RESOLVED

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

6 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

7.1 OPTIONEERING - RAY WALSH HOUSE AND TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION ACCOMMODATION

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Mark Gardiner, Manager - Project Planning and Delivery
Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer

Reference: Item 5.1 to Ordinary Council 23 September 2025 –
Minute No 229/25

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report “Optioneering - Ray Walsh House and Tamworth Regional Council Administration Accommodation”, Council:

- (i) receive and note this report;
- (ii) utilise the information provided in the report to undertake the first phase of consultation with the community; and
- (iii) provide further instructions on Ray Walsh House and a new Tamworth Regional

Council Administration Accommodation Building based on the outcome of this consultation.

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
7. Cr Russell Webb

1. Cr Mark Rodda

51/26 RESOLVED

7.2 TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL WASTE AUDITS - 2025

DIRECTORATE:

WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR:

Doug Hughes, Manager - Waste & Resource Recovery

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Council Waste Audits - 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 Brendon North
5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

52/26 RESOLVED

7.3 PROPOSED 2026/2027 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES

DIRECTORATE:

REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR:

Dean Taylor, Manager Aviation Precinct

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North

That in relation to the report “Proposed 2026/2027 Airport Fees and Charges”, Council approves in principle the fees and charges proposed for the 2026/2027 financial year as per the attached document for inclusion in the draft 2026/2027 Annual Operational Plan.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey

Nil

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

53/26 RESOLVED

MATTER ARISING

Cr Rodda requested an update on progress on the Strategic Planning and further development in relation to the Aviation Precinct.

The Director Regional Services advised that the Master Plan for the Aviation Precinct is currently underway and Councillor will be invited to a meeting of the Aviation Strategic Working Group prior the finalisation and adoption.

7.4 ENERGY AUDITS - COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Ashleigh Smith, Sustainability Coordinator
Reference: Item 8.2 to Ordinary Council 14 October 2025 - Minute No 252/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report "Energy Audits - Council's Community Facilities and Infrastructure Assets", Council receive and note the report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cr Ryan Brooke2. Cr Jeffrey Budd3. Cr Charles Impey4. Cr Brendon North5. Cr Mark Rodda6. Cr Matthew Sharpham7. Cr Marc Sutherland8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

54/26 RESOLVED

8 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Paul Bennett, General Manager

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report "Local Government Professionals International

Scholarship”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Acting Executive Manager Strategy and Performance to attend the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference in Whistler, Canada and a study tour from 22 May – 2 June 2026; and
- (ii) require a report to Council following the visit of the outcomes.

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 Mark Rodda 6. Cr Matthew Sharpham 7. Cr Marc Sutherland 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

55/26 RESOLVED

8.2 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 2026

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Council Investments February 2026”, 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 Brendon North 5. Cr Mark Rodda 6. Cr Matthew Sharpham 7. Cr Marc Sutherland 8. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

56/26 RESOLVED

8.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING, OUR PROGRESS REPORT, JULY-DECEMBER 2025

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Katie Alchin, Manager Strategy & Performance

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Integrated Planning and Reporting, Our Progress Report, July-December 2025”, Council receive and note the report.

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

Nil

57/26 RESOLVED

8.4 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025/2026 BUDGET VARIATION REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services

Reference: Item to Ordinary Council 30 June 2025 - Minute No 147/25
Item to Ordinary Council 23 September 2025 - Minute No 229/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report "Annual Operational Plan 2025/2026 Budget Variation Report - February 2026", Council note and approve the variations to the existing budget as listed in the ANNEXURES attached to the report.

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

Nil

58/26 RESOLVED

8.5 2026 ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE TAMWORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report "2026 ANZAC Day Memorial Services within the Tamworth Local Government Area ", Council nominate Council representation at the

following locations:

Attunga - Cr Brooke

Barraba – Cr North

Bendemeer – Cr Sharpham/Cr Budd

Duri – Cr Mears/Cr Rodda

Kootingal – Cr Sharpham

Moonbi Masonic Village RFBI – Mayor

Manilla – Cr Sutherland

Manilla Central School – Cr Sutherland

Moonbi – Cr Sharpham

Nundle – Cr Budd

Somerton – Cr Brooke

Tamworth Dawn Service – Mayor, Cr Sharpham, Cr Sutherland

Tamworth Service – Mayor, Cr Sharpham

Gipps Street Memorial – Cr Impey

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 Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

59/26 RESOLVED

8.6 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTORATE:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR:

Karen Litchfield, Acting Executive Manager Strategy & Performance

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North

That in relation to the report “Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held 18 February 2026; and
- (ii) accept the Annual Report presented by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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

Nil

5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

60/26 RESOLVED

9 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cr Marc Sutherland declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper for the reason that he is a member of the NAIDOC Committee. Cr Sutherland stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

9.1 2026 TAMWORTH NAIDOC COMMITTEE FEE WAIVER REQUEST

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Brad Withers, Aboriginal Liaison Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Budd

That in relation to the report “2026 Tamworth NAIDOC Committee Fee Waiver Request”, Council subsidise the fees associated with the hire of Tamworth Regional Council facilities and services by the amount of \$20,000 in cash and in kind to be used as determined by the NAIDOC Committee.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST
THE DECISION	THE DECISION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>Nil</p> |
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61/26 RESOLVED

9.2 2025/2026 ANNUAL DONATION PROGRAM

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Stephenie Crowell, Senior Business Support Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “2025/2026 Annual Donation Program”, Council:

- (i) approve donations to the total value of \$56,393.33; and
- (ii) endorse the roll-over of the balance of funds totalling \$5,261.67 to the 2025-2026 Annual Donations Program.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST
THE DECISION	THE DECISION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey | <p>Nil</p> |
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4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

62/26 RESOLVED

Cr Ryan Brooke declared a conflict of interest in this Item of the Business Paper for the reason that the external organiser was on the same group ticket during the last Local Government Election. Cr Brooke further stated that it is a less than significant non pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

9.3 YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES - FEE WAIVER

DIRECTORATE: CREATIVE COMMUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES
AUTHOR: Roz Pappalardo, Manager - Entertainment Venues

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report "Youth Week Activities - Fee Waiver", Council subsidise the fees associated with the hire of Tamworth Regional Council facilities and services by the amount of \$3,441.00

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

Nil

63/26 RESOLVED

10 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 7.39pm, 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.

Cr Rodda requested that Item 11.5 be discussed in open Council due to public interest. The Mayor denied the request due to Commercial in Confidence reasons.

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Budd

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

64/26 RESOLVED

10.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF 15-21 BRIDGE STREET, WEST 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 TENDER T063/2026 - CALALA WATER TREATMENT PLANT - SWITCH AND CONTROL ASSEMBLY TWO REPLACEMENT

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Tim Hurcum, Electrical Engineer

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 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 TENDER T054/2026 - FOREST ROAD LANDFILL - CONCRETE PROCESSING AND CRUSHING - REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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.

10.4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTER

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

2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

10.5 PROPOSED SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD ATHLETICS TRACK GOONOO GOONOO ROAD, TAMWORTH

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

Reference: Item 12.7 to Ordinary Council 27 September 2022 - Minute No 289/22
Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 25 July 2023 - Minute No 181/23
Item 12.12 to Ordinary Council 13 August 2024 - Minute No 230/2024

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

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

11 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF 15-21 BRIDGE STREET, WEST 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 "Proposed Lease of 15-21 Bridge Street, West Tamworth", Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the terms of a lease agreement as set out in the body of this report;
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the lease agreement and any other associated documents; and
- (iii) authorise \$15,000 to be allocated annually, for the term of the lease, from the General Fund to the budget for 15-21 Bridge Street, West Tamworth.

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

65/26 RESOLVED

11.2 TENDER T063/2026 - CALALA WATER TREATMENT PLANT - SWITCH AND CONTROL ASSEMBLY TWO REPLACEMENT

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Tim Hurcum, Electrical Engineer

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Sharpham

That in relation to the report “Tender T063/2026 - Calala Water Treatment Plant - Switch and Control Assembly Two Replacement”, Council accept the conforming Tender from Busbar Pty Ltd, as detailed in the report, to supply the replacement switchboard.

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 Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

66/26 RESOLVED

11.3 TENDER T054/2026 - FOREST ROAD LANDFILL - CONCRETE PROCESSING AND CRUSHING - REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Tender T054/2026 - Forest Road Landfill - Concrete Processing and Crushing - Request for Tender”, Council accept the Conforming Tender from BMR Quarries Pty Ltd.

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 Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

67/26 RESOLVED

Cr Marc Sutherland left the Meeting, the time being 7:55pm.
Cr Mark Rodda left the Meeting, the time being 7:55pm.

11.4 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTER

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

2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Code of Conduct Matter”, Council formally censure Cr Rodda for the breach under section 440G of the Act.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

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

1. Cr Ryan Brooke

68/26 RESOLVED

Cr Marc Sutherland returned to the Meeting, the time being 8:02pm.
Cr Mark Rodda returned to the Meeting, the time being 8:02pm.

Due to a conflict of interest, previously declared to Mayor Russell Webb, the General Manager left the Meeting at 8.05pm. It is noted that this conflict is a significant, non-pecuniary interest for the reason that the General Manager has a close personal relationship with a contractor engaged by the third party listed in the report.

**11.5 PROPOSED SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD ATHLETICS TRACK
GOONOO GOONOO ROAD, TAMWORTH**

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

Reference: Item 12.7 to Ordinary Council 27 September 2022 -
Minute No 289/22
Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 25 July 2023 - Minute No
181/23
Item 12.12 to Ordinary Council 13 August 2024 - Minute
No 230/2024

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Proposed Sale and Development of the Old Athletics Track Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and Acting Executive Manager Strategy and Performance to negotiate satisfactory terms of a sale of part of Lot 102 DP 1262475 with the party detailed in the body of this report including obligations on the transferee regarding development prior to transfer;
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to a Contract of Sale or Agreement and any other associated documents required in order to give effect to Council's Resolution; and
- (iii) allocate net proceeds of sale to internal reserves with a view to reducing internal or external loan requirements for the Aquatics Centre.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Brendon North
3. Cr Mark Rodda
4. Cr Marc Sutherland

THE MAYOR EXERCISED THE CASTING VOTE AND VOTED FOR THE DECISION.

69/26 RESOLVED

12 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Budd

That Council move into Open Council.

70/26 RESOLVED

At 8.49pm 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 8.51pm

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 14 April 2026

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