



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

8 JULY 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
TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 at 6.30PM

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PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Charles Impey, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendon North, Cr Matt Sharpham (via Audio Visual link), Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Stephen Mears, Cr Ryan Brooke.

IN ATTENDANCE: The General Manager, Director Liveable Communities, Director Regional Services, 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 Jeff Budd who is unable to attend the Meeting due to personal leave.

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

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

Nil

154/25 RESOLVED

2 **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

2.1 ITEM 2.1 DRAFT TAMWORTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE PLANS – PROPOSED PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Jim Booth addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

2.2 ITEM 7.2 DRAFT TAMWORTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE PLANS – PROPOSED PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Peter Gill addressed Council in opposition of the recommendation.

2.3 ITEM 7.2 DRAFT TAMWORTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE PLANS - PROPOSED PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Warwick Lindsay addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

2.4 ITEM 10.1 INDIAN MYNA PEST BIRD CONTROL PROGRAM

Penny Milson addressed Council in support of the recommendation.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Impey

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 30 June 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 Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Mark Rodda
6. Cr Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

155/25 RESOLVED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Brendon North declared a conflict of interest in item 7.2 'Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans – Proposed Public Exhibition' of the Business Paper for the reason that he has a significant landholding in the area covered under the Tamworth Sports and Entertainment Precinct. Cr North further declared that this was a significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MATT SHARPHAM - DELEGATES REPORT - GORE

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham

1. Cr Mark Rodda

6. Cr Marc Sutherland
7. Cr Russell Webb

156/25 RESOLVED

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

7.1 PROPOSED ROAD NAME FOR EXISTING PRIVATE ROAD OFF PHOENIX STREET, WESTDALE - RN2024-0035

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Kathleen See-Kee, Development Support Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “Proposed Road Name for Existing Private Road off Phoenix Street, Westdale - RN2024-0035”, Council endorses the road name of ‘Livestock’ Lane.

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

157/25 RESOLVED

Cr Brendon North declared a conflict of interest in this item of the Business Paper for the reason that he has a significant landholding in the area covered under the Tamworth Sports and Entertainment Precinct. Cr North further declared that this was a significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would leave the Chamber and not participate in the debate.

Cr Brendon North left the Meeting, the time being 6:57pm.

7.2 DRAFT TAMWORTH REGIONAL STRUCTURE PLANS - PROPOSED PUBLIC EXHIBITION

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Mitchell Gillogly, Team Leader – Strategic Planning

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans - Proposed Public Exhibition”, Council:

- (i) approve the public exhibition of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans for a period of 28 days; and
- (ii) receive a subsequent report to a future meeting of Council to detail the outcomes of the public exhibition process with a recommendation as to the

potential adoption of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans - Proposed Public Exhibition”, Council:

- (i) approve the public exhibition of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans for a period of 28 days;
- (ii) receive a subsequent report to a future meeting of Council to detail the outcomes of the public exhibition process with a recommendation as to the potential adoption of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans; and
- (iii) considers that the Old Athletics Track be a strategic piece of land and that Council retain this land for it's future use.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Charles Impey
2. Cr Matthew Sharpham
3. Cr Marc Sutherland
4. Cr Russell Webb

AMENDMENT LOST

THE ORIGINAL MOTION STANDS

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

- (i) approve the public exhibition of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans for a period of 42 days, to provide community with sufficient time to review and respond to the plans, particularly in light of previous consultation concerns; and
- (ii) receive a subsequent report to a future meeting of Council to detail the outcomes of the public exhibition process with a recommendation as to the potential adoption of the Draft Tamworth Regional Structure Plans.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Stephen Mears
4. Cr Mark Rodda
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham
6. Cr Marc Sutherland
7. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

AMENDMENT PASSED

THE AMENDMENT BECOMES THE MOTION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

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

158/25 RESOLVED

Cr Brendon North returned to the Meeting, the time being 7:27pm.

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Nil

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Sutherland

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

- (i) determine issues that are important to Tamworth Regional Council for motions to be drafted and request a further report to be prepared for approval;
- (ii) authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Sharpham and Cr Sutherland to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference as Voting Delegates together with the General Manager; and
- (iii) nominate Cr Brooke 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 Matthew Sharpham
7. Cr Marc Sutherland
8. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

159/25 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES**10.1 INDIAN MYNA PEST BIRD CONTROL PROGRAM****DIRECTORATE:** LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES**AUTHOR:** Gina Vereker, Director Liveable Communities**Reference:** Item 10.1 to Ordinary Council 11 February 2025 - Minute No 9/25**MOTION****Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Mears**

That in relation to the report “Indian Myna Pest Bird Control Program”, Council approves the remaining funding from the 2024-2025 Annual Donations Program previously carried over to 2025-2026 being \$5,170.00, for the Tamworth Community Men’s Shed and Tamworth Birdwatchers to construct a mobile bird aviary for a program to assist in reducing Indian Myna bird numbers.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

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

Nil

160/25 RESOLVED**11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

At 7.34pm, 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 North**

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

Nil

161/25 RESOLVED

11.1 TENDER T072-2025 - SUPPLY, INSTALL, SERVICE AND MAINTAIN PARKING METERS

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

**AUTHOR: Graeme McKenzie, Manager - Strategy, Assets and Design
Steven Marshall, Strategy, Assets and Design Engineer**

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.

11.2 PROPOSED LEASE OF HANGARS 1 AND 2 - TAMWORTH REGIONAL AIRPORT

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.

11.3 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT OF CROWN LAND - PART VICTORIA PARK

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

**AUTHOR: Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation
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.

Cr Matthew Sharpham left the meeting, the time being 7.35pm

12 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

12.1 TENDER T072-2025 - SUPPLY, INSTALL, SERVICE AND MAINTAIN PARKING METERS

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

**AUTHOR: Graeme McKenzie, Manager - Strategy, Assets and Design
Steven Marshall, Strategy, Assets and Design Engineer**

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report "Tender T072-2025 - Supply, Install, Service and Maintain Parking Meters", Council:

- (i) accept the tender submitted by Orikan Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 73 075 154 755) for the lump sum amount of \$343,341 (excluding GST) for all items associated

with the supply and install of parking meters within the Tamworth central business district; and

- (ii) accept the tender submitted by Orikan Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 73 075 154 755) for the estimated annual maintenance cost of \$72,590 (excluding GST) for all items associated with the ongoing service and maintenance of parking meters within the Tamworth central business district.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

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

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Mark Rodda

162/25 RESOLVED

12.2 PROPOSED LEASE OF HANGARS 1 AND 2 - TAMWORTH REGIONAL AIRPORT

DIRECTORATE:

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR:

Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Rodda/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report "Proposed Lease of Hangars 1 and 2 - Tamworth Regional Airport", Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and enter into lease agreements on the terms set out in the body of this report; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the lease agreements and any other associated documentation in order to give effect to Council's resolution.

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
7. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

163/25 RESOLVED

12.3 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT OF CROWN LAND - PART VICTORIA PARK

DIRECTORATE:

REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR:

**Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation
Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer**

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report "Proposed Licence Agreement of Crown Land - Part

Victoria Park”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and enter into a licence agreement with the party identified in the body of this report; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the licence agreement and any other associated documentation in order to give effect to Council’s resolution.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
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
7. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

164/25 RESOLVED

13 **RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Sutherland

That Council move into Open Council.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
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
7. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

165/25 RESOLVED

At 7.40pm 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 7.41pm.

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 22 July 2025

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Minutes