



## MINUTES

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 PM

Monday 25 August 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 Tiana Myers (attended via audio-visual link)  
Councillor Thomas Quinn  
Councillor Deidre Stuart  
Councillor Jess Whittaker

### In Attendance

General Manager  
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City  
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods  
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City  
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City  
Chief Financial Officer  
Manager Customer + Business Integrity  
Manager Commercial Operations + Property (Acting)  
Manager City Strategy (Acting)  
Manager Regulation + Enforcement  
Manager Project Delivery  
Manager City Works (Acting)  
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services (attended via audio-visual link)  
Manager Community Culture + Engagement (Acting)  
Manager Libraries + Community Facilities

Greg Doyle  
Joanne Page  
Linda Davis  
Renee Campbell  
Kerry Hunt  
Brian Jenkins  
Todd Hopwood  
Roisin OSullivan  
David Fitzgibbon  
Corey Stoneham  
Jeremy Morgan  
Greg Knight  
Paul Tracey  
Sofia Gibson  
Sarah Taylor

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.

Note: Council resolved at Item 12 of this meeting to grant Councillor Morris a Leave of Absence from 24 August to 30 August 2025.

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## CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Deidre Stuart declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 19 - Notice of Motion - Councillor Deidre Stuart - Metropolitan Coal Mine Modification 4 Longwall 317 and 318 Modification due to her role as the secretary and public officer for Protect Our Water Catchment (POWC) Inc which is a not-for-profit incorporated community group interested in protecting our local water catchment. The Woronora Special Area where the Peabody Metropolitan Coal Mine Modification is proposed is within the local water catchment. However, POWC Inc is in the process of deregistering as an incorporation, and POWC Inc does not have any involvement or actions related to this MOD. Councillor Stuart advised she would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Ann Martin declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 3 - Public Exhibition - draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contribution Plan 2025 and Item 5 - Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal PP-2024/1 - 21 Barham Place Horsley due to her employment at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. 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 items.

Councillor David Brown declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 8 - Grant of Easement at Gilmore Park for Community Battery due to owning property in the proximity. Councillor D Brown advised he would depart the meeting during debate and vote on the item.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 28 JULY 2025

- 101 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, 28 July 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

## PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

| ITEM NO | TITLE                                                                                                                                              | NAME OF SPEAKER                              |
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| 17      | NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER - COMMEMORATING THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN PALESTINE AND REAFFIRMING OUR CITY'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS | SALLY STEVENSON<br><b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b> |
| 19      | NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DEIDRE STUART - METROPOLITAN COAL MINE MODIFICATION 4 LONGWALL 317 AND 318 MODIFICATION                              | DARRYL BEST<br><b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>     |
| 19      | NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DEIDRE STUART - METROPOLITAN COAL MINE MODIFICATION 4 LONGWALL 317 AND 318 MODIFICATION                              | ANN BROWN<br><b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>       |

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

## CALL OF THE AGENDA

- 103 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the staff recommendations for Items 3 to 6 inclusive, then Items 10 to 16 inclusive, then Item 20 be adopted as a block.

It was noted that Item 20 is a supplementary report which has the effect of delaying item 13 for more information.

## ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PRELIMINARY DRAFT MASTER PLAN

- 104 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Lord Mayor Tania Brown that Wollongong City Council provides a submission on the Western Sydney International Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan, calling for engagement with Councils in the Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Illawarra-Shoalhaven region to maximise the social and economic benefit of the Western Sydney Airport for our communities.

## ITEM 1 - DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT JUNE 2025

- 105 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Campbell that -
- 1 The draft Quarterly Review Statement June 2025 be adopted.
  - 2 Projects in progress at the end of 2024-2025 be introduced into the 2025-2026 budget.
  - 3 The funds remaining from the Capital Budget saving (\$4.4M) and the Operating Budget (\$3.5M) be transferred to the Strategic Projects Restricted Asset in 2025-2026.

## ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - FLAGSTAFF HILL AND SMITHS HILL FORTS CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 106 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Hayes that the draft Flagstaff Hill and Smiths Hill Forts Conservation Management Plan be endorsed for exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.

## ITEM 3 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WOLLONGONG CITY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION PLAN 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2025) (Attachment 1), be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.

## ITEM 4 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the draft Customer Service Policy and Customer Service Charter be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and that following the exhibition period, a report outlining community feedback be presented to Council for consideration and final adoption of the documents.

## **ITEM 5 - POST EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL PP-2024/1 - 21 BARHAM PLACE HORSLEY**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

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

- 1 The Planning Proposal for 21 Barham Place, Horsley be finalised for the preparation of an amendment to the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009.
- 2 The General Manager proceed to exercise delegation as issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW), In relation to the final proposal.

## **ITEM 6 - POST EXHIBITION - CODES OF CONDUCT**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that Council adopt the attached -

- a Code of Conduct for Councillors
- b Code of Conduct for Staff
- c Code of Conduct for Council Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisors
- d Procedures for the Administration of the Codes of Conduct

## **ITEM 7 - PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR ACCESS OVER LOT 1 DP 115055, 120 THE AVENUE, FIGTREE**

**107 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Thomas Quinn that -

- 1 Council acquires an easement for access over the portion of Lot 1 DP 115055 as shown on Attachment 1 to this Report.
- 2 Council pays compensation for the easement in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW).
- 3 Council be responsible for all costs relating to the acquisition of the easement including valuation, survey, plan registration and legal costs.
- 4 Council be responsible for the property owner's disturbance costs in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.
- 5 The Lord Mayor and the General Manager be granted authority to affix the Common Seal of Council to the survey plan, Section 88B Instrument and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution and the General Manager be granted authority to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

## **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor D Brown departed the meeting at 6:57 pm and was not present for the debate nor voting on Item 8. Councillor D Brown returned to the meeting at 6:58 pm at the conclusion of Item 8.

## ITEM 8 - GRANT OF EASEMENT AT GILMORE PARK FOR COMMUNITY BATTERY

**108 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor R Martin seconded Councillor Quinn that -

- 1 Pursuant to Section 46(1)(a1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council resolves to grant an easement for the construction and maintenance of a community battery site of fifty-nine square metres over Council land known as Lot 146 DP 7135, as shown on the attachment to this report.
- 2 The applicant will be responsible for compensation to Council for the grant of the easement.
- 3 The applicant will also be responsible for the creation of the easement including Council's valuation, survey, plan lodgement and legal costs, and any other costs associated with the grant/registration of the easement.
- 4 The Lord Mayor and General Manager be granted authority to affix the Common Seal of Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution and the General Manager be granted authority to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

## ITEM 9 - ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT ATTESTATION STATEMENT FOR 2024-2025

**109 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Quinn seconded Councillor Hayes that Council endorse the Internal Audit and Risk Management Attestation Statement to be signed by the General Manager.

## ITEM 10 - ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that in accordance with Section 333 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council endorse the organisational structure as outlined in Attachment 1.

## ITEM 11 - DELEGATIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER AND LORD MAYOR

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

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

- 1 Any previous delegation to the General Manager and Lord Mayor be revoked.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the "General Manager's Delegation (Instrument of Delegation)" attached as Attachment 1.
- 3 Council delegate to the Lord Mayor the "Lord Mayor's Delegation (Instrument of Delegation)" attached as Attachment 2.

## ITEM 12 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR RYAN MORRIS - 24 AUGUST TO 30 AUGUST 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that a Leave of absence be granted to Councillor Morris for 24 August to 30 August 2025.

### **ITEM 13 - TENDER T1000187 - WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL AND ART GALLERY HVAC AND REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

#### **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION**

This matter was considered in conjunction with Item 20. See Item 20 for the resolution on this matter.

### **ITEM 20 - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - TENDER T100018 - WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL AND ART GALLERY HVAC AND REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker -

- 1 That this item be considered in conjunction with Item 13.
- 2 That Item 13 - Tender T1000187 - Wollongong Town Hall and Art Gallery HVAC and Refurbishment Works be deferred to enable further review of the tenders received.
- 3 That a further report be provided at a future meeting of Council to consider the outcomes of the review of tenders for T1000187 - Wollongong Town Hall and Art Gallery HVAC and Refurbishment Works.

### **ITEM 14 - TENDER T1000214 - HARRY GRAHAM DRIVE SLOPE STABILISATION AREA 2**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

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

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender of Cadifern Pty Ltd for Harry Graham Drive Slope Stabilisation Area 2, in the sum of \$3,631,959.47, including GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

### **ITEM 15 - PRELIMINARY PRE-AUDIT FINANCIALS - 30 JUNE 2025**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the financials be received and noted.

### **ITEM 16 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - JUNE 2025**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 103)

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that Council receive the Statement of Investment for June 2025.



## ITEM 17 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER - COMMEMORATING THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN PALESTINE AND REAFFIRMING OUR CITY'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

MOVED by Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Whittaker that Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Mourns the devastating loss of over sixty thousand Palestinian lives in Gaza since October 2023, including tens of thousands of women and children, humanitarian aid workers and journalists in the current war on Gaza, and unequivocally condemns the targeting of civilians by all parties.
- 2 Expresses support for the Australian Government's recent pledge to recognise the State of Palestine, ongoing calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, to end the ongoing humanitarian crisis, prevent further loss of life, and allow the urgent delivery of aid and support to affected civilians.
- 3 Reaffirms Wollongong's commitment to peace and human rights as a member of:
  - a the Mayors for Peace initiative,
  - b a declared *Refugee Welcome Zone*, and
  - c the *Welcoming Cities Network*.
- 4 Affirms that Wollongong is a diverse, multicultural, and multi-faith community, and strongly condemns all forms of hate, including racism, Islamophobia, antisemitism, discrimination, and vilification, in both public and private life.
- 5 Commits to supporting members of the local Palestinian community, including those displaced by conflict, by facilitating connections with local charities and community organisations that provide essential services such as housing, food relief, trauma counselling, English language support, and culturally appropriate assistance.
- 6 Amends the Community Flag Schedule under Council's Flags Procedure to include the raising of the Palestinian flag as a show of solidarity within two months of the motion passing.

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

*In favour*

Councillors Anthony, A Martin, Whittaker, Docker, Stuart and Myers

*Against*

Councillors Hayes, R Martin, D Brown, Quinn, Campbell and T Brown

### TIED VOTING

Due to an equal number of votes, the Lord Mayor exercised a casting vote against Councillor Docker's Motion.

The Motion was therefore lost.

Councillor Hayes' FORESHADOWED MOTION then became the MOTION and on being PUT to a VOTE was CARRIED

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**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor Campbell that Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Wollongong City Council re-states the Council Resolution 903, dated 11 December 2023, Wollongong City for Peace:
  - a Reiterated our cities commitment to the human rights of all people to live with freedom, safety and self-determination noting Articles 3, 5 and 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human rights: Article 3 – Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person, Article 5 – No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Article 9 – No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
  - b Acknowledged the anguish and pain that the war in Palestine and Israel is causing to many people in the Wollongong community.

- c Called on the Australian government to work within the framework of the United Nations resolutions and Sustainable Development Goal 16 for a just and secure peace for Palestinians and Israelis.
- 2 We demonstrate our commitment to peace by recognising the United Nations International Day of Peace (21 September) by flying the United Nations flag on the Community Flagpole from 19 – 22 September 2025.
- 3 We encourage representatives of the local Palestinian community to apply to fly their flag on or after the day the Australian Government recognises the State of Palestine at the United Nations.

*In favour* Councillors Hayes, R Martin, Quinn, A Martin, Campbell, D Brown, Anthony, Myers and T Brown

*Against* Councillors Whittaker, Docker, Stuart

**ITEM 18 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR THOMAS QUINN - RESERVE BANK CONSULTATION PAPER SUBMISSION**

**111 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Quinn seconded Councillor Hayes that Council writes to the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) regarding their current consultation paper: “Review of Merchant Card Payment Costs and Surcharging Consultation Paper”. This letter will state that Wollongong City Council supports the “11 Preferred package of policy options” which are intended to deliver over \$1.2 Billion dollars in savings for Australian consumers which is about \$60.00 each per year.

**ITEM 19 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DEIDRE STUART - METROPOLITAN COAL MINE MODIFICATION 4 LONGWALL 317 AND 318 MODIFICATION**

MOVED by Councillor Stuart seconded Councillor Docker that Wollongong City Council-

- 1 Writes to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to object to the proposed Metropolitan Coal Mine Modification 4 Longwall 317 and 318 Modification (MP08\_0149-Mod-4 ‘Modification’) within two weeks of this meeting.
- 2 Writes to the NSW Planning Minister asking that he refers this Modification project to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for a public meeting and determination to enhance transparency and accountability in decision-making. This would also be consistent with stated NSW government policy supporting independent assessment of all resources projects.”

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Whittaker that Councillor Stuart be granted an additional 2 minutes to address the meeting in relation to Item 19.

Councillor Stuart’s MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST

*In favour* Councillors Anthony, Whittaker, Docker and Stuart

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

Councillor D Brown’s FORESHADOWED MOTION then became the MOTION and on being PUT to a VOTE was CARRIED

**112 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Hayes that Councillors consider making individual personal submissions to the mine proposal, noting receipt of the staff submission.

*In favour* Councillors Hayes, R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, A Martin, Campbell, Anthony, Myers and T Brown

*Against* Councillors Whittaker, Docker and Stuart

## **THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:20 PM**

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 15 September 2025.

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Chairperson