



DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council

Monday 23 June 2025

4:00 PM

**Yass High School
Grampian Street, YASS**

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Open Forum

Presentations to Council – Items on the Meeting Agenda

Item No	Title	Name
5.1	Mayoral Minute - To note urgent advocacy about potential harmful impact of further renewable energy turbine projects in Yass Valley and support further representation	Keith Rosario
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6.3	Review of Determination - Serviced Apartments, DA230239, Keir's Road, Murrumbateman	Lachlan Haskins
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6.4	Development Application DA230382 - 51 Lot Residential Subdivision - 172B Rossi Street, Yass	Simon Cassidy
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6.5	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding (LRCI Phase 4)	Annaliese Caston
9.1	Minutes Murrumbateman BMX/pump track focus group	Annaliese Caston

At 4.44pm Mayor Jones absented herself from the Chambers and Councillor Butler briefly took over chairing of the Forum while a speaker was heard on relation to Item 6.5.

At 4.46pm Mayor Jones returned to the Chambers and resumed the chair.

Council Meeting - The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.54pm.

Present

Councillors Jasmin Jones (Mayor), Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler (Deputy Mayor), Alvaro Charry, David Carter, Fleur Flanery and Allan McGrath.

Also present were the Gayleen Burley (Chief Executive Officer), Julie Costa (Director of Planning & Environment), Nathan Cooke (Director of Infrastructure & Assets), Jason McGuire (Acting Director of Corporate & Community and Chief Financial Officer), Tanya Whitmarsh (Governance & Risk Officer) and Katie Yeo (Executive Support Officer).

Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continued connection to land, waters, skies and community.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Yass Valley LGA.

Prayer

1. Councillor Request for Attendance via Audio-Visual

The request for remote attendance by the following councillors be approved for the Council meeting of via audio-visual link, and accept their reasons as listed:

- Nil

2. Apologies

Apology

RESOLVED that apologies be received from Councillor Rothwell and Councillor Cameron leave of absence be granted.

(McGrath/Burgess) 200

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures

Councillor Jones, Declared a Non- Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interest and will leave the meeting in Item 6.5 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding (LRCI Phase 4).

Reason: An option in the business paper includes land owned by the Anglican Parish. A family member is on the Parish Board.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025 covered by resolution numbers 181-199 inclusive, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.

(Burgess/Charry) 201

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

5. Mayoral Minute

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - TO NOTE URGENT ADVOCACY ABOUT POTENTIAL HARMFUL IMPACT OF FURTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY TURBINE PROJECTS IN YASS VALLEY AND SUPPORT FURTHER REPRESENTATION.

SUMMARY

To advocate for the protection of Yass Valley from over saturation of turbine renewable energy projects as per Council's Renewable Energy Development policy and note Council's urgent request made to State and Federal representatives, seeking protection of the low electromagnetic interference and dark skies operating environment required by local operators in the space industry sector.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Council acknowledges the cooperation of Wind prospect in taking part in introductory meetings with Mayor Jasmin Jones, and Council executive.**
- 2. Furthermore, Council executive, along with Mayor Jones and Councillor Burgess, attended a community meeting in Bowning on 21 May 2025. This meeting brought together concerned residents and Community Association members from Bowning, Bookham, Binalong, Wee Jasper, and Gundaroo. The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP (NSW Government) and the Hon. Michael McCormack MP (Federal Government) were also present.**
- 3. Council acknowledges community concerns about Yass Valley hosting further renewable energy projects, raised during Council's recent IP&R Roadshow community meetings with residents from Wee Jasper, Bookham, Binalong, and Bowning.**
- 4. Council notes the Mayor has sought an urgent review from the NSW Department of Planning before Wind Prospect's 'Bendenine' SEARS are issued, stating Council's established policy position, reflecting community concerns, and highlighting the need for protection of the sensitive low EMI and dark-skies operating environment of the local space industry sector established in Yass Valley since 2016.**
- 5. Council supports further advocacy to ensure representation and consideration of our residents, farmers and established local business operator concerns about Yass Valley hosting further turbine renewable energy projects.**
- 6. Council reaffirms its general support for responsible renewable energy development in the Yass Valley, consistent with both the NSW Government's energy transition objectives and Council's own adopted Renewable Energy Development Projects Policy, and advocates for stronger community consultation and improved planning coordination, particularly for projects proposed outside of designated Renewable Energy Zones (REZs). Council encourages mechanisms to address the cumulative and localised impacts of these developments while supporting the broader shift to a low-emissions future**

(Jones/Charry) 201

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillor D Carter

5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUEST FOR DROUGHT NATURAL DISASTER DECLARATION

SUMMARY

The purpose of this minute is to urgently request your support in advocating for a natural disaster declaration and relevant funding support for the current drought impacting our farmers and the broader Yass Valley community. The NSW Department of Primary Industries has forecast the "green" drought will continue through to at least Aug 31st. Despite recent rain, there is no paddock food for stock, and immediate action is needed to support our agricultural sector.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Advocate for the immediate declaration of drought as a natural disaster, with 100% of Yass Valley mapped by DPI as drought affected.**
- 2. Call for relief funding and vital transport subsidies for our farmers, to the NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty, the NSW Minister for Recovery, the Hon. Janelle Saffin, the Federal Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Julie Collins MP and relevant shadow portfolio members of parliament.**
- 3. Collaborate with key agricultural and community organisations, including the National Farmers Federation, NSW Farmers, and the Country Women's Association and note our continued collaborative efforts as part of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation of Councils' united push for the declaration of drought as a natural disaster.**

(Jones/Burgess) 202

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HON MICHAEL MCCORMACK

SUMMARY

Letter of Congratulations for newly elected federal member for Riverina.

RESOLVED that Council endorses the attached letter to Hon. Michael McCormack be sent following this Council meeting.

(Jones/Burgess) 203

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

5.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - LETTER OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS AND ADVOCACY REQUESTS FOR MINISTER MCBAIN

SUMMARY

Letter of Thanks, Congratulations and advocacy requests to the Minister McBain.

RESOLVED that Council endorses the attached letter to Minister McBain and to be sent following this Council meeting.

(Jones/Butler) 204

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6. Reports to Council

6.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION UPDATE - APRIL AND MAY 2025

SUMMARY

To present details of applications that have been lodged, determined and are under assessment for April and May 2025 and to detail how Council is performing against the expectations set by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

RESOLVED that the report on applications for April and May 2025 be noted.

(McGrath/Flanery) 205

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.2 MODIFICATION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA944056C - MANTON PARK SUBDIVISION (STAGES 4 & 5) - 447 YASS VALLEY WAY, MANTON

SUMMARY

To present the assessment of a request to modify development consent DA944056C for the 97 lot 'Manton Park' subdivision at 447 Yass Valley Way, Manton. Stages 1 to 3 of the subdivision have already been completed, with the modification relating to Stages 4 & 5. The modification application seeks the reconfigure the subdivision layout and increase the overall number of lots from 97 to 108. The modification application attracted four submissions. Approval is recommended.

RESOLVED that the Development Consent No DA944056C be modified for "Manton Park" (Stages 4 & 5), 447 Yass Valley Way, Manton.

(Butler/Carter) 206

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.3 REVIEW OF DETERMINATION - SERVICED APARTMENTS, DA230239, KEIRS ROAD, MURRUMBATEMAN

SUMMARY

To present a review of the determination of development application DA230239 for two serviced apartments at Lot 2 DP797830, Keirs Road, Murrumbateman. The application for review attracted seven unique submissions and relevant conditions can be addressed by conditions. Approval is recommended.

- 1. RESOLVED that Development Application DA230239 for two serviced apartments at Lot 2 DP 797830, Keirs Road, Murrumbateman.**
- 2. The refusal is on the following grounds:**
 - a) The proposed development is not consistent with the objectives of the RU1 Primary Production zone under the Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013. These objectives include protecting agricultural land, minimising land use conflict, and maintaining the rural character of the area. New commercial uses, such as serviced apartments, can undermine these aims and are therefore inappropriate in zones intended primarily for sustainable primary production.**
 - b) This development is likely to negatively impact regionally significant tourism and agricultural businesses, including viticulture operations that may be adversely impacted by incompatible neighbouring uses.**
 - c) In accordance with section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the proposed development is not in the public interest. It has attracted substantial community opposition and does not demonstrate a clear long-term benefit to the Murrumbateman community.**

(Charry/Carter)207

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillors K Butler and J Jones

6.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA230382 - 51 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION - 172B ROSSI STREET, YASS

SUMMARY

To present the assessment of development application DA230382 for the 51 lot residential subdivision of 172B Rossi Street, Yass. The application attracted 17 submissions in total. A voluntary planning agreement (VPA) is proposed in relation to dedication of an open space reserve to Council. The terms of the VPA are not considered acceptable at this time, however, would be acceptable subject to the applicant amending their proposed terms to include a maintenance period of five years instead of the proposed four years. Subject to this, partial approval is recommended, with the exception being the estate signage which is recommended to be refused.

RESOLVED that:

1. *The applicant is requested to amend their proposed terms of the voluntary planning agreement to include a maintenance period of five years instead of the proposed four year period.*
2. *Subject to (1) above, partial conditional development consent be issued for development application DA230382 for the 51 lot subdivision of 172B Rossi Street, including conditions for the proposed voluntary planning agreement for dedication of open space to council, with the exception of the proposed estate entry signage which is refused for the following reasons:*
 - *The subdivision layout provides connection through the existing Hatton Park local road network only (Hatton Drive and Burgess Place). The proposed subdivision should therefore integrate with the existing Hatton Park, and the proposed "Hatton Heights" signage creates confusion and division in the identity of the place and the community, and contrary to the desired character of the area. Whilst the developer may wish to market the subdivision as "Hatton Heights" for their own purposes, this overall area should remain generally known as "Hatton Park".*
3. *Where the applicant wishes to propose a four year maintenance period, the terms of the voluntary planning agreement are not accepted at this time, and a further assessment report be presented to Council for consideration and determination.*

(McGrath/Butler)208

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.06pm Mayor Jones left the Chambers and Councillor Butler took the chair.

Motion

RESOLVED that Council move into Committee of the Whole to discuss Item 6.5 at 6.08pm.

(Charry/Carter) 209

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Motion

RESOLVED that Council exit Committee of the Whole and resume standing orders at 6.50pm.

(Charry/Carter) 210

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.32pm Councillor Carter left the Chambers.

At 6.34pm Councillor Carter returned to the Chambers.

6.5 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (LRCI PHASE 4)

SUMMARY

To present a report to redirect \$116,000 of funding under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.

RESOLVED that council:

- *That Council defer its consideration of Item 6.5 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding (LRCI Phase 4) until the July 2025 meeting to allow for Council to meet with the LIOC provider to clarify whether this funding can be applied to the amenities building in the Murrumbateman Playground project.*
- *If funding providers clarify that this funding can be applied to the Murrumbateman Playground project, then council endorses the application of the LRCI funding to complete the Murrumbateman Playground project.*
- *Council to investigate further Infrastructure funding for important community projects across Yass Valley including the Bookham Playground, community footpaths, Binalong Recreation Grounds accessibility ramp and carpark at the amenities.*
- *Council to seek to empower community groups to actively seek grants.*

(Charry/Carter)211

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.50pm Mayor Jones returned to the Chambers.

6.6 PLANNING PROPOSAL - LOT 2 DP1144979 WALLAROO ROAD, WALLAROO

SUMMARY

To present a report on a draft Planning Proposal seeking an amendment to the land use zoning under the Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 for Lot 2 DP1144979, Wallaroo Road, Wallaroo.

RESOLVED that :

1. *The Planning Proposal for Lot 2 DP1144979 Wallaroo Road, Wallaroo be endorsed.*
2. *The draft Planning Proposal be forwarded to the Minister for Planning to request a Gateway determination pursuant to s3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*

(Carter/Charry)212

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.7 COUNCIL SPORTING FACILITIES - USER CHARGES REVIEW

SUMMARY

Council has undertaken engagement with individual sporting groups to understand the impacts of the proposed fee increases and its service levels prior to setting the 2025/26 budget. It is recommended that, as an interim, a 2.5% CPI increase is applied to the 2024/25 fees for annualised sports fees, pool lane hire (not for profit) and sportsground book fee (casual users), with a report being presented to Council before the end of the calendar year, allowing further consultation with sporting groups to determine the preferred calculation rate.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Apply a 2.5% CPI increase to the existing 2024/25 fees in setting the 25/26 fees to the following:**
 - a. Annualised Sports Fees**
 - b. Pool Lane Hire – Not for Profit**
 - c. Sportsground Booking Fee – Casual Users**
- 2. A further report to be presented to Council prior to the end of the calendar year, after additional consultation with sporting groups is undertaken, to determine the preferred sporting facility user charges calculation rate.**

(McGrath/Flanery)213

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.8 YASS LANDCARE NURSERY - WAIVER OF WATER BILLS

SUMMARY

Yass Landcare operates a community nursery within a portion of Council land (LOT2 DP10122968) at 1428 Yass Valley Way, Yass. This report provides advice on their application to access Council water supply and waive water bills when their rainwater tanks require replenishing during hot and dry years.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Access to Council reticulated water supply is provided, subject to a metered connection being installed.**
- 2. A water rebate is applied like that applicable to nursing homes, Council's pools, parks and similar facilities (in the FY2025-26 Draft Fees and Charges the rebate is 35%, subject to Council approval).**
- 3. The water meter installation and water bill (after applying the rebate) is paid through the Yass River Catchment Improvement fund budget.**

(Flanery/Butler) 214

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.9 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2025- 2035

SUMMARY

To provide Council with a 10- year capital works program for Transport Infrastructure Assets.

RESOLVED that the proposed 10-year capital works program (2025-2035) for Transport Infrastructure Assets be noted.

(McGrath/Flanery) 215

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.10 YASS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT - IMPLEMENTATION

SUMMARY

The Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is an important and challenging project for Council.

Bi-monthly update reports are a requirement of Council.

RESOLVED that the updated report and work completed on the Yass Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project be noted.

(Butler/Burgess) 216

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.11 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - WATER MAIN UPGRADE (200MM DIAMETER) ALONG YASS VALLEY WAY (YVC-IA-33-2024)

SUMMARY

This report provides advice on the tender evaluation for the construction of a 200mm diameter water main along Yass Valley Way.

RESOLVED that this item is classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c, di and dii) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest

(Burgess/McGrath) 217

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.12 COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL FUTURE - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

SUMMARY

A major focus outlined in the Council's Delivery Program is to progress work required to improve Council's Financial Sustainability. The development and implementation of a Financial Sustainability Roadmap is essential for Council to successfully achieve its goal of Financial Sustainability.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Council receive and note this report and the Financial Sustainability Roadmap, which is Yass Valley Council's strategy to make significant improvements towards achieving financial sustainability.**
- 2. Council endorses to place the Draft Financial Sustainability Roadmap on public exhibition for 28 days.**
- 3. A further report will be provided to Council for final adoption.**

(Charry/Burgess) 218

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.13 REQUEST TO WAIVE/REFUND BOOKING FEE

SUMMARY

Council received a request to reimburse the booking fee paid by a community member to use Sutton Hall for a community fundraising Biggest Morning Tea event.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Council approves the application to reimburse the hall hire fee of \$148.00.**
- 2. A Yass Valley Council Policy be developed, which provides a consistent approach for determining the rate and/or concessions at which specific categories of Hirers are charged and be presented back to Council at a future meeting for consideration and endorsement.**

(Butler/McGrath) 219

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.14 APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LOAN FUNDS FROM EXTERNAL RESTRICTED RESERVE

SUMMARY

To apply to the Minister for Local Government to seek approval to loan funds from one of Council's externally restricted funds to the general fund, should this be required, to meet operational requirements, and to not breach provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Note the current balance of external and internal restrictions.**
- 2. Note the potential risk to its cash position and reserves if the advance payment of the Financial Assistance Grants it not received at the end of June.**
- 3. Approve for the Chief Executive Officer write to the Minister for Local Government seeking approval for an 'internal loan' from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund should this be required.**

(Carter/Flanery) 220

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.15 INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT

SUMMARY

In accordance with clause 212 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, this report provides a summary of Council's investments for the period 1 to 31 May 2025. In accordance with paragraph (1) (b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

RESOLVED that the Investment & Borrowings Reports, covering the period 1 to 31 May 2025 be noted.

(Carter/Charry) 221

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.16 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SUMMARY

Council was advised at the November 2024 Council Meeting that a monthly report would be developed to update Council and the Office of Local Government (OLG) on the Council's financial performance.

This report provides information about Council's financial position at the end of May 2025. The report also includes a variance analysis against the full-year budget and budget year to date (YTD).

Note that the Investment and Borrowing Report is a separate report.

RESOLVED that the Monthly Financial Report May 2025 be noted.

(Butler/Carter) 222

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Motion

RESOLVED that meeting time be extended by 30 minutes.

(Butler/McGrath) 223

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.17 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE REVIEW

SUMMARY

As per Section 333 of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*, Council may re-determine its organisation structure at any time, but must review, and may re-determine its organisation structure within 12 months after any ordinary election of the Council. Noting that the most recent local government elections were held on 14 September 2024. This report presents the organisations structure to Council in adherence of Section 333 of the Act.

RESOLVED that Council adopt the organisation structure as detailed in this report, for implementation from 1 July 2025, which includes the divisions of:

- i. Executive Services***
- ii. Corporate & Community***
- iii. Infrastructure & Assets***
- iv. Planning & Environment***

(Butler/McGrath) 224

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

6.18 2025/2026 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING DOCUMENTS

SUMMARY

The 2025/26 Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) documents were placed on public exhibition on 9 May 2025 until 15 June 2025. Following consideration of community submissions, the documents were reviewed and updated.

The documents are now submitted to Council for adoption in accordance the IP&R Guidelines.

RESOLVED that Council resolve to:

- 1. Adopt the***
 - a) Community Engagement Strategy,***
 - b) 2025/26 – 29/30 Delivery Program,***
 - c) 2025/2026 Operational Plan,***
 - d) 2025/2026 Budget,***
 - e) Asset Management Strategy 2025-2035***
 - f) 2025-2029 Workforce Management Strategy;***
 - g) 2025- 2035 Long Term Financial Plan.***

h) 2025/2026 Revenue Statement, including Council fees and charges.

2. *Make the annual Ordinary Rates for 2025/26 as detailed in the following table, in accordance with the 2025/2026 Revenue Statement.*

CATEGORY	SUB - CATEGORY	AD VALOREM	MINIMUM CHARGE	BASE CHARGE	INCOME
Farmland		0.00124513		\$811.00	\$5,095,829
Residential	Non Urban	0.00131664		\$528.70	\$4,762,596
Residential	Yass	0.00274624	\$797.00		\$2,414,029
Residential	Binalong	0.00183415	\$797.00		\$166,972
Residential	Bowning	0.00183977	\$797.00		\$92,255
Residential	Wee Jasper	0.00183415	\$797.00		\$29,489
Residential	Bookham	0.00183415	\$797.00		\$12,752
Residential	Murrumbateman	0.00190729	\$797.00		\$232,355
Residential	Gundaroo	0.00158281	\$797.00		\$205,614
Residential	Sutton	0.00195598	\$797.00		\$82,407
Business	Sutton & Gundaroo	0.00131599		\$528.70	\$19,823
Business	Yass & Other Villages	0.00737413	\$797.00		\$1,082,281
Total	\$14,196,403				

3. *Each annual and consumption charge for water, sewer, liquid trade waste and waste as detailed in the 2025/26 Revenue Statement.*
4. *A 10.5% p.a. (Circular 24-05) interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive) in accordance with s566(3) Local Government Act 1993.*

(McGrath/Butler) 225

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

7. Notice of Motion

7.1 RENEWABLE ENERGY

Councillor Jasmin Jones has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 June 2025, she will move the following motion.

RESOLVED that a report be provided to the Ordinary Council Meeting in July 2025 providing the following information:

- Number of renewable energy developments constructed in the Yass Valley local government area.*
- Number of renewable energy developments with approved consent in the Yass Valley local government area.*

- c. *Number of 'known' renewable energy development companies currently undertaking investigations for potential further developments within Yass Valley local government area.*
- d. *What Council's role is within the renewable energy development planning framework and what point within this framework does Council have an opportunity to request alteration to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) or provide comment to a project.*
- e. *What further advocacy work can be done for residents and existing local businesses that may be significantly impacted by the proposed renewable energy developments.*
- f. *Council reflects on lessons learnt from previous proposed State Significant Developments SSD that had been withdrawn or not proceeded.*

(Jones/Butler) 226

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

8. Questions with Notice

Nil

9. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees

9.1 MINUTES OF THE MURRUMBATEMAN BMX/PUMP TRACK FOCUS GROUP HELD ON 29 MAY 2025

REPORT

The minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group meeting held on 29 May 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

As per the Terms of Reference, the Focus Group provides advice and recommendations to Council only, with no decision-making delegations. Therefore, actions identified in the attached minutes will require the formal approval by Council before any commitment or adjustment to the Operational Plan / Budget is made.

From the minutes of the Focus Group, there were four recommendations made:

BMX/Pump Track Location

The Focus Group have recommended that the southern sand arena at the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground be endorsed as the location for the construction of the track.

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground User Group

The Focus Group have recommended it have a representative on the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group. The Terms of Reference for the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group adopted by Council at its meeting in February 2025 [**Min No 101**] provide for representation from each user group and prospective user group.

The Focus Group recommended further consultation be undertaken regarding the use of the southern sand area for the track.

2021 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan

The Focus Group have recommended that the Strategic Plan be amended to repurpose the southern sand arena as the dedicated pump track location and the strategic plan be placed on public exhibition for a period no less than 28 days.

A further report will be presented to a future Council meeting following the meeting of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground User Group with discussion regarding the above matters and including a comparative analysis of sites suitable for this use.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group meeting held on 29 May 2025 be noted.

(Butler/McGrath) 227

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

9.2 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CRJO JOINT AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

The draft minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 31 March 2025 are provided in **Attachment A**. These minutes will be endorsed at the June 2025 Meeting.

The following is provided as the Meeting Recap from the ARIC:

- **Formal resolutions of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:** Member Bryce suggested having a discussion with the new CEO to clarify expectations and identify the support ARIC can provide. Acting CEO Julie will provide incoming CEO Gayleen's contact details.
- **Committee's assessment of audits conducted, including breaches or deficiencies in controls:** No audits brought to meeting for review.
- **Progress on the implementation of corrective actions:** for review next meeting with corrective actions from external audit, internal audit and other internal reviews and assurance activities to be included by YVC in corrective actions tracker
- **Opportunities for longer-term improvement:** No specific opportunities identified.
- **Key opinions or takeaways from the committee's meeting:** Member Bryce expressed satisfaction in presence of the executive and senior governance and ICT management at ARIC meeting and their understanding of the ARIC process and ARIC's role. The committee appreciated the officers' contributions to the papers and discussions.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 31 March 2025 be received.

(Carter/Flanery) 228

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

9.3 MINUTES OF THE YASS POOL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JUNE 2025

REPORT

The minutes of the Yass Pool Redevelopment Project Committee meeting held on 11 June 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are items that may require expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan. Any adjustment to the Operational Plan or Budget relating to actions identified in the Yass Pool Redevelopment Project Committee minutes will be considered as part of usual budget process.

From the minutes of the Project Committee there is one recommendation that their Terms of Reference be amended to include six community members being:

- Two representatives of the Yass Swim Club
- One representative of the Yass Valley Triathlon Club
- Three community members (not current members of the Yass Swim Club and/or Yass Valley Triathlon Club)

The change to the Terms of Reference is to provide one position on the Project Committee for the Yass Valley Triathlon Club. If it is determined by Council to amend the Terms of Reference to include the Yass Valley Triathlon Club, the Club would be requested to nominate one of their members to join. Depending on their nomination this may impact the community membership of the Committee. At its meeting on 28 November 2024 [Min No 62] Council resolved on a priority list of community membership meaning that a vacant community position would be offered to the next person on the list.

RESOLVED that

- The minutes of the Yass Pool Redevelopment Project Committee meeting held on 11 June 2025 be noted.***
- The Yass Pool Redevelopment Project Committee Terms of Reference be amended to include six community members being***
 - Two representatives of the Yass Swim Club***
 - One representative of the Yass Valley Triathlon Club***
 - Three community members (not current members of the Yass Swim Club and/or Yass Valley Triathlon Club)***
- The Yass Valley Triathlon Club be invited to nominate one of their members to join the Yass Redevelopment Project Committee and if this nomination results in a community membership vacancy, then then Council invite the next person on the priority list to join the Committee as per its resolution at its meeting on 28 November 2024 [Min No 62].***

(Charry/Carter) 229

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

10. Confidential Matters

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 the following items on the agenda be classified as **CONFIDENTIAL** and considered in the Closed Meeting of Council in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act for the reasons as specified:

10.1 Tender Evaluation Report - Water Main Upgrade (200mm Diameter) along Yass Valley Way (YVC-IA-33-2024)

Item 10.1 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(c) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest, section s10(A)(2)(di) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest and section s10(A)(2)(dii) of the Local Government Act because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

(Carter/Burgess) 230

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Closed Council commenced at 8.07pm.

10.1 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - WATER MAIN UPGRADE (200MM DIAMETER) ALONG YASS VALLEY WAY (YVC-IA-33-2024)

SUMMARY

This report provides advice on the tender evaluation for the Water Main Upgrade (DN200) along Yass Valley Way (YVC-IA-33-2024).

RESOLVED that :

- 1. The tender submitted by Pacific Coast Contracting Pty Ltd for the Water Main Upgrade (DN200) along Yass Valley Way (YVC-IA-33-2024) be accepted for a total cost of \$287,661.25 (ex GST).**
- 2. A provisional sum of \$10,000 (ex GST) is allocated to the project.**

(Carter/Burgess) 231

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Councillor Burgess left the meeting at 8.12pm.

RESOLVED that the meeting move into Open Council.

(Carter/McGrath) 232

FOR: Councillors K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 8.12pm.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

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