



## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**Thursday 24 July 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**Yass High School  
Grampian Street, Yass**

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**Council Meeting - The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.59pm and advised that the meeting would be webcast live.**

**Present**

Councillors Jasmin Jones (Mayor), Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler (Deputy Mayor), David Carter (via Teams), Fleur Flanery (via Teams), Adrian Cameron, David Rothwell and Allan McGrath.

Officers also present were the Gayleen Burley (Chief Executive Officer), Kate Baker (Acting 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), Jeremy Knox (Development Planner), Chloe Johnson (Executive Support Officer) and Katie Yeo (Learning & Development Officer).

**Public Forum**

The public forum held prior to the meeting heard from the following speakers in relation to the items on the agenda as listed.

No	Item No	Title	Name	For or Against
1	6.1	Development Application No. DA 240159 – Distribution Battery Energy Storage System – 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman	Ahmed Adel	For
2	6.1	Development Application No. DA 240159 – Distribution Battery Energy Storage System – 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman	Ineke Redmond	Against
3	6.1	Development Application No. DA 240159 – Distribution Battery Energy Storage System – 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman	John Runko	Against
4	5.3	Mayoral Minute - Advocacy to retain Yass Fire and Rescue CT511 Vehicle	Jodie Marshall	For
5	6.2	Coppabella Industrial Wind Turbine Project	Noeleen Hazell	Against
6	7.1	Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents – Climate Change and Tree Management Policy	Chris Wain	For
7	7.1	Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents – Climate Change and Tree Management Policy	Susan O'Leary	For

**Acknowledgement of Country**

Yass Valley 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**

#### **Motion**

***RESOLVED that the requests for remote attendance by Cr Flanery and Cr Carter to be approved for the Council meeting via audio-visual link.***

***(Cameron/Butler) 233***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

### **2. Apologies**

Apology from Councillor A Charry was noted without a resolution.

### **3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures**

**Councillor McGrath**, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6.1 - Development Application No. DA 240159 – Distribution Battery Energy Storage System – 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman and elected to take no part in the consideration and voting and be out of sight of the meeting.

**Reason:** Councillor McGrath is a Council Delegate Member of Regional Planning Panel that is to make a determination on the matter.

**Mayor Jones**, declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents – Climate Change and Tree Management Policy and elected to remain in the meeting to participate in consideration and voting.

**Reason:** Her family home neighbours the Gorge.

### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025 be adopted.***

***(McGrath/Butler) 234***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

### **5. Mayoral Minute**

#### **5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COST SHIFTING ONTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Recommendations to Council regarding the cost shifting onto Local Government.

***RESOLVED that:***

- 1. Council note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023/2024 financial year; and**
- 2. A copy of the cost shifting report be placed on Council's website so that our communities can access it; and**
- 3. Council writes to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform and appropriate funding.**

(Jones/Butler) 235

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

At 5.06 pm Councillor Flanery joined the meeting.

CEO Gayleen Burley left the meeting for consideration of Item 5.2 and returned when it was finalised.

## **5.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL**

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### **SUMMARY**

To establish the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel for the term of this elected Council.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The composition of the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel for the term of this elected Council to consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Carter who is Council's representative as per the 24 October 2024 Council resolution, and one (1) Councillor nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.**
- 2. Note that Chief Executive Officer's nominated Councillor on the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel will be determined by the CEO at a later date.**
- 3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel the full responsibility for CEO performance management, including discussions about performance, any actions that should be taken and the determination of the new performance agreement.**
- 4. Note the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel will be developing the new CEO's performance agreement, in consultation with the CEO, for Council's further consideration in closed session at the August Council Meeting.**
- 5. The Mayor initiates all required procurement of training so that all councillors are suitably trained prior to the performance review.**

(Jones) 236

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

AGAINST: Nil

### 5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - ADVOCACY TO RETAIN YASS FIRE & RESCUE CT511 VEHICLE

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#### SUMMARY

Advocacy to retain Yass Fire & Rescue CT511 Vehicle

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Council supports the retention in the Yass Fire & Rescue 511 fleet of the CT511 CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) 4WD vehicle.**
- 2. Council notes that Mayor Jones called an urgent meeting attended by Local Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman, Cr Rothwell, Yass Fire & Rescue Captain Chris Inglis & supporting officer, RFS District Manager Krystaal Hinds, and NSW Police Regional Emergency Management Officer Matthew Chifley.**
- 3. Council notes the outcomes that Mayor Jones has written to NSW Minister for Emergency Services, The Hon. Jihad Dib, Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Minister for Local Government & Territories The Hon. Kristy McBain, NSW Minister for Local Government The Hon. Ron Hoenig, and our local members seeking intervention for the retention of the CT CAFS 511 vehicle.**
- 4. Council notes that Mayor Jones & CEO Ms Burley met with Minister for Local Government Mr Ron Hoenig on July 16th to discuss the need to keep the CAFS vehicle in our LGA.**

**(Jones/McGrath) 237**

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

AGAINST: Nil

### 5.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - NOTING A RECENT VISIT FROM NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER

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#### SUMMARY

Recent visit from the NSW local Government Minister, The Hon. Ron Hoening, accompanied by Office of Local Government Secretary, Mr. Brett Whitworth, and Local Member The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman.

**RESOLVED that Council notes the recent visit from the NSW Local Government Minister, The Hon. Ron Hoenig, accompanied by Office of Local Government Secretary, Mr. Brett Whitworth, and Local Member The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman.**

**(Jones/Rothwell) 238**

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 5.5 MAYORAL MINUTE - SUCCESS OF YASS VALLEY COUNCIL'S MOTIONS AND SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

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### SUMMARY

Success of Yass Valley Council's motions and summary of attendance at National General Assembly 2025.

**RESOLVED that Council notes the success of Yass Valley Council's motions and summary of attendance at National General Assembly 2025.**

(Jones) 239

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

AGAINST: Nil

At 5.26 pm Councillor McGrath left the meeting.

## 6. Reports to Council

### Motion

**RESOLVED that the meeting move into committee of the whole to discuss item 6.1 for up to 15 minutes.**

(Butler/Rothwell) 240

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

AGAINST: Nil

Standing orders were suspended a 6:00pm to move into Committee of the Whole.

### Motion

**RESOLVED that the meeting move out of the committee of the whole.**

(Burgess/Butler) 241

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

AGAINST: Nil

Standing orders were resumed at 6:16pm to continue consideration of Item 6.1 further to the preceding Committee of the Whole discussion.

## 6.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA240159 - DISTRIBUTION BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM - 3 TURTON PLACE, MURRUMBATEMAN

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### SUMMARY

To advise council that development application no. DA240159 for a 5 MW distribution battery energy storage system at 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman, is being reported to a determination meeting of the Southern Regional Planning Panel (the Panel) to be held on 29 July 2025. The Development Application is Regionally Significant Development with the Consent Authority being



the Panel. The application attracted a total of 48 submissions across three public exhibition periods. The assessment report to the Panel recommends conditional approval subject to a deferred commencement. Council may wish to make a submission to the Panel.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1. Council notes the assessment report and resolves to object to the Distribution Battery Energy Storage System application DA240159 for 3 Turton Place, Murrumbateman.**
- 2. Council delegates the formulation of a full submission against the proposal to the Mayor and CEO based on the resolved key objections. Council selects the Mayor and Cr Carter to represent council at the Regional Planning Panel on the 29th of July.**

**(Cameron/Burgess) 242**

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

AGAINST: Nil

*At 5.51 pm Councillor McGrath returned to the meeting.*

*At 5.51 pm Deputy Mayor Butler and Councillor Cameron left the meeting.*

**Adjournment**

**RESOLVED that the Council Meeting be adjourned for a break of up to 10 minutes.**

**(McGrath/Rothwell) 243**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, D Carter, F Flanery, J Jones, A McGrath and D Rothwell

AGAINST: Nil

*At 5.58pm Deputy Mayor Butler and Councillor Cameron returned to the meeting.*

Meeting recommenced at 5.58 pm.

**6.2 RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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**SUMMARY**

The report presents information to Council on renewable energy projects in the Yass Valley.

**RESOLVED that the information presented in the report detailing renewable energy projects in the Yass Valley be noted.**

**(McGrath/Rothwell) 244**

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

AGAINST: Nil

**Procedural Motion**

**RESOLVED that Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:**

**1. Item 7.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents – Climate Change and Tree Management Policy**

**(Butler/McGrath) 245**

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

AGAINST: Nil

**7.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS - CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AND TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY**

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Councillor Adrian Cameron has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 July 2025, he will move the following motion.

**MOTION:**

***That there be a moratorium on all tree removals by Yass Valley Council and its contractors until the Tree Management Policy referred to in Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents and our current Climate Change Action Plan is passed by Yass Valley Council at a future meeting***

**(Cameron/McGrath) 246**

FOR: Councillor A Cameron

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

**RESOLVED that Yass Valley Council agrees to develop a Tree Management Strategy in the current term of Council that prioritises:**

- ***The retention of non-invasive trees the Shire in towns, villages and its roadways.***
- ***New tree planting in streets and parks to improve amenity and environmental outcomes***
- ***Replacement of dangerous and declining trees with trees better suited to the environment.***
- ***Removal of exotic invasive trees on public land near environmentally sensible locations ie the Yass Gorge and other locations to be specified***
- ***Replanting of trees that have been removed with native species endemic to the area where possible***
- ***Develop a list of trees suitable for the region to guide future planting in new development areas and replanting programs***
- ***Maintenance of street trees to Australian Standards***

**(Flanery/Carter) 247**

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

AGAINST: Nil

### 6.3 2022-2024 STATE OF YASS VALLEY REPORT

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#### SUMMARY

Under the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, Council is required to produce a report on its progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan during its term. This report is usually prepared for presentation to the final meeting of the outgoing Council prior to the Local Government Elections. In 2024 this requirement was unintentionally overlooked, this report rectifies that non-compliance.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The 2022-2024 State of Yass Valley Report be noted.***
- 2. The 2022-2024 State of Yass Valley Report be placed on Council's website.***

**(McGrath/Burgess) 248**

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

AGAINST: Nil

### 6.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

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#### SUMMARY

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) hold a Conference annually. This year the conference will be held from 23 to 25 November 2025, Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre, Penrith. The purpose of the conference is to shape the advocacy agenda for 2026 and to vote on motions presented to the conference.

Council needs to elect two voting delegates for LGNSW Conferences

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The Mayor, (or the Councillor delegated by the Mayor), a Councillor to be determined at the August 2025 Council meeting, and the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) attend the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference.***
- 2. That Mayor and the Councillor determined in 1. Above, be the voting delegates for the Local Government NSW Conferences.***
- 3. Any motions to be submitted for consideration at the conference be determined by Council at the August 2025 Council meeting.***

**(Cameron/McGrath) 249**

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.5 INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT

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### 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 30 June 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, except for this reporting period where investments with National Australia Bank total 53.5% which is marginally above the 50% portfolio maximum with any one entity outlined in Council's Investment Policy FM-CP-19.

**RESOLVED that Council note:**

- 1) The Investment & Borrowings Reports, covering the period 1 to 30 June 2025; and**
- 2) Total investments with National Australia Bank total 53.5% that is marginally above the 50% portfolio maximum with any one institution outlined in Council's Investment Policy FM-CP-19.**

**(Rothwell/McGrath) 250**

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

AGAINST: Nil

### Motion

**RESOLVED that the following items be moved en bloc and the recommendations contained within the reports be adopted:**

**6.6 2025/2026 Fees and charges – Planning and Environment**

**6.7 Remaking of Yass Valley Council Code of Meeting Practice**

**6.8 Remaking of Yass Valley Council Code of Conduct and supporting procedures**

**(Flanery/Carter) 251**

## 6.6 2025/2026 FEES AND CHARGES - PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

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### SUMMARY

At the ordinary meeting of council held on 23 June 2025, it was resolved (**Res. 225**) that as part of the suite of 2025/26 Integrated Planning and Reporting documents Council adopts the 2025/2026 Fees and Charges.

Upon review of the adopted 2025/2026 Fees and Charges, it was identified that some fees under the Planning and Environment directorate required adjustment with the endorsement of Council.

**RESOLVED that Council:**

- 1. Endorses the minor administrative amendments (ie applies the Standard Rounding Policy) to the Yass Memorial Pool entrance fee and the pool lane hire fee as part of the adopted 2025/2026 Fees and Charges**
- 2. Endorses the legislative amendments to the following fees as part of the adopted 2025/2026 Fees and Charges:**
  - (a) Food business annual administration charge**

- (b) *Food business administration charge – mobile vendor*
- (c) *Clean Up / Prevention / Noise Control Notices – POEO*

3. *Endorses the 28-day public exhibition period of the following fees which are being adjusted to a market rate:*

- (a) *Flood Certificate*
- (b) *Public Swimming - Pool Inspection*
- (c) *Public Swimming - Pool Re-Inspection*
- (d) *Skin Penetration - Inspection*

*(Flanery/Carter) 252*

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.7 REMAKING OF YASS VALLEY COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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### SUMMARY

Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council, within 12 months of an ordinary election of councillors, to adopt a Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Code of Meeting Practice (the Model Code) as prescribed by the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

1. *Council endorses the Draft Yass Valley Council Code of Meeting Practice appearing as Attachment A to the report on this matter presented to its July 2025 ordinary meeting of Council*
2. *The Draft be placed on public exhibition for no less than 28 days before referral back to Council for final adoption at or before its ordinary meeting in September 2025*
3. *Council notes that the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) has advised local councils in NSW that current revision work on the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW is still in progress*
4. *Council further notes OLG advice that revision of the Model Code will not be completed in time to allow councils to factor in any new mandatory provisions before they must meet their statutory obligation for remaking their local Code of Meeting Practice within 12 months of an ordinary election of councillors.*

*(Flanery/Carter) 253*

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.8 REMAKING OF YASS VALLEY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT AND SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

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### SUMMARY

The *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (Model Code) and the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (Model Procedures) are prescribed under the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Under section 440 of the Act, a council must review its adopted code and supporting procedures and make such adjustments as it considers appropriate that are consistent with requirements under the Model Code and Model Procedures. Such review must be completed within 12 months after each ordinary election of councillors.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Council endorses the re-adoption of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW with no changes other than incorporation of corporate branding and related formatting adjustments**
- 2. Council endorses the re-adoption of the Procedures for Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW with no changes other than incorporation of corporate branding and related formatting adjustments**
- 3. The Model Code and Model Procedures be placed on public exhibition for no less than 28 days indicating that Council does not propose to add to or otherwise amend contents for the purposes of local adoption**
- 4. The rebranded versions of the Model Code and Model Procedures be referred back to Council for final adoption at or before its ordinary meeting in September 2025**
- 5. Council notes that the Model Code and Model Procedures will continue to remain unchanged for the near future, despite an announcement in late 2024 by the NSW Minister for Local Government canvassing potential significant changes in code of conduct requirements for councillors.**

(Flanery/Carter) 254

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.9 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - YASS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE DEWATERING AND DRIED BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL (CONTRACT YVC-IA-14-2025)

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### SUMMARY

This report provides advice on the tender evaluation for the multi-year contract for dewatering of sludge and offsite disposal of dried biosolids.

**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/Butler) 255

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

AGAINST: Nil

## **7. Notice of Motion**

### **7.2 STAGE 2 CRAGO MILL PRECINCT**

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Councillor Adrian Cameron has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 July 2025, he will move the following motion.

***MOTION:***

***That all planning and work on Stage 2 of the Crago Mill Precinct cease until a Stage 2 Review including all plans and construction costs for possible options within Stage 2, together with consequent loan repayments for each option is presented to a Council meeting for decision.***

(Cameron)

*Motion lapsed for the want of a seconder*

## **8. Questions with Notice**

### **8.1 2024/2025 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM PAYMENTS**

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**Question**

Councillor Cameron has submitted the following Question with Notice:

**Have Payments to all four recipients of the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Grants Program been finalised and all payments made to all those recipients?**

**Response**

Payment to the four recipients of the 2024/2025 Local Heritage Grants Program have been finalised as detailed in the table below.

Recipient	Amount Paid	Date of Payment
Wullaert	\$3,400	17/7/25
Reidy	\$3,400	
Bowning Hall	\$1,800	
Vacca	\$3,400	

### **8.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

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The following questions on notice were submitted by Councillor Cameron. Answers to the questions published in the meeting business paper were considered in conjunction with item 7.1 Integrated planning and reporting documents – Climate change action plan and tree management policy.

**To ensure that our YVC commitments with regard to our recent IP & R documents and our Climate Change Action Plan referring to our Street and Amenity Tree Maintenance Program, and**

mitigating and adopting environmentally sustainable practices, can our community please be advised:

1. What processes are being used currently to identify trees for removal from our public spaces?
2. What criteria and processes are being in used in selecting consultant arborists and what is the minimum level of the qualifications for these consultant arborists?
3. What are the qualifications and experience of staff as arborists and/or horticulturalists who are involved in assessing and making decisions about trees for removal?
4. What process is used for managing trees identified by Essential Energy as presenting concern for their network and is there a policy framework for managing this relationship?

## **9. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees**

### **9.1 MINUTES OF THE CANBERRA REGION JOINT ORGANISATION HELD ON 7 MARCH 2025 AND 5 JUNE 2025**

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#### **REPORT**

The minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on 7 March 2025 and 5 June 2025 are included in **Attachment A and Attachment B**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter 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 Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board Meeting minutes will be considered as part of usual budget process.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board Meeting held on 7 March 2025 and 5 June 2025 be noted.***

***(Rothwell/Jones) 256***

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

AGAINST: Nil

### **9.2 MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE 2025**

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#### **REPORT**

The minutes of the National General Assembly Conference held in Canberra on 24-27 June 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

The National General Assembly Communique are included in **Attachment B** and the National General Assembly Listening Report are included in **Attachment C**.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

Along with the Chief Executive Officer following Councillors attended the full National General Assembly program from the 24 – 27 June 2025:

- Mayor Jasmin Jones
- Deputy Mayor Kristin Butler



Councillor Alvaro Charry attended the Regional Forum on the 24 June 2025 only.

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the National General Assembly Conference and Communiqué for 24-27 June 2025 be noted.***

***(Butler/McGrath) 257***

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

AGAINST: Nil

### **9.3 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025**

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#### **REPORT**

The minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 13 February 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter that:

- Requires expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan
- Involves a variation to a Council policy
- Is contrary to a previous decision or position of Council
- Relates to a matter which requires Council to form a view or adopt a position
- Deals with a matter of specific interest

Accordingly the minutes are presented for information.

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 13 February 2025 be noted.***

***(Rothwell/Burgess) 258***

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

AGAINST: Nil

### **9.4 MINUTES OF THE RESCUE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025.**

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#### **REPORT**

The minutes of the Rescue Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 February 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

From these minutes there are no items which covers a matter that:

- Requires expenditure not provided for in the current Operational Plan
- Involves a variation to a Council policy
- Is contrary to a previous decision or position of Council
- Relates to a matter which requires Council to form a view or adopt a position
- Deals with a matter of specific interest

Accordingly the minutes are presented for information.

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Rescue Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 February 2025 be noted.***

(Rothwell/Burgess) 259

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

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 - Yass Sewage Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering and Dried Biosolids Disposal (Contract YVC-IA-14-2025)**

***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.***

**10.2 Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee Nominations**

***Item 10.2 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) 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.***

(Rothwell/McGrath) 260

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

AGAINST: Nil

Closed Council commenced at 7.08 pm.

At 7.08 pm Councillor Cameron left the meeting.

At 7.12 pm Councillor Cameron returned to the meeting.

## 10.1 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - YASS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE DEWATERING AND DRIED BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL (CONTRACT YVC-IA-14-2025)

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### SUMMARY

This report provides advice on the tender evaluation for contract “Yass Sewage Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering and Dried Biosolids Disposal (YVC-IA-14-2025)”.

***RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Arkwood (Gloucester) Pty Ltd for contract YVC-IA-14-2025 - Yass Sewage Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering and Dried Biosolids Disposal be accepted for three years with a 2-year option for extension, as per the submitted schedule of rates with annual CPI adjustments.***

**(McGrath/Burgess) 261**

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

AGAINST: Nil

## 10.2 RYE PARK WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

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### SUMMARY

Advising on nominations received for the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee.

***RESOLVED that Council accept the appointment of***

- ***Geoff Frost***
- ***Mary-Clare Walker***

***as the Community representatives on the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee.***

**(Butler/McGrath) 262**

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

AGAINST: Nil

***RESOLVED that the meeting move into Open Council.***

**(Burgess/Cameron) 263**

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

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 7.20 pm whereupon the Mayor made the resolutions passed during closed session public.

The meeting closed at 7.21 pm