



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Meeting opened at 6:16 PM

Monday 23 February 2026

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 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 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

Manager City Strategy (attended via audio-visual link)

Manager Regulation + Enforcement

Manager Project Delivery (attended via audio-visual link)

Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning

Manager Open Space + Environmental Services (attended via audio-visual link)

Manager Community Culture + Engagement

Greg Doyle

Joanne Page

Linda Davis

Renee Campbell

Kerry Hunt

Brian Jenkins

Todd Hopwood

Roisin OSullivan

Luke Musgrave

Corey Stoneham

Jeremy Morgan

Nathan McBriarty

Paul Tracey

Sue Savage

Note: Council resolved at Item 6 of this meeting to grant Councillor Hayes a Leave of Absence for 23 February 2026.

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PETITION – CAT CONTAINMENT

Councillor Stuart tabled a petition from 298 residents in support of reform for cat containment.

PRESENTATIONS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown, presented a medal awarded by the Australian Signals Directorate to Wollongong City Council's Chief Digital and Information Officer, Ingrid McAlpin, in appreciation of Council hosting 98 participants for Exercise Waratah, building capability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from cyber-security attacks.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2026

- 11** **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, 2 February 2026 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ann Martin declared a not-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 3 – Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal Wollongong LEP 2009 - Minor Amendments to Clauses, 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 item.

Councillor Kit Docker declared a pecuniary conflict of Interest in Item 2 – Wollongong Council Submission – Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan, as he owns property adjacent to Wollongong train station, to which recommendations are made in the submission. Cr Docker advised he would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

- 12** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the staff recommendations for Items 3 to 9 inclusive be adopted as a block.

URGENT MATTER WITHOUT NOTICE

Councillor Docker MOVED a PROCEDURAL MOTION seconded Councillor Whittaker that an Urgency Item be brought forward in relation to “The Right to Peaceful Protest in the Aftermath of NSW Police Brutality in Sydney towards People Peacefully Protesting Against the Visit of Israeli President Hertzog”.

In favour Councillors Anthony, Whittaker, Docker and Stuart

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

Following the vote, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown, ruled in accordance with Clause 9.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the matter was not urgent.

ITEM 1 - DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT DECEMBER 2025

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

- 1 Council adopt the draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2025.
- 2 The favourable proposed budget adjustments from the Capital Budget (\$3.9M) be transferred to Strategic Projects Restricted Asset.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor Docker departed the meeting at 6:49 and was not present for the debate nor voting on Item 2. Councillor Docker returned to the meeting at 7:33 at the conclusion of Item 2.

ITEM 2 - WOLLONGONG COUNCIL SUBMISSION - DRAFT ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN STRATEGIC REGIONAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN

- 14 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Campbell that delegation be issued to the General Manager to finalise and make minor editorial edits to the attached draft submission on the Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan and forward the submission to Transport for NSW.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Anthony seconded Councillor Whittaker that Councillor Stuart be granted an additional 1 minute to address the meeting in relation to Item 2.

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

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 2, Councillor Campbell departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:08 pm to 7:10 pm.

ITEM 3 - POST EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL WOLLONGONG LEP 2009 - MINOR AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

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

- 1 The Planning Proposal proposing to make the following minor amendments to various clauses in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 be progressed to finalisation:
 - a Clause 1.8 – include the repeal of Wollongong LEP 1990
 - b Clause 4.1A – include the missing reference to C4 Environmental Living
 - c Various clauses – update the reference to State legislation and agencies (Attachment 1)
- 2 The General Manager be authorised to make any minor amendments to the LEP amendment that does not change the intent of the amendment.

ITEM 4 - POLICY REVIEW - SWIMMING POOL SAFETY BARRIER POLICY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the updated Swimming Pool Safety Barrier Policy be adopted.

ITEM 5 - APPROVAL TO SEEK MINISTERIAL CONSENT TO GRANT AN AGREEMENT FOR LEASE AND A LEASE - NORTH WOLLONGONG BEACH CAFE & KIOSK

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

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

- 1 Council note the public notice and exhibition of the agreement for lease and lease over the land described as part of Stuart Park being Part Lot 70 DP 751299, Part Lots 1 & 3 DP 1136814 and Part Lot 11 DP 865220 has been carried out in accordance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 2 Council note that submissions objecting to the proposed agreement for lease and lease were received during the public exhibition period and those objections have not been withdrawn.
- 3 In accordance with Section 47(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes an application to the Minister for Local Government for consent to grant the proposed agreement for lease and lease of the North Wollongong Beach Café and Kiosk over the land described as part of Stuart Park being Part Lot 70 DP 751299, Part Lots 1 & 3 DP 1136814 and Part Lot 11 DP 865220 to North Kiosk Pty Ltd (ABN 45 106 911 862) for a term of five (5) years with two (2) options of five (5) years each under Section 46(b)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ITEM 6 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR DAN HAYES - 23 FEBRUARY 2026

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that leave of absence be granted to Councillor Dan Hayes for the 23 February 2026 Council Meeting.

ITEM 7 - RETURNS OF DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - FEBRUARY 2026

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin Council notes the tabling of the Returns of Disclosures of Interest as required by Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct.

ITEM 8 - DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

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

ITEM 9 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - DECEMBER 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 12)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that Council receive the Statement of Investment for December 2025.

ITEM 10 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DEIDRE STUART - COMPANION ANIMALS AMENDMENT (CONTROL OF CATS) BILL 2025

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

- 1 Expresses its support for the Companion Animals Amendment (Control of Cats) Bill 2025 (the Bill).
- 2 Notes the objective of the Bill is to provide for measures to prevent owned cats in NSW from -
 - a Escaping from the property where the cat is kept, or
 - b Leaving the property without being under the control of a person.
- 3 Notes the Bill -
 - a Creates a general duty for cat owners to keep their pets contained to their property.
 - b Empowers councils to make and enforce reasonable orders to prevent cats from escaping.
 - c Protects vulnerable people through fair and compassionate enforcement.
 - d Helps stop the flow of lost and abandoned pets into the feral cat population.
- 4 Acknowledges that effective cat containment -
 - a Protects native wildlife and local biodiversity by reducing injury and death from domestic roaming cat predation.
 - b Improves the wellbeing of owned cats by reducing their risk of injury or death from vehicle strikes, dog attacks, ticks, snakebite, poisoning, wounds and infections from cat fights or contracting diseases.
 - c Limits the rate of spread of cat-borne diseases that affect human health, such as toxoplasmosis.
- 5 Writes to the NSW Minister for Local Government, the NSW Minister for the Environment, the NSW Premier and Local Members of Parliament for Heathcote, Keira, Wollongong, Shellharbour, and Kiama -
 - a Expressing Wollongong City Council's support for the Bill.
 - b Urging the Ministers and MPs to support the Bill.
 - c Requesting State funding for councils to support education, compliance and animal shelter capacity.

15 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED on the motion (AMENDMENT) of Councillor Morris seconded Councillor Docker that Councillors receive an Information Note or Workshop on Council's capability for cat management.

Councillor Morris' AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED

In favour Councillors R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Campbell, Morris, T Brown

Against Councillors Anthony, Whittaker, Docker, Stuart

The AMENDMENT then became the MOTION and on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED.

In favour Councillors R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Campbell, Anthony, Morris, T Brown

Against Councillors Whittaker, Docker, Stuart

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 10, Councillor R Martin departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:33 pm to 7:35 pm.

ITEM 11 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - ROYALTIES FOR REJUVENATION FUND

16 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Whittaker seconded Councillor Docker that -

- 1 Council write to the Hon. Courtney Houssos, Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources to seek clarification of the status of the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund and the Future Jobs and Investment Authority and its Fund.
- 2 A copy of the letter be sent to local State MPs.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor D Brown (the Motion to read:

That -

1 Council write to the Hon. Courtney Houssos, Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources to seek clarification of the status of the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund and the Future Jobs and Investment Authority and its Fund.

2 That a copy of the letter be sent to local State MPs.),

was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Original motion prior to variation:

That the General Manager provides an update to Councillors on the status of the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund via a Workshop.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:04 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 23 March 2026.

Chairperson