



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 OCTOBER 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 14 OCTOBER 2025 at 6.30PM**

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PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Stephen Mears, Cr Charles Impey, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendan North and Cr Ryan Brooke.

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

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2.1 ITEM 10.2 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FACILITY TO HOUSE A YOUTH DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM IN THE TAMWORTH REGION TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS FOR DISADVANTAGED AND DISCONNECTED YOUTH

Peter Gill addressed Council in opposition to the recommendation.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Mears

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 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

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

249/25 RESOLVED

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Ryan Brooke declared a conflict of interest in item 12.1 'Q134-2025 Request for Quotation – Tamworth Global Gateway Park – Marketing and Sales Agent', of the Business Paper, for the reason that his employee undertakes work for two of real estate agents listed in the quote, however the selection of these businesses in the quotation would have no effect in his employer. Cr Brooke further stated that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 DONATION REQUEST - TAMWORTH LEGACY - VETERANS FAMILIES DAY

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb

That in relation to the report "Donation Request - Tamworth Legacy - Veterans Families Day", Council agree to donate \$1,500 towards the event.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

- | 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 | |

250/25 RESOLVED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR STEPHEN MEARS - COMMUNITY SURVEY - POPULARLY ELECTED MAYOR VS COUNCILLOR ELECTED MAYOR

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Rodda

That Council:

- Undertakes a community consultation process to gauge residents' preferences regarding the method of electing the Mayor — either:
 - by popular vote of all eligible voters in the Local Government Area (popularly elected); or
 - by election from among the elected councillors (councillor-elected);

2. Develops and implements a survey to ensure broad community engagement, including both online and offline methods, with appropriate demographic and geographic representation;
3. Receives a report on the findings of the survey, including response data and analysis of community sentiment; and
4. Notes that if the community expresses a preference for a popularly elected Mayor, Council may consider proceeding with the statutory process under section 16 of the Local Government Act 1993 to change the method of electing the Mayor, which would require a constitutional referendum.

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

MOTION LOST

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

7.1 PROPOSED ROAD NAMES FOR APPROVED SUBDIVISION (LOT 2000 DP 1311837) STRINGYBARK ROAD AND JARMAN ROAD, HALLSVILLE - MOD2022-0084

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report "Proposed Road Names for Approved Subdivision (Lot 2000 DP 1311837) Stringybark Road and Jarman Road, Hallsville - MOD2022-0084 (DA0416/2007)", Council:

- (i) approve in principle the road names: 'Malligan' Close and 'McCully' Way;
- (ii) advertise the proposed road names as required by the Roads Act 1993 Section 162, Roads Regulation 2018 Part 2 Division 1 Section 7 to enable interested parties the opportunity to make comment; and
- (iii) provided no submissions are made which object to the proposed road names, proceed to publish the adopted names in the Government Gazette.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

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

251/25 RESOLVED

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

8.1 CREATION OF ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR LOW VOLTAGE RELOCATIONS FOR THE TAMWORTH REGIONAL SKYWALK

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Lachlan Mackiewicz, Project Engineer

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Creation of Electrical Easement for Low Voltage Relocations for the Tamworth Regional Skywalk”, Council:

- (i) note the required easement to be created subject to a 28-day native title notification period;
- (ii) authorise the General Manager to act as the Crown Land Manager for the Crown land and approve the creation of the easement within the current Lot 7300 DP1152789 for the installation of electrical infrastructure for the Tamworth Regional Skywalk project; and
- (iii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to agreements, plans, section 88B instruments, and any other documents required 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 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

252/25 RESOLVED

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR: Ashleigh Smith, Sustainability Coordinator
Reference: Item 7.5 to Ordinary Council 27 September 2022 - Minute No 274/22
Item 8.6 to Ordinary Council 13 December 2022 - Minute No 380/22
Item 6.1 to Ordinary Council 10 June 2025 - Minute No 130/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Sutherland/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Sustainability Strategy Progress Report”, 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

253/25 RESOLVED

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS 2024/2025

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Impey/Cr North

That in relation to the report “Disclosure of Interest Returns 2024/2025”, Council:

- (i) note and receive Councillor and designated persons Disclosure of Interest returns lodged prior to 30 September 2025; and
- (ii) advise the Office of Local Government accordingly.

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

Nil

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

254/25 RESOLVED

9.2 2025 NATIONAL ROADS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr North

That in relation to the report “2025 National Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress”, Council nominate Cr Sharpham and Cr North to attend the Conference to be held in Bendigo, Victoria, from 11–12 November.

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

255/25 RESOLVED

9.3 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

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

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr North

That in relation to the report “Public Interest Disclosures and Code of Conduct Complaints”, 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

Nil

8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

256/25 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2030

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Gino Tiberi, Community Safety and CCTV Specialist

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sharpham

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Council – Draft Graffiti Management Plan 2025 – 2030,” Council:

- (i) endorse the Tamworth Regional Council Draft Graffiti Management Plan 2025 – 2030 for the purposes of public exhibition;
- (ii) place the Draft Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
- (iii) following the public exhibition period, receive a further report on community feedback and any amendments to the Draft Plan for consideration and adoption.

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

257/25 RESOLVED

10.2 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FACILITY TO HOUSE A YOUTH DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM IN THE TAMWORTH REGION TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE PATHWAYS FOR DISADVANTAGED AND DISCONNECTED YOUTH

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Gina Vereker, Director Liveable Communities

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Proposal to Establish a Facility to House a Youth Diversionary Program in the Tamworth Region to Provide Alternate Pathways for Disadvantaged and Disconnected Youth”, Council undertake the following actions to

further the delivery of the facility:

- (i) subject to determining a funding pathway, purchase the property known as “Precious Pets”, situated at 42 Jenners Lane, Bective, due to its suitability for a youth diversionary program;
- (ii) explore all available external funding opportunities to support the establishment of a youth diversionary program on the subject property;
- (iii) commit \$100k to enable preparation of a preliminary design of the proposed new facility to ensure accurate estimates are available to take advantage of all funding opportunities;
- (iv) formally write to State and Federal Government local members as well as relevant Government Ministers requesting financial support for the proposal; and
- (v) Once funding is secured, explore a wide range of governance options to establish and operate the facility, including the appointment of a voluntary Board of Directors.

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

1. Cr Mark Rodda

258/25 RESOLVED

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 7.44pm, 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 Impey

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

259/25 RESOLVED

11.1 Q134-2025 - REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - TAMWORTH GLOBAL GATEWAY PARK - MARKETING AND SALES AGENT

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) 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 LICENCE AGREEMENT - ADAMS LOOKOUT BARRABA - 2025

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) 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 T020-2026 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF STREET LIGHTING FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Leonie Brown, Project Administrator

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.

11.4 T021-2026 - CIVIL CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

**AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Leonie Brown, Project Administrator**

Reference: Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 9 September 2025 – Minute No 222/25

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.

11.5 T097-2025 SOUTH TAMWORTH LEAD-IN TRUNK SEWERMAIN

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE

**AUTHOR: Ian Cross, Senior Project Engineer
Naomi Schipanski, Manager - Projects, Strategy and Infrastructure**

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)&(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.

CLOSED COUNCIL

Confidential Reports

(Section 10A(2) of The Local Government Act 1993)

Where it is proposed to close part of the Meeting, the Chairperson will allow members of the public to make representations to or at the meeting, before any part of the Meeting is closed to the public, as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

The Chairperson will check with the General Manager whether any written public submissions or representations have been received as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

The grounds on which part of the Council meeting may be closed to public are listed in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and are as follows:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors,
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
- (h) during the receipt of information or discussion of information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Section 10A(3) of the Act provides that Council, or a Committee of the Council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

Section 10B(3) of the Act provides that if a meeting is closed during discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in section 10A(3) of the Act), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting (other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is matter referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act).

Section 10B(1) of the Act provides that a meeting is not to remain closed to the public during the receipt of information or the discussion of matters referred to in section 10A(2):

- (a) except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and
- (b) if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret - unless the Council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest section 10B(4) of the Act states it is irrelevant that:

- (a) a person may interpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may:
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

Resolutions passed in Closed Council

It is a requirement of Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that any resolution passed in Closed Council, or Committee be made public as soon as practicable after the meeting has ended. At the end of Closed Council or Committee meeting, the Chairperson will provide a summary of those resolutions passed in Closed Council or Committee.

12 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

Cr Ryan Brooke declared a conflict of interest in this item of the Business Paper, for the reason that his employee undertakes work for two of real estate agents listed in the quote, however the selection of these businesses in the quotation would have no effect in his employer. Cr Brooke further stated that this was a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest and that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in the debate.

12.1 Q134-2025 - REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - TAMWORTH GLOBAL GATEWAY PARK - MARKETING AND SALES AGENT

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “Q134-2025 - Request for Quotation - Tamworth Global Gateway Park - Marketing and Sales Agent”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the outcome of Q134-2025 – Request for Quotation – Tamworth Global Gateway Park – Marketing and Sales Agent;
- (ii) notify the proponents of the outcome of the Request for Quotation; and
- (iii) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to enter into agency agreements with the recommended real estate agencies identified in the body of this 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

260/25 RESOLVED

12.2 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT - ADAMS LOOKOUT BARRABA - 2025

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “Proposed Licence Agreement - Adams Lookout Barraba - 2025”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate and enter into a licence agreement on satisfactory terms in relation to the parcel of land described in the body of this report; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the licence agreement and any other associated documents in order to give effect to Council’s resolution.

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

261/25 RESOLVED

12.3 T020-2026 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF STREET LIGHTING FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Leonie Brown, Project Administrator

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “T020-2026 - Design and Construction of Street Lighting for Pedestrian Crossings at the Sports and Entertainment Precinct”, Council:

- (i) accepts the tender submitted by Hofman Electrical Group (ABN 48 102 789 855) for the lump sum amount of \$283,177.50 (excluding GST) for base scope items associated with the design and construction of the street lighting at the Sports and Entertainment Precinct, pending a schedule variation request approved by Transport for NSW; and
- (ii) note the tender submitted by Hofman Electrical Group (ABN 48 102 789 855) for the lump sum amount of \$4,971.83 (excluding GST) for all optional items associated with the lighting of additional speed controls which are optional items in a separate civil tender package, with the Director Regional Services to elect whether to take up these optional items.

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

262/25 RESOLVED

12.4 T021-2026 - CIVIL CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Leonie Brown, Project Administrator

Reference: Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 9 September 2025 – Minute No 222/25

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Impey

That in relation to the report “T021-2026 - Civil Construction of Road Safety Infrastructure at the Sports and Entertainment Precinct”, 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 the construction of the civil works;
- (iii) notes the reason for declining to invite fresh tenders and determining to enter negotiations with the current tenderers is due to the project team being confident that through these negotiations a contractor 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

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

263/25 RESOLVED

12.5 T097-2025 SOUTH TAMWORTH LEAD-IN TRUNK SEWERMAIN

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Ian Cross, Senior Project Engineer
Naomi Schipanski, Manager - Projects, Strategy and Infrastructure

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report “T097-2025 South Tamworth Lead-in Trunk Sewermain”, Council accept the Tender from EIRE Constructions Pty Ltd as the preferred Tender to undertake the works associated with the South Tamworth Lead-in Trunk Sewermain.

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

264/25 RESOLVED

13 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Brooke

That Council move into Open Council.

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

265/25 RESOLVED

At 7.50pm 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 7.52pm.

Cr Russell Webb Chairperson

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

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