

at 6:00 PM

Monday 15 September 2025

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown (in the Chair)
Councillor Andrew Anthony
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Kit Docker
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Ann Martin
Councillor Richard Martin
Councillor Ryan Morris
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
Chief Digital + Information Officer (attended via audio-visual link)
Manager Customer + Business Integrity
Manager Commercial Operations + Property (Acting)
Manager Sport + Recreation
Manager City Strategy (Acting)
Manager Project Delivery
Manager City Works (Acting)
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning
Manager Open Space + Environmental Services
Manager Community Culture + Engagement (Acting)
Greg Doyle
Joanne Page
Linda Davis
Renee Campbell
Kerry Hunt
Brian Jenkins
Ingrid McAlpin
Todd Hopwood
Roisin OSullivan
Mark Berriman
David Fitzgibbon
Jeremy Morgan
Alan Davis
Nathan McBriarty
Paul Tracey
Sofia Gibson

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 on 30 June 2025 to grant Councillor Campbell a leave of absence for 15 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

113 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor A Martin that in accordance with Clause 5.21 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Myers be approved to attend the 15 September 2025 Council Meeting via audio-visual link.

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CLOSED SESSION

- ITEM C1 CONFIDENTIAL: CONFIDENTIAL - General Manager's Annual Performance Review
- Reason for Confidentiality**
This report recommends that this item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.
Late Report: Post Exhibition - Code of Meeting Practice

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ann Martin declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2 – Public Exhibition – draft Wollongong Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme and Planning Proposal, Item 3 – Public Exhibition – Planning Proposal – Wollongong LEP 2009 – Minor Amendments to Clauses and Item 4 – Public Exhibition – Planning Proposal – 27 North Marshall Mount Road, Marshall Mount 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 Whittaker declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9 – Tender T1000197 – Lease of Stanwell Park Children's Centre due to a familial relation to an employee of one of the tenderers. Councillor Whittaker advised she would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Hayes declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9 – Tender T1000197 – Lease of Stanwell Park Children's Centre as he is employed by UOW and they applied for the tender. Councillor Hayes advised he would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Quinn declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9 – Tender T1000197 – Lease of Stanwell Park Children's Centre as he is employed by UOW and they applied for the tender. Councillor Quinn advised he would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Myers declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9 – Tender T1000197 – Lease of Stanwell Park Children's Centre due to her employment as an organiser at the United Workers Union covering Early Childhood Education workers, including workers employed at Big Fat Smile centres in the Illawarra. Councillor Myers advised she would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

PRESENTATIONS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown, presented a plaque received by Wollongong City Council from the Illawarra Academy of Sport on their 40th anniversary. As Wollongong City Council has been a foundation sponsor throughout those 40 years, this plaque was presented to the Lord Mayor in recognition of this continuous service.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown, presented a trophy received by Wollongong City Council and Destination Wollongong from Surfing Australia in appreciation of support for the Australian Surf Championships – Shortboard Titles 2025 held in Sandon Point on 26 August 2025 for over 200 of Australia's top masters and opens surfers.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown and Councillor Richard Martin attended the Korimul Gang Show put on by local Scouts and Girl Guides. The Lord Mayor presented a book to the Local History section of the Wollongong Library that celebrates the 50 year history of the Korimul Gang Show with names of all of the contributors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025

124 **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, 25 August 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM NO	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
6	POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2025-2035	JON LINDLEY – SAFE STREETS TO SCHOOLS WOLLONGONG FOR RECOMMENDATION
6	POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2025-2035	CLANCY CARR FOR RECOMMENDATION
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NON-AGENDA ITEM	BULLI PARK – SAFETY AND QUALITY OF PLAY / INCREASING ACTIVE RECREATION	BRETT CLEAVES – BULLI JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
NON-AGENDA ITEM	SAFETY CONCERNS OF YOUNG PEOPLE – HEALTH RISKS OF SMOKING AND VAPING AT BUS STOPS	LARISSA MURRAY-ALLEN

115 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

116 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the staff recommendations for Items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and then 10-13 inclusive and 15 and 16 be adopted as a block.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor A Martin that Item 9 is debated before Item C1.

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2025-35

117 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor R Martin that the Draft Economic Development Strategy 2025-35 be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days commencing in September 2025, including draft action items.

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WOLLONGONG AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTION SCHEME AND PLANNING PROPOSAL

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

- 1 The draft Wollongong Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme be endorsed for exhibition.

- 2 A Planning Proposal be prepared seeking to amend the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 to introduce an Affordable Housing clause to enable Council to implement the Wollongong Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme.
- 3 The Planning Proposal be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination to enable exhibition.
- 4 If a Gateway Determination is issued, the Planning Proposal and draft Wollongong Affordable Housing Contributions scheme be exhibited for a minimum period of 6 weeks.
- 5 The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be advised that Council does not wish to use its local plan-making delegation to finalise the Planning Proposal, to enable the Department to review and finalise the LEP amendment

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC 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 116)

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

- 1 A Planning Proposal be prepared to make the following minor amendments to various clauses in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009:
 - 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
- 2 The Planning Proposal be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
- 3 If a Gateway Determination is issued, the Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 4 The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be advised that Council wishes to use its delegations to finalise the Planning Proposal.

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL - 27 NORTH MARSHALL MOUNT ROAD, MARSHALL MOUNT

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

- 1 The draft Planning Proposal for the Yallah Marshall Mount precinct endorsed by Council on 28 July 2025 be amended to include RE1 Public Recreation on the identified site at 27 North Marshall Mount Road, Marshall Mount (replacing the proposed C3 Environmental Management zone) (Attachment 4).
- 2 The draft Planning Proposal request be referred to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
- 3 The draft Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days following a Gateway Approval.
- 4 The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be requested to issue authority to the General Manager to exercise plan making delegation in accordance with Council's resolution of 26 November 2012.

ITEM 5 - POST EXHIBITION - COLLINS CREEK FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan be adopted.

ITEM 6 - POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2025-2035

119 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor R Martin that -

- 1 The amended Wollongong Transport Strategy 2025-2035 (Attachment 1) be adopted to guide transport vision for the local government area with the change to opportunity 17.4 to read "Investigate opportunities for dynamic parking that does not include dynamic pricing".
- 2 The amended Wollongong Transport Strategy Action Plan (Attachment 2) be noted and Goal 12 changed to "Advocate for streamlined speed zones which may include 30km/h zones in targeted areas such as some school zones or town centres" and change the action description to 'Council will work with TfNSW for consistent speed zones as recommended in the NSW Speed Zoning Standard which says "Speed zone changes along a route should be kept to a minimum".
- 3 The Wollongong Transport Strategy 2025-2035 and Wollongong Transport Strategy Action Plan be published on Council's website.
- 4 The addition of wording "gender diverse people" to the paragraph commencing "Poor safety and perceptions of safety..." on page 21 of the Draft Wollongong Transport Strategy. The amended paragraph to read "Poor safety and perceptions of safety are inhibitors that mostly affect women, gender diverse people, young people and the elderly".

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Whittaker (the addition of point 4) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

In favour Councillors Hayes, R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Anthony, Whittaker, Stuart, Morris, T Brown

Against Councillor Docker

ITEM 7 - POLICY REVIEW - WOLLONGONG CITY TOURIST PARKS DISCOUNTING AND PROMOTION POLICY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that Council adopt the revised Wollongong City Tourist Parks Discounting and Promotions Policy.

ITEM 8 - TENDER T1000187 - WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL AND ART GALLERY UPGRADES

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council decline to accept any of the tenders received for T1000187 – Town Hall and Art Gallery Upgrades.
- 2 In accordance with Regulation 178 (3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council resolve to enter into negotiations with one or all of the tenderers or any other party with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender as inviting fresh tenders may delay the project and it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome can be achieved with one of the parties who demonstrate a capacity and capability to undertake the works.
- 3 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to undertake and finalise the negotiations, with one or all of the tenderers or any other party, with a view to entering into a contract 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 10 - TENDER T1000209 – CLEANING SERVICES FOR WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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 Menzies Facility Services Pty Ltd for Cleaning Services across multiple sites for Wollongong City Council, in the sum of \$1,797,481.62 including GST.
- 2 The contract be awarded for an initial term of 3 years, with 1 optional extension of 2 year/s for a maximum term of 5 years. Any such extensions being exercised at the sole discretion of Council.
- 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 11 - TENDER T1000227 - ARCHITECT AND SUBCONSULTANT SERVICES - HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

- 1 In accordance with Regulation 169(8) Council adopt the NSW SCM1191 Scheme for Consultants in Construction up to \$9M Consultancy Fee, as a list of contractors prepared by NSW Public Works for the purposes of inviting selective tenders for Tender T1000227 - Architect and Subconsultant Services - Helensburgh Community Centre and Library.

- 2 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender of Sherson Architecture Pty Ltd for Architectural and Subconsultant Services, in the sum of \$1,382,295.14, including GST.
- 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 12 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - JULY 2025

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

ITEM 13 - JULY 2025 FINANCIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

ITEM 14 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR RYAN MORRIS - MAINTAINING ENERGY STABILITY AND COMPETITION

MOVED by Councillor Morris seconded Councillor Hayes that Council ceases work to incorporate a ban on gas in any developments for a period of 10 years via the DCP Chapter A2 or any methods.

In favour Councillors Hayes, Morris

Against Councillors R Martin, Quinn, D Brown, Myers, A Martin, Anthony, Whittaker, Docker, Stuart, T Brown

The Notice of Motion was not carried.

ITEM 15 – LATE REPORT: POST EXHIBITION - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that Council adopt the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

ITEM 16 – LATE REPORT: PUBLIC EXHIBITION - UPDATED MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 116)

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

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLORS

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillors Hayes, Quinn, Whittaker and Myers departed the meeting at 8:19 pm and were not present for the debate nor voting on Item 9. Councillors Hayes, Quinn, Whittaker and Myers returned to the meeting at 8:45 pm at the conclusion of Item 9.

ITEM 9 - TENDER T1000197 - LEASE OF STANWELL PARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tender of Big Fat Smile Group Ltd for the Lease of Stanwell Park Children's Centre, in the sum of \$467,204 (GST inclusive)
- 2 Pursuant to Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council authorises the grant of a lease in respect of community land for a term of ten (10) years to Big Fat Smile Group Ltd for Stanwell Park Children's Centre, 22-26 Stanwell Avenue, Stanwell Park NSW 2508, part lot 11, lot 12, lot 13 and lot 14 in Deposited Plan 22200.
- 3 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the lease agreement 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 lease and any other documents, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

In favour Councillors R Martin, D Brown, A Martin, Anthony, Docker, T Brown

Against Councillors Stuart, Morris

Following the provision of a warning that was not complied with, the Lord Mayor Cr Tania Brown, in accordance with cl15.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice, expelled Matthew McCarron from the public gallery of the meeting for engaging in disorderly conduct at the meeting during debate on Item 9.

CLOSED COUNCIL SESSION

The Lord Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting to consider a Confidential Item, which deals with a report to Council regarding the General Manager's Annual Performance Review

Prior to putting the Motion to the vote, the Lord Mayor advised the meeting that Item C1 relates to a report to Council regarding the General Manager's Annual Performance Review and that it is classified as Confidential for the following reasons –

Section 10A (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, members of the public are advised that Item C1 is classified as confidential as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals

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

- 1 This item be considered in Closed Session under Section 10A 2(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.
- 2 On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information supplied outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting. .

The MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 8:45 pm.

ITEM C1 - CONFIDENTIAL - GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

122 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Docker seconded Lord Mayor, Cr T Brown that -

- 1 Wollongong City Council note:
 - a The Performance Review Committee report on the General Manager's performance in 2024-2025.
 - b The General Manager's Performance Agreement 2025-2026.
- 2 Wollongong City Council approve a 4% increase to the General Manager's total remuneration package effective from the anniversary date of his contract (3 June 2025) as per the 2024/25 Enterprise Agreement.

123 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Quinn seconded Councillor R Martin that the meeting move out of Closed Session and into Open Council.

Council resumed into Open Session at 8:50 pm

OPEN COUNCIL SESSION

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting of the Council's Resolutions whilst in Closed Session (refer Minute Number 122).

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:51 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 27 October 2025.

Chairperson