



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 PM

Monday 24 February 2025

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown (in the Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Linda Campbell
Councillor Andrew Anthony
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Kit Docker
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Ann Martin
Councillor Richard Martin

Councillor Ryan Morris
Councillor Tiana Myers
Councillor Thomas Quinn
Councillor Deidre Stuart
Councillor Jess Whittaker

In Attendance

General Manager
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods
Chief Financial Officer
Manager City Strategy
Manager City Works (Acting)
Manager Commercial Operations + Property (Acting)
Manager Community Culture + Engagement
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning
Manager Libraries + Community Facilities
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services
Manager Project Delivery (Acting)
Land Use Planning Manager

Greg Doyle
Kerry Hunt
Renee Campbell
Joanne Page
Linda Davis
Brian Jenkins
Chris Stewart
Greg Knight
Roisin OSullivan
Sue Savage
Nathan McBriarty
Sarah Taylor
Paul Tracey
Jeremy Morgan
David Green

Note: In accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, participants in the meeting can participate via audio-visual link. Those who participated via audio-visual link are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

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CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Hayes declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2024, as his employer, the University of Wollongong, is mentioned in the document. As he is not involved in matters referenced in the document, Councillor Hayes advised he would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Quinn declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2024, as his employer, the University of Wollongong, is mentioned in the document. As he is not involved in matters referenced in the document, Councillor Quinn advised he would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Ann Martin declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 - Public Exhibition – Wollongong DCP Chapter E3 Car Parking, Access, Servicing / Loading Facilities and Traffic Management, due to her employment at the Department of Planning and Environment. As she is not involved in planning matters related to the Wollongong LGA, Councillor A Martin advised she would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Deidre Stuart shared some pamphlets and information from the Rare Cancers Australia charity. The charity, established in 2012, officially opened their new Wollongong office on Friday 21 February 2025. They aim to support all Australians with rare or less common cancers to access what they need to survive.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown presented a Hawks Jersey presented to her by the team in appreciation of the campaign calling on residents and businesses to 'paint the town red' to show support for the Illawarra Hawks as they begin the play-off series.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2025

- 7 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 3 February 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM NO	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
3	POST EXHIBITION – TOURISM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW STRATEGY	JEREMY WILSHIRE DESTINATION WOLLONGONG FOR RECOMMENDATION
3	POST EXHIBITION – TOURISM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW STRATEGY	BARRY ANSTEE LAKESIDE WINDANG PTY LTD AND WINDANG TERRACES PTY LTD AGAINST RECOMMENDATION

- 8 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Stuart that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

- 9 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the staff recommendations for Item 4, Item 6 then Items 8 and 9 be adopted as a block.

ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - REGIONAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

- 10 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown that Wollongong City Council -
- 1 Work with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation including economic development and tourism stakeholders, outer region Local Government Authorities, peak organisations and agencies to enhance regional collaboration advocacy efforts.
 - 2 Work with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation, neighbouring Councils and peak organisations to develop a set of regional advocacy priorities.

ITEM B - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - SOUTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY

- 11 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown that Wollongong City Council –
- 1 Welcomes the announcement by the Prime Minister and Member for Cunningham of a \$10 million commitment to the Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library if re-elected.
 - 2 Asks the General Manager to write to other candidates and parties in the upcoming election to –
 - a Seek matching funding commitments for the Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library; and
 - b Offer them a briefing on the Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library and its importance to residents of the area it will serve.

ITEM 1 - DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT DECEMBER 2024

- 12 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Hayes that the draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2024 be adopted.

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION – WOLLONGONG DCP CHAPTER E3 CAR PARKING, ACCESS, SERVICING / LOADING FACILITIES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- 13 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Campbell that the draft Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 - Chapter E3 Car Parking, Access, Servicing / Loading Facilities and Traffic Management be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.

ITEM 3 - POST EXHIBITION - TOURISM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW STRATEGY

- 14 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the Tourism Accommodation Strategy be adopted (Attachment 2).

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Whittaker that the Tourism Accommodation Strategy be adopted (Attachment 2) removing reference to the consideration to reduce developer contributions in our city centre down to 1%.

Councillor Docker's AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

In favour Councillors Anthony, Whittaker, Docker, Stuart

Against Councillors Hayes, R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Campbell, Morris and T Brown

Councillor D Brown's MOTION was then PUT to the VOTE and was CARRIED to become the RESOLUTION.

ITEM 4 - POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG DCP 2009 CHAPTER A1 INTRODUCTION

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 9)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the updated Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 Chapter A1 Introduction (Attachment 1) be adopted and a notice placed on Council's website.

ITEM 5 - POLICY REVIEW - CIVIC RELATIONS COUNCIL POLICY

- 15 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Stuart seconded Councillor Docker that Council –

- 1 Adopt the revised draft Civic Relations Council Policy
- 2 The "Purpose" of the Policy be amended to read "This policy is designed to help Council prioritise international relations and city-to-city activity requests."

ITEM 6 - REVISED RISK APPETITE STATEMENT

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 9)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that the Wollongong City Council Risk Appetite Statement be adopted.

ITEM 7 - SUBMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - DRAFT MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

- 16 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor Campbell that -

- 1 The Discussion Paper and Consultation Draft for the Model Code of Meeting Practice be noted.
- 2 The General Manager be authorised to finalise the draft submission (Attachment 1) and forward to the Office of Local Government for their consideration.

ITEM 8 - 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS AND COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 9)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that -

- 1 For Councillor attendance at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government and Regional Forum in Canberra between 24 and 27 June 2025 -
 - a The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown is authorised to attend as Council's voting delegate
 - b Councillors Linda Campbell, Jess Whittaker, Richard Martin and Thomas Quinn are authorised to attend, and
 - c The General Manager is delegated the authority to determine requests by any other Councillor to attend.
- 2 Councillors to liaise with the Lord Mayor's Office on submitting Motions for consideration at the conference.

ITEM 9 - COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT 2025 NSW AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 9)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Myers that -

- 1 The Lord Mayor Cr Tania Brown and Councillors Ann Martin and Jess Whittaker be authorised to attend the ALGWA Annual Conference in Griffith between 1 May and 4 May 2025.
- 2 The General Manager be delegated the authority to determine requests from any other Councillor to attend the 2025 ALGWA Annual Conference.

ITEM 10 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ANDREW ANTHONY - WILDLIFE FENCING

17 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Anthony seconded Councillor Docker that Council –

- 1 Writes to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Roads to:
 - a Thank the department for commencing repairs to the damaged wildlife fencing along Picton Road last week in response to community feedback.
 - b Urge the State Government to continue and complete the urgent repairs to wildlife fencing along Picton Road and Appin Road to enhance road safety and protect native wildlife.
 - c Establish a regular maintenance program for the wildlife fencing on these roads to ensure its long-term effectiveness and prevent further deterioration.
 - d Request information about the NSW Government's current approach to wildlife crossings when building new roads.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Hayes (the addition of Point 1d and the removal of Point 2 "Advocates for the inclusion of wildlife crossings in all future road upgrade designs for Picton Road, Appin Road, and other regional roads in the Illawarra to reduce wildlife fatalities and improve motorist safety.") was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:47 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 17 March 2025.

Chairperson