



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council

Thursday 26 March 2026

4:00 PM

Yass High School

Grampian Street, YASS

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Council Meeting - The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.04pm

Present

Councillors Jasmin Jones (Mayor) Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler (Deputy Mayor), Alvaro Charry, Fleur Flanery, Adrian Cameron, David Rothwell, David Carter (via Audio-Visual link) and Allan McGrath.

Also present were the Gayleen Burley (Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Neil (Director of Planning & Environment), Nathan Cooke (Director of Infrastructure & Assets), Peta Gardiner (Director of Corporate & Community), Caitlin Flint (Manager Governance & Risk), Katie Yeo (Learning & Development Officer) and Chloe Johnson (Executive Support Officer).

Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

Prayer

All Stand:

Mayor:

Let us be still and remember the presence of God. As we commence our meeting let us together pray for guidance and help.

Join me in the prayer or take this moment to reflect:

Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon this Council.

Direct and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of Yass Valley Amen.

1. Councillor Request for Attendance via Audio-Visual

Motion

RESOLVED that Council approve leave for Councillor David Carter to attend the 26 March 2026 Council Meeting via audio-visual link due to unforeseen caring responsibilities prohibiting him from attending the meeting in person.

(McGrath/Charry) 40

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

AGAINST: Nil

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures

Councillor Burgess, declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and will leave the meeting for Item 9.1 Minutes of the Bango Wind Farm Community Engagement Fund Advisory Committee held on 28 January 2026.

Reason: Receives financial contributions from Bango Wind Farm for hosting wind turbines.

Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:

- **Item 6.8 Financial Sustainability Roadmap – Quarterly Update**
- **Item 6.9 Long Term Financial Plan -0 2025- 35 – Update March 2026**
- **Item 6.10 Crago Mill Precinct Borrowings**
- **Item 6.12 Investment and Borrowings Report**

(Cameron/Charry) 41

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.8 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP - QUARTERLY UPDATE

SUMMARY

A major focus outlined in the Council’s Delivery Program is to progress work required to improve Council’s Financial Sustainability. In August 2025 Council endorsed the Financial Sustainability Roadmap (FSR) as a key document underpinning its planned progression towards Financial Sustainability. This report provides an update on the implementation of the Action Plan included in the FSR.

RESOLVED that Council receive and note this report outlining the implementation of the Action Plan contained in the Financial Sustainability Roadmap.

(Cameron/Charry) 42

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.9 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-35 - UPDATE MARCH 2026

SUMMARY

This report provides an update to Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2025-35 to account for resolutions of Council with respect to the discontinuation of Crago Mill Precinct Project – Stage 2 and the inclusion of measures outlined in the Financial Sustainability Roadmap adopted by Council in August 2025.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Endorse the updated the 'Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-35 Update March 2026' to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for public comment and if no submissions are received, the policy be adopted.**
- 2. Notes the improvement in Council's estimated operating deficit in each of the financial years and improved cash position.**

(Cameron/Charry) 43

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.10 CRAGO MILL PRECINCT BORROWINGS

SUMMARY

To provide advice of the bi-annual review of the Crago Mill loan facility with Westpac Banking Corporation.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Council notes that the bi-annual review of the Westpac Loan facility has been completed.**
- 2. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the updated Business Finance Agreement with Westpac reducing the limit from \$50 million to \$41 million.**
- 3. A report will be provided to a future Council meeting to determine any extension to the interest only period, if offered by Westpac.**

(Cameron/Charry) 44

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.12 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 28 February 2026. 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 28 February 2026 be noted.

(Cameron/Charry) 45

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

AGAINST: Nil

8.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - CR ALVARO CHARRY

SPRINGDALE SOLAR FARM

Question 1

Noting advice that staged approval was granted in July 2025 and that pre-construction works are permitted, has Council been formally advised by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) whether those works constitute lawful commencement for the purposes of preventing the consent from lapsing, and if so, on what date commencement was deemed to have occurred?

Question 2

Given that a Traffic Management Plan has been lodged and is under assessment by DPHI, what advice has Council received regarding its current status, and are any heavy vehicle movements expected through Sutton village during the pre-construction phase?

Question 3

What baseline road condition or dilapidation assessments have been undertaken in consultation with Council prior to pre-construction activity, and what role does Council have in monitoring ongoing road safety impacts within Sutton village?

Question 4

In accordance with the consent's Community Communication Strategy requirements, what operational mechanisms are currently in place for Sutton residents to raise concerns relating to traffic, road safety, dust or access impacts, and what is Council's role in escalating those concerns to DPHI?

Question 5

What is the current status of the Springdale Solar Farm Voluntary Planning Agreement between the proponent and Council, including whether it has been executed, when contributions are expected to commence, and how environmental protection of local waterways is addressed within the consent conditions?

Consolidated Response to Questions 1-5

Council have been advised verbally by the applicant that the project is not proceeding and that no commencement has occurred. Therefore the applicant considers that consent has lapsed for the project, although no formal correspondence has been received at the time of writing this report and the Major Projects page on the NSW Planning Portal still indicates that the project has been approved.

Resolved that the Questions with Notice be tabled and noted.

(Cameron/Charry) 46

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

AGAINST: Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2026 covered by resolution numbers 1 - 37 inclusive,

(Burgess/Charry) 47

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

AGAINST: Nil

RESOLVED that Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 March 2026 covered by resolution numbers 38 – 39 inclusive, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.

(Charry/Rothwell) 48

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

AGAINST: Councillors A Cameron and F Flanery

5. Mayoral Minute

5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - WAR WIDOW CONCESSION EQUITY ADVOCACY 2026

SUMMARY

I am formally proposing that Council advocates to the NSW Government for war widow concession equity in relation to council rates relief under Local Government Regulation 2021 and call upon the State and/or Federal Governments to support councils with reimbursement for this revenue loss.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Writes to the Australian Local Government Association to request that an urgent motion to the ALGA National General Assembly (June 2026) be submitted requesting advocacy for all states and territories to remove income testing for war widow/widower to ensure concession equity.***
- 2. Call upon ALGA to advocate for the Federal Government/States/Territories to reimburse local councils for the resulting revenue loss.***
- 3. Submit a motion to the NSW Local Government Conference (November 2026) seeking advocacy to secure amendments to clause 134 to ensure concession equity.***
- 4. Writes to the Country Mayors Association to request that a motion be submitted for inclusion in the first available meeting agenda.***
- 5. Writes directly to the NSW Minister for Veterans, the Minister for Local Government, and local Members of Parliament urging these legislative changes.***

(Jones/Charry) 49

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

AGAINST: Nil

5.2. MAYORAL MINUTE - WATER RESTRICTIONS

Mayor Jasmin Jones noted that Yass Valley Council is out of Level 1 Water Restrictions and would like to thank the community.

RESOLVED that Council notes that Yass Valley Council is out of Level 1 Water Restrictions and would like to thank the community.

(Jones) 50

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

AGAINST: Nil

6. Reports to Council

6.1 REVIEW OF DETERMINATION - BOOKHAM WINDFARM GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

SUMMARY

This report presents the review of the determination of development application no. DA250398 for the proposed geotechnical investigations at 736 Childowla Road, Bookham. The proposed geotechnical investigations are earthworks, including boreholes and test pits, and are to occur across 12 properties. The original application was recommended for approval by Council staff but refused at the meeting of 25 September 2025.

The applicant has requested a review of determination under S.8.1 of the Act. No new information has been provided, and no amendment to the application has been made. The applicant has provided additional legal advice, outlining that Council has the obligation to assess the application as it has been lodged. Not for the potential future application.

Approval is recommended.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Notes that Yass Valley Council and the broader region are disproportionately bearing the impact of the state's renewable energy transition projects and maintains its ongoing opposition to additional inappropriately located renewable energy proposals in the area.**
- 2. Acknowledges growing community concern and recommits to advocacy calling for the full end-of-life decommissioning of turbine sites, including the removal of blades, towers, concrete pads, and both overhead and underground transmission lines.**
- 3. Notes that the current planning legislation and legal framework require applications to be assessed on their individual merits rather than potential final development outcomes, which are likely to be assessed as State Significant Development.**
- 4. Issues conditional development consent for DA250398 regarding geotechnical investigations at 736 Childowla Road, Bookham, subject to additional conditions requiring:**
 - **Environmental Protection: Implementation of appropriate measures for the seasonal identification and ongoing protection of the vulnerable Yass Daisy (*Ammobium craspedioides*).**
 - **Hydrological Assessment: A comprehensive assessment, including the identification of all bores within a 1km radius, to demonstrate that there will be no detrimental impacts on groundwater.**
 - **Site Remediation: Written confirmation from a suitably qualified independent environmental engineer, provided to Council within 28 days of completion, verifying the sealing of boreholes and the absence of contamination.**
- 5. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage: Improved communication with Elders and formal consideration of Aboriginal heritage. Council acknowledges receipt of verbal feedback provided to the Mayor today from Onerwal LALC CEO, Ms. Mar cayla Stopp, regarding the presence of five Muliyan (wedge-tail eagles) observed during an Elder site walkover. Council accepts the advice that the Ngunnawal community views this as a sensitive cultural area, as the presence of Muliyan—the sacred animal of the Ngunnawal people—signifies past Elders watching over the land and its people.**
 - **Discovery of Unanticipated Aboriginal Objects: If any Aboriginal objects (e.g., stone artifacts, shell middens) are uncovered:**
 - a) All works in the immediate area must cease immediately.**
 - b) The area must be cordoned off to prevent further disturbance.**

- c) *The Onerwal Local Aboriginal Land Council and Heritage NSW must be notified within 24 hours.*
- d) *Work shall not recommence until an assessment is completed by a qualified archaeologist and/or Heritage NSW provides written authorization.*

Cultural Induction: All personnel involved in geotechnical works must be inducted regarding the potential for encountering Aboriginal objects and the mandatory procedures to be followed

(Jones/Rothwell) 51

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA250584 - COMMERCIAL HOTEL - 170-186 COMUR STREET, YASS

SUMMARY

To present the assessment of Development Application No. DA250584 for the Commercial Hotel at 170-186 Comur Street, Yass. The application attracted seven submissions including one objection, two neutral, and four in support. The proposal seeks exception to several planning controls. Approval is recommended.

RESOLVED that conditional development consent be issued for development application No. DA250584 for the Commercial Hotel at 170-186 Comur Street, Yass

(McGrath/Rothwell) 52

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

AGAINST: Councillor F Flanery

6.3 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA240389 - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM S7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS - 168 WURUNGUL LANE, GUNDAROO

SUMMARY

To present a request for an exemption from payment of s7.12 development contributions in relation to Development Consent DA240389 for a dwelling house at 168 Wurungul Lane, Gundaroo. It is recommended that the requested exemption is not supported.

RESOLVED that the requested exemption from the payment of s7.12 development contributions in relation to Development Consent DA240389 for a dwelling house at 168 Wurungul Lane, Gundaroo, is not supported as it would significantly undermine the application of the Yass Valley Development Contributions Plan 2018.

(Jones/McGrath) 53

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

AGAINST: Councillor C Burgess

6.4 YASS ROTARY LOOKOUT - 17 IRVINE DRIVE, YASS

SUMMARY

That Council reconsiders the resolution of Item 6.10 of the meeting of 20 December 2023 which requires the Rotary Club of Yass Inc. to be responsible for maintaining the proposed viewing platform at 17 Irvine Drive Yass post construction.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Council agrees to the proposed works as per drawing ID: R 090724 at 17 Irvine Drive, Yass (Lot 35 DP 1045621)**
- 2. Council provides project management support for the delivery of the Yass Rotary Lookout**
- 3. Upon satisfactory completion Council accepts from The Rotary Club of Yass the infrastructure into Council's asset register**
- 4. Council will maintain community assets as detailed within councils adopted Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan September 2011.**
- 5. End of life asset renewal subject to grant funding**

(Charry/McGrath) 54

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.5 MURRUMBATEMAN PUMP TRACK UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the Murrumbateman Pump Track project plan.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Notes the revised project plan for the concept design stage.**
- 2. Note the strong advocacy and commitment of the Murrumbateman Pump Track Club and direct the CEO to engage with the Club to explore opportunities for grant funding for the delivery of the project, in a manner consistent with Council's governance and risk requirements.**
- 3. Recognise the Murrumbateman Pump Track Club as a stakeholder within all consultation processes relating to the project and allow them to join the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Focus Group as a prospective user group in line with the TOR.**
- 4. With consideration to the amended timeline, Council brings a site recommendation to Council for consideration at the earliest possible opportunity and no later than July 2026.**

(Butler/Charry) 55

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.6 THE SOUTH EAST AND TABLELANDS STRATEGIC REGIONAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN

SUMMARY

To present to Council the Final South East and Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan 2026.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Notes the South East and Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan 2026.**
- 2. Proactively works with the Canberra Region Joint Organisation to lobby for support for our community transport needs.**
- 3. Proactively lobby our local members and enable community involvement in advocacy for support for our community transport needs particularly for:**
 - a. Yass being identified as a strategic centre in the South East and Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan.**
 - b. Full duplication of the Barton Highway.**
 - c. Prioritising funding for the Murrumbateman Bypass.**
 - d. Raising concerns with emerging transport and traffic safety issues including the Shingle Hill Way and Federal Highway intersection.**
 - e. Increased funding for our local and regional road networks.**
 - f. Advocate to Transport for NSW, for the investigation and prioritisation of a pedestrian crossing on the Barton Highway at Murrumbateman.**

(Jones/Flanery) 56

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.7 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY, EFFICIENCY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

SUMMARY

This report responds to the resolution made at the 12 November 2025, Extraordinary Council Meeting which stated:

1. Council defer consideration of proceeding to community consultation on a Special Rate Variation (SRV) until a full review of alternative financial options has been completed.
2. Council direct the CEO to prepare a report by the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting outlining:
 - a. Further efficiency and cost-saving measures across Council operations;
 - b. Opportunities to increase non-rate income, including through Council owned land, commercial partnerships, outsourcing, and Voluntary Planning Agreements;
 - c. Verification of the rating database to ensure all properties are correctly classified and rate income is maximised;
 - d. Updated growth and revenue projections reflecting approved developments; and
 - e. Modelling of a longer-term (4–7 year) SRV option should it still be required.
3. Council reaffirm its commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and community confidence by ensuring that any SRV proposal is only pursued once all other practical options have been fully examined and reported to Council.

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the information contained within the report.
2. Commits to improving its operational financial position in the short and long term, through the implementation of business improvement initiatives which include but are not limited to:
 - a) Continued implementation of the Financial Sustainability Roadmap;
 - b) Undertake and implement pricing methodology work in relation to externally restricted funds, namely Waste, Sewer and Water, that explicitly aligns revenue with service costs;
 - c) Revised Contributions Framework, including Section 7.11 Plans;
 - d) Continued development and implementation of a Property Strategy;
 - e) Service Reviews with any proposed changes to current service levels to be presented to Council as they are prepared.
3. Directs the CEO, or her delegate, to present a report to the April 2026 Council Meeting, which is inclusive of:
 - a) financial modelling and analysis of the estimated impacts of the above business improvement initiatives to address the Long-Term Financial Plan operating deficits;
 - b) consideration of a reduced (ie <40%) potential revised SRV application.

(Charry/Rothwell) 57

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

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

Procedural Motion

Request that the meeting break for a period of 5 minutes.

(Carter/Charry)

FOR: Councillors A Cameron, D Carter and A Charry

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

Motion was put and lost.

Councillor David Carter left the Meeting at 6.17pm

6.11 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

SUMMARY

This monthly financial report provides information about Council's financial position at the end of February 2026 with the full year and year-to-date budgets reflecting the budgets adopted as part of the Second Quarter Budget Review (QBR2). The report also includes a variance analysis against the full-year and budget year to date. An Investment and Borrowing Report is prepared and is presented to Council as a separate report.

RESOLVED that the Monthly Financial Report for February 2026 be noted.

(Cameron/McGrath) 58

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Councillor D Carter

Procedural Motion

RESOLVED that Item 6.13 Finalisation of Additional Expressions of Interest - Advisory Committee Membership be moved into closed session under Section 10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 given the discussion will relate to the personal information of some applicants and their suitability for recommended Committees. Discussion in open Council would be on balance, contrary to the public interest.

(Charry/Flanery) 59

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

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Councillor D Carter

Councillor David Carter returned to the Meeting via audio-visual link at 6.22pm

6.14 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the peak national body representing local councils across Australia. The 2026 National General Assembly (NGA) of ALGA will be held in Canberra between 23 - 25 June 2026. The events commence with the Regional Forum on 23 June 2026. It is proposed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, one Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer attend the NGA including the Regional Forum.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. The ALGA meeting be attended by the Mayor, CEO (or their delegates) and up to one other Councillor and up to 4 Councillors attend the one day Regional Forum.**
 - Councillors Cameron, Charry & Rothwell to attend the Regional Forum**
- 2. The Mayor is authorised to attend as Council's voting delegate.**

(Cameron/Charry) 60

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.15 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - JOINT ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY

The State Government is currently refreshing the Joint Organisations (JOs) framework ahead of new proclamations. This report seeks Council's formal endorsement of a response to the Minister, confirming that Yass Valley Council intends to remain a member of the **Canberra Regional Joint Organisation (CRJO)**. This position aligns with Council's commitment to regional advocacy and long-term financial sustainability.

RESOLVED that :

- 1. Council authorises the Chief Executive officer and Mayor, to prepare a response to the Minister advising that Council supports the Joint Organisation concept with a focus on shared decision-making for common issues amongst the member Councils, and which Community benefit outweighs cost and effort; and**
- 2. The response to the Minister includes a request for sustained investment from the NSW State Government to ensure the JO framework remains a viable support system for rural councils rather than an additional administrative burden.**

(Jones/McGrath) 61

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.16 REQUEST TO SELL LOTS 1 & 2 DISCOVERY DRIVE STAGE 3, YASS

SUMMARY

To recommend the sale of lots 1 and 2 of Stage 3, Discovery Drive, Yass. This land has previously been identified as an extension to the existing Discovery Drive residential development and forms part of land which has a recently approved Development Modification (DA035019D). Stage 3 comprises 7 new residential lots in total with the remaining lots proposed to be taken to the market upon completion of services infrastructure.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Approve Lot 3 DP 1079585 (Stage 3 Discovery Drive, Yass) to be developed in accordance with DA035019D for disposal by open market sale**
- 2. Approve the construction of enabling works for Lots 1 and 2 to be taken to the market as a first stage of the development with an estimated cost of \$50,000 to be charged against the Commercial Property Development Internally Restricted Fund in accordance with the purpose of that Fund.**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to appoint a licensed real estate Agent to manage the sale of Lots 1 and 2 on behalf of Council upon completion of the enabling works.**
- 4. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer to bring any offers received for Lots 1 and 2 back to Council for resolution, together with an independent valuation and the advice of the selling Agent, in accordance with Section 377(1)(h) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.**
- 5. Directs the proceeds of the sale of Lots 1 and 2 of Stage 3 Discovery Drive, Yass be placed in the Commercial Property Development Internally Restricted Fund to be applied to the purposes of that Fund.**

(McGrath/Flanery) 62

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

AGAINST: Nil

7. Notice of Motion

7.1 PLANTING OF SHADE TREES IN MILES FRANKLIN PARK

Councillor Allan McGrath has given notice that at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 March 2026, he will move the following motion.

RESOLVED that Council prioritises for 2026/2027 budget preparation the planting of a suitable selection of shade trees in appropriate locations at the Learn to Ride facility in Miles Franklin Park in consideration of the Tree Management Strategy, Parks and Play Strategy and safety matters.

(McGrath/Cameron) 63

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

AGAINST: Nil

Procedural Motion

RESOLVED that the meeting be extended by 30 mins at 6.55pm to finalise consideration of all items.

(Jones/Rothwell) 64

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

AGAINST: Nil

Councillor Cecil Burgess left the Chambers 6:56pm.

9. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees

**9.1 MINUTES OF THE BANGO WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2026**

REPORT

As per the Terms of Reference, the Advisory Committee 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.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026 be noted.

(Cameron/McGrath) 65

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

AGAINST: Nil

Councillor Cecil Burgess returned to the Chambers at 6.57pm.

Procedural Motion

RESOLVED that the meeting be moved into closed session.

(Charry/Carter) 66

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

AGAINST: Nil

10. Confidential Matters

6.13 FINALISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - ADVISORY COMMITTEES

SUMMARY

Council, at its Meeting of 27 February 2026, proceeded to resolve Committee Membership for the Economic and Development Advisory Committee and the First Nations Advisory Committee (**Resolution 37/2026**). Given there were limited expressions of interest received for the Sport and Open Space Advisory Committee and Access and Age-Friendly Access Committees, Council further resolved to:

- 1. Defer the appointment of members to the Access and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee and Sport and Open Space Advisory Committee until Council identifies key stakeholders and writes to them.**
- 2. Recirculate the offer to nominate for the Access and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee and the Sport and Open Space Advisory Committee once key stakeholders have been identified.**

This report seeks to now finalise the appointment of Committee Members to the Access and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee and Sport and Open Space Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Appoint the following community members to the Access and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee**
 - **Lauren Jackson Brown**
 - **Andrew McGrath**
 - **Andrew Hennell**
 - **Simon McGrath**
- 2. Appoint the following community member to the Sport and Open Space Advisory Committee**
 - **Phil Barnes**
 - **Andrew McGrath**
 - **Annaliese Caston**
 - **Tim Clayton**
 - **Carly Saeedi**
 - **Bronson Sainsbury**

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

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 7.14pm and the Mayor made available the Resolution made during closed session.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.