

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 PM

Monday 30 June 2025

Present

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

In Attendance

General Manager	Greg Doyle
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City	Kerry Hunt
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City	Renee Campbell
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City	Joanne Page
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods	Linda Davis
Chief Digital + Information Officer	Ingrid McAlpin
Chief Financial Officer	Brian Jenkins
Legal Counsel	Jeff Reilly
Manager City Strategy	Chris Stewart
Manager City Works (Acting)	Greg Knight
Manager Community Culture + Engagement	Sue Savage
Manager Customer + Business Integrity	Todd Hopwood
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning	Nathan McBriarty
Manager Libraries + Community Facilities	Sarah Taylor
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services	Paul Tracey
Manager Project Delivery (Acting)	Jeremy Morgan
Manager Sport + Recreation (Acting)	Christopher Brown
Senior Manager People + Culture	Renee Whiteside
Land Use Planning Manager	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.

Note: Council resolved at Item 8 of this meeting to grant Councillor Myers a Leave of Absence from 21 June to 12 July 2025.

Apologies

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83 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Docker seconded Councillor Morris that the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Stuart be accepted.

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CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ann Martin declared a not-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 – Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Temporary Events to be Included as Exempt Development on Council Managed Land, 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 items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2025

- 84 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Quinn that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 16 June 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM NO	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
2	PUBLIC EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG BOTANIC GARDEN DRAFT MASTERPLAN	BARRY BAIRD FOR RECOMMENDATION
6	POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG CITY FORESHORE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	JOHN RIGGALL AGAINST RECOMMENDATION
6	POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG CITY FORESHORE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT	IAN YOUNG AGAINST RECOMMENDATION
NON-AGENDA ITEM	NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF STANWELL PARK CHILD CARE CENTRE	ANDY EVANS

- 85 **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

- 86 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the staff recommendations for Items 3 to 5 inclusive, then Items 7 to 11 inclusive, then Items 13 and 14 be adopted as a block.

ITEM 1 - POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT OUR WOLLONGONG OUR FUTURE 2035

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

- 1 Council note the engagement feedback and submissions received from the community and staff responses on the exhibited Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 suite (Attachments 1 and 2).
- 2 Council note the proposed amendments to the Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 documents made in response to submissions received during the public exhibition and to reflect updated information (Attachment 3).
- 3 Council endorse the Post Exhibition Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Community Strategic Plan (Attachment 4).
- 4 Council adopt the following Post Exhibition documents:
 - a Financial Sustainability Council Policy (Attachment 5)
 - b Asset Management Council Policy (Attachment 6)
 - c The Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035; inclusive of the Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-2035, Asset Management Strategy 2025-2035, Workforce Management Strategy 2025-2029, Digital Strategy 2025-2029 (Attachment 7)
 - d Asset Management Plan 2025-2035 (Attachment 8)
 - e Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 (Attachments 9-12)
- 5 Council make the rates and annual charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 as specified in the Post Exhibition Draft Revenue Policy, Rates, Annual Charges and Fees 2025-2026 (Attachment 12).
- 6 Council approve the waiver of outdoor dining fees for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028 as specified in the Post Exhibition Draft Revenue Policy, Rates, Annual Charges and Fees 2025-2026 (Attachment 12) to support outdoor dining and hospitality businesses within the Local Government Area. Outdoor dining licence holders will still be required to pay the required amount for a bond.
- 7 The General Manager be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the adopted Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 suite, including attachments.
- 8 Council acknowledge and thank community members and organisations for their participation and feedback during the process of developing the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG BOTANIC GARDEN DRAFT MASTERPLAN

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

- 1 Council publicly exhibit the draft Wollongong Botanic Garden Masterplan for a period of 28 days.
- 2 Community and stakeholder feedback from the exhibition period be reported back to Council for consideration prior to adoption.

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that Council place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days, inviting submissions from the public, after which time the policy shall be reported back to Council for adoption with a summary of submissions received.

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - CODES OF CONDUCT

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that Council place the below Codes of Conduct on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, after which time they will be reported to Council for adoption with a summary of any submissions received.:

- 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 5 - POST EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL - TEMPORARY EVENTS TO BE INCLUDED AS EXEMPT DEVELOPMENT ON COUNCIL MANAGED LAND

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

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

- 1 The Planning Proposal to amend Schedule 2 Exempt Development to include Temporary Events (Commercial and Community) as Exempt Development (Attachment 1), 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.
- 3 The revised Wollongong DCP 2009 Chapter C6: Events Management (Attachment 2) be adopted and a notice appear in the Public Notices advising of the adoption.

ITEM 6 - POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG CITY FORESHORE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

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

- 1 Council endorse the updated draft Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management (Attachment 6) incorporating the following amendments -
 - a Update references to Council Policies, Supporting Documents, Council projects, legislation, Departmental names and PoM development process as applicable and to correct typographical errors.
 - b Include additional maps -

- i A “PoM Area Land Types” map series to show the relationship of the Crown reserves and the Council owned community land areas within the PoM area as a whole.
 - ii A “North Beach Precinct and Belmore Basin Heritage Conservation Area” map showing the curtilage for this conservation area that is listed under the 2009 Wollongong Local Environmental Plan.
 - c Restructure and update Section 2 *PoM Information Schedules* as follows -
 - i Add two tables and re-sequence the order of the PoM Information Schedules as required and include relevant explanatory text -
 - Table 3a *Order of PoM Information Schedules (North to South)*.
 - Table 3b *PoM Information Schedule Types: Crown Reserve / Council Owned Land Area*.
 - ii Incorporate the exhibited draft Lang Park Crown Reserve Number 580097 Information Schedule into the Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management subject to Ministerial appointment of Council as the Crown Land Manager for reserve 580097.
 - Council acknowledges that Crown reserve 580097 is currently a devolved Crown reserve and requests appointment under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 to enable Council’s management of the reserve through the Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management (Attachment 6).
 - iii Update the Osborne Park Council Owned Community Land Area PoM Information Schedule to include more heritage / conservation area information.
- 2 The updated draft Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management (Attachment 6), be referred to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands as a delegate for the Minister to obtain consent to adopt the amended Plan of Management under clause 70B of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018*.
- 3 If consent to adopt the Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management is granted by Crown Lands, the General Manager be delegated authority to adopt the Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management as approved under clause 70B of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* pursuant to section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in accordance with section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
- 4 Once adopted, a copy of the adopted Plan of Management be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure – Crown Lands.
- 5 Council notes the following reasons, in accordance clause 114 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, that the amended Wollongong City Foreshore PoM does not include any changes to community land categories after consideration of the following requests from a community member-
 - a Categorise the Kiosk within Brighton Lawn (Crown Reserve 40908) as Park instead of General Community Use. *Reason: Crown Lands required the General Community Use category.*
 - b Include the categories of Natural Area Wetlands and Natural Area Bushland to Stuart Park (Crown Reserve 580076) in addition to the existing categories of Park, General Community Use and Natural Area Foreshore. *Reason: Crown Lands did not require application of either of these community land categories for Stuart Park. Leasing and licencing Natural Areas is limited under the Local Government Act 1993 and would not recognise the existing Live Steamers use.*

- c Include the community land category of Park to Council owned Community Land Area Osborne Park in addition to the existing category of Area of Cultural Significance. *Reason: The application of the Cultural Significance category to all of Osborne Park is appropriate and is not a "new" category applied by this updated draft Plan of Management.*
- 6 The Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure – Crown Lands be requested to appoint Council as the Crown Land Manager for Lot 7025 DP 1070037 and Lot 107 DP 751299 within Lang Park which currently form devolved Crown reserve Number 580097.
- 7 That Council write to the State Government to provide an update on timelines for implementing the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan.

ITEM 7 - FOUR-YEAR STRATEGIC AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the Four-Year Strategic Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Workplan be adopted by Council.

ITEM 8 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR TIANA MYERS - 21 JUNE TO 12 JULY 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that leave of absence be granted to Councillor Myers for 21 June to 12 July 2025.

ITEM 9 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR LINDA CAMPBELL - 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that leave of absence be granted to Councillor Linda Campbell for the 15 September 2025 Council Meeting.

ITEM 10 - TENDER T1000196 - AUTOMATED IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF TRANSPORT DEFECTS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

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

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender of Retina Visions Pty Ltd for the Automated Identification and Reporting of Transport Defects, in the sum of \$540,000, including GST.
- 2 The contract be awarded for an initial term of 3 years, with 2 optional extensions of 1 year/s each for a maximum term of 5 years. Any such extensions being exercised at the sole discretion of Council.
- 3 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.

- 4 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 11 - TENDER T1000218 - LEASE TO OPERATE AND MANAGE CAR PARK AT 37 MARKET STREET WOLLONGONG

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

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

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council decline to accept any tender received for the lease to operate and manage car park at 37 Market Street, Wollongong and resolve to enter into negotiations with the tenderers or any other party with a view to entering into a Lease agreement in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- 2 In accordance with Section 178(4) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the reason for Council hereby resolving to enter into negotiations with the tenderers or any other party and not inviting fresh tenders is that it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome can be achieved with a party who demonstrate a capacity and ability to undertake the terms and conditions of the Lease agreement.
- 3 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to undertake and finalise the negotiations, firstly with the tenderers and in the event of failure of negotiations with those tenderers, any other party, with a view to entering into a Lease Agreement in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- 4 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 12 - POST TENDER NEGOTIATIONS N1000018 - SOUTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY

MOVED by Councillor Campbell seconded Councillor A Martin that -

- 1 Following post tender negotiations in accordance with Section 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender from Grindley Constructions Pty Limited for the sum of \$41,678,842.34 Incl. GST, for the provision of the works under of Contract N1000018 – Southern Suburbs Community Centre, Library and Associated Works.
- 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.

90 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion (AMENDMENT) of Councillor Whittaker seconded Councillor Docker that -

- 1 Following post tender negotiations in accordance with Section 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender from Grindley Constructions Pty Limited for the sum of \$41,678,842.34 Incl. GST, for the provision of the works under of Contract N1000018 – Southern Suburbs Community Centre, Library and Associated Works.
- 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.

- 4 That the General Manager advises via an information note or councillor briefing how the project's landscaping will prioritise local native species, where appropriate, to reduce the demand for irrigation. And, that the future review of DCP chapter E6, Landscaping, include options to maximise planting of local native species.

Councillor Whittaker's AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED

In favour Councillors Hayes, Quinn, D Brown, Anthony, Whittaker, Docker, Morris, T Brown

Against Councillors R Martin, A Martin and Campbell

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

ITEM 13 - MAY 2025 FINANCIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

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

ITEM 14 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - MAY 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 86)

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

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:55 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 28 July 2025.

Chairperson