



Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

19 MARCH 2025

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:01PM

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater
Councillor Jon Armstrong
Councillor Peter Crisp
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda
Councillor Jody Starick
Councillor Michael Weeding

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
George Kenende (Acting Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)
Ebony Carter (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

That Council notes the apology from Cr Elstone.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nichols advised that she has a significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.15, Item 9.16 and Item 9.17 as she has a relative who is an NDIS client.

Councillor Evans advised that he had a less than significant pecuniary interest in Item 9.5 as he is a relative of the applicant.

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Troy Bennett spoke in favour of Item 9.4

Jamie Simmons spoke against Item 9.15

Travis O'Donnell spoke against Item 9.16 and Item 9.17

Sue Matulich spoke against Item 9.15

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 12 February 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 12 February 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/117

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report

Moved Cr. Linklater, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/25/135

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

A meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was held on 14 February 2025 and the draft Minutes for the meeting have been separately circulated for the information of Councillors.

The Committee considered the following items of business:

- Audit Office of NSW Update
- Internal Audit Extreme & High Risk Recommendations Update
- Internal Audit Quarterly Update
- Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report
- Quarterly Budget Review – 2nd Quarter 2024-2025
- Quarterly Risk Report
- Quarterly Fraud Report
- Quarterly report on Legislative Updates
- Child Safe Standards Implementation Update
- Quarterly Work Health & Safety Update
- Draft Business Continuity Plan
- Fraud Risk Assessment Update
- Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra Presentation

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Meeting held on 14 February 2025

- b) Endorses the Business Continuity Manual 2025

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2025
b) Endorses the Business Continuity Manual 2025

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 05:23 pm Councillor Susan Nichols left the Council Chambers.

Item 9.15, 9.16 and 9.17 will be tabled prior to Item 9.1

At 06:10 pm Councillor Susan Nichols returned to Council Chambers at the conclusion of the deliberation of the three items above.

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of members of the gallery exiting the building.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/115

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ebony Carter - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars

Circulars 25-02 to 25-04

2. Meetings

As listed.

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed.

4. Other items of note

The Wentworth Visitor Centre was officially opened by The Hon. Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government on 12 March 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 ALGA 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

File Number:	RPT/25/144
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The next Federal Election must be held by 17 May 2025. Working in conjunction with its member state and territory associations, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed a framework and resources for a national advocacy campaign that will run in the lead up to this election.

Based around the tagline of “Put Our Communities First”, the goal is to secure additional federal funding that will support every council to play a bigger role delivering local solutions to national priorities.

All Australian councils have been asked to participate in this campaign to ensure a coordinated approach that will deliver the best possible outcomes.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Supports the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA); and
- b) Supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign; and
- c) Writes to the local federal member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA’s federal election funding priorities.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Supports the national federal election funding priorities identified by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)
- b) Supports and participates in the Put Our Communities First federal election campaign
- c) Writes to the local federal member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in

local federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association expressing support for ALGA's federal election funding priorities.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 CHRISTMAS LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

File Number: RPT/25/108

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Glen Norris - Manager Human Resources

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.3 An effective and efficient organisation

Summary

This report sets out the proposed staffing arrangements for Council offices/areas closing over the Christmas and New Year period. From representation through the Staff consultative committee this report is brought before council earlier than previous years due to staff needing the extra time to adequately plan for Christmas and New Year period. The proposal before Council requires staff to be absent from the office for a period of 7 workdays of which 3 are public holidays and the remaining 4 days can be taken out of each staff members outstanding leave balances.

Recommendation

That Council approves the Christmas and New Year holiday arrangements as below:

Council Area	
Main Administration Office, Midway Service Centre, Council Libraries and Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed from close of business Wednesday 24 December 2025. • Re-open Monday 5 January 2026 – normal operating hours.
Visitor Information Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Thursday 25 December and Friday 26 December 2025. • Normal operating hours from Saturday 27 December to Tuesday 30 December 2025. • Open Wednesday 31 December 2025 - 8.30am to 1.30pm. • Closed Thursday 1 January 2026. • Normal operating hours from Friday 2 January 2026.
Council Landfill sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Thursday 25 December 2025, Friday 26 December 2025 and Thursday 1 January 2026. • Normal operating hours between public holidays.

<p>Depot Store</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Thursday 25 December 2025, Friday 26 December 2025 and Thursday 1 January 2026. • Normal operating hours between public holidays.
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Council Resolution

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<p>Depot Store</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Thursday 25 December 2025, Friday 26 December 2025 and Thursday 1 January 2026. • Normal operating hours between public holidays.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP - 2025 SUNRAYSLIA SAFARI RALLY

File Number: RPT/25/125

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Lexi Stockman - Manager Tourism and Promotion

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request to provide financial sponsorship and provision of the Wentworth Showgrounds (including in kind support of daily cleaning of toilets, showers and emptying of rubbish bins) for the 2025 Sunraysia Safari Rally from Monday 8 September until Monday 15 September, with the event to be held from Wednesday 10 September until Saturday 13 September. The request also highlights a potential waiver of any proposed access and camping fees at the Wentworth Showgrounds for participants.

Council approved financial sponsorship of \$20,000 and in-kind support for the event in 2024. Council did not approve 'free camping' at the Showgrounds for the event in 2024.

Recommendation

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$20,000 and in-kind support, including free camping, towards the 2025 Sunraysia Safari Rally event.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Council Resolution

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$20,000 and in-kind support, including free camping, towards the 2025 Sunraysia Safari Rally event.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Nichols, Starick and Weeding.***

Against the Motion: ***Clr. Rodda.***

9.5 REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP - WENTWORTH/MILDURA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025

File Number: RPT/25/126

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Lexi Stockman - Manager Tourism and Promotion

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request to provide financial sponsorship and in-kind support for the Wentworth/Mildura Country Music Festival, to be held on the Wentworth Wharf grassed area on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September 2025.

The promotor for this event is Joy Evans from Joystar Promotions.

At 06:22 pm Councillor Greg Evans left the Council Chambers.

Recommendation

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$8,000 and in-kind support towards the 2025 Wentworth/Mildura Country Music Festival.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Council Resolution

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$8,000 and in-kind support towards the 2025 Wentworth/Mildura Country Music Festival.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 06:22 pm Councillor Greg Evans returned to Council Chambers.

9.6 REQUEST FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP - 2025 POONCARIE DESERT DASH

File Number: RPT/25/128

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Lexi Stockman - Manager Tourism and Promotion

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region

Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request to provide financial sponsorship for the 2025 Pooncarie Desert Dash, to be held from Friday 4 April to Sunday 6 April 2025. Council has approved financial support for this event in previous years.

Recommendation

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$20,000 towards the 2025 Pooncarie Desert Dash event.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Council Resolution

That Council provides financial sponsorship of \$20,000 towards the 2025 Pooncarie Desert Dash event.

This recommendation has been made in line with the Event Funding Policy and Event Funding Guidelines which will be introduced before the commencement of the 25/26 budget.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 JUNCTION JUNK EVENT 2025

File Number: RPT/25/160

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Lexi Stockman - Manager Tourism and Promotion

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination

Summary

Junction Junk is an annual event hosted by Wentworth Shire Council and held on Easter Sunday every year. Wentworth Shire Council's insurance company no longer supports having a 'once-off event public liability policy' which was previously offered by Local Community Insurance Services, who were a division of Council's insurers JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd. Without insurance, Council is liable for any incidents that may occur during the Junction Junk event.

Recommendation

That Council considers the risks involved in continuing to host the Junction Junk event and makes a decision on the future of the event based on the information provided within the report.

That Council considers the risks involved in continuing to host the Junction Junk event and investigates if a community group can take it over.

Moved Cr. Rodda Seconded Cr. Crisp

Amendment

That Council considers the risks involved in continuing to host the Junction Junk event and investigates if a community group can take it over. A community group needs to agree to take over the event by 2 April 2025 to allow time for advertising.

Moved Cr. Rodda Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council considers the risks involved in continuing to host the Junction Junk event and investigates if a community group can take it over. A community group needs to agree to take over the event by 2 April 2025 to allow time for advertising.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/136

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring , supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of February 2025 were \$1,241,236.34. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 74.51%. For comparison purposes 77.43% of the levy had been collected at the end of February 2025. Council currently has \$50,467,509.66 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for February 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for February 2025.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/148

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

As of 28 February 2025, Council had \$47 million invested in term deposits and \$3,467,509.66 in other cash investments. Council received \$307,880.28 from its investments for the month of February 2025.

In February 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.87% and it currently has \$7,250,347.52 of internal restrictions and \$42,892,599.48 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WENTWORTH PIONEER HOMES.

File Number: RPT/25/138

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

In 2024 Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wentworth Pioneer Homes Committee in relation to the development and management of Tunkin Homes located on the corner of Armstrong Avenue & William Street Wentworth.

The Committee has engaged the services of Cadell Consulting to prepare a Development Application for the development of 11 new units and the eventual demolition of the two existing residential buildings at the Tunkin Homes site.

Cadell Consulting Services on behalf of the Committee has requested that Council consider providing financial assistance to the Committee by covering the cost of the \$4,734.75 application fee.

The fee consists of an applications fee of \$3,503.75 and a plan first fee (which is transferred to the State Government) of \$1,231.00. The Committee have paid the fee and are requesting Council consider a reimbursement.

Recommendation

That Council having considered the content of the report determine whether to approve the request for financial assistance.

Council Resolution

That Council having considered the content of the report determine to approve the request for financial assistance in the sum of \$4,734.75.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 DRAFT WENTWORTH SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2025-2035

File Number: RPT/25/129

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.1 Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries

Summary

In alignment with Council's Community Strategic Plan, the Draft Economic Development Strategy has been developed following extensive stakeholder engagement, economic analysis and community consultation. The strategy identifies key priorities and initiatives to drive economic resilience and innovation over the next 10 years.

Development of the strategy involved consultation with key stakeholders, including local businesses, industry bodies, educational institutions and community organisations. Feedback gathered through workshops, surveys and forums has informed the strategy's priorities and initiatives.

The Draft Economic Development Strategy provides a clear roadmap for sustainable economic growth and resilience. It reflects the community's aspirations and positions the Region for future prosperity.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Draft Wentworth Shire Council Economic Development Strategy to be placed on 28 day public consultation.

Council Resolution

That Council endorse the Draft Wentworth Shire Council Economic Development Strategy to be placed on 28 day public consultation.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 DRAFT BURONGA GOL GOL SPORTING MASTERPLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK.

File Number: RPT/25/131

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy: 1.1 Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries

Summary

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2024, Council endorsed the draft Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan for public consultation. Due to the time of the year the public consultation period was extended beyond the traditional 28 days to allow as many people as possible to comment.

A total of 39 submissions were received, highlighting various concerns and suggestions. The key themes emerging from the feedback are included in the attached stakeholder engagement report.

The Draft Plan will be amended to reflect the feedback received and will be presented to Council for approval at the April Council meeting.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Notes the stakeholder engagement report
- b) Endorses the recommended updates to the Draft Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Notes the stakeholder engagement report
- b) Endorses the recommended updates to the Draft Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 TRANSFER OF CROWN ROAD - MELALEUCA STREET, BURONGA

File Number: RPT/25/127

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Allan Graham - Property Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

Council has received a number of development proposals in the vicinity of Melaleuca Street, Buronga which have disclosed that Melaleuca Street as being a Crown Road owned by the State of New South Wales, notwithstanding that this road has been traditionally maintained by Wentworth Shire Council as part of the broader Buronga local road network for many years.

To rectify this anomaly, it is proposed that Council officers make application to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Crown Lands) to transfer Melaleuca Street (from the intersection of the Surt Highway to Corbett Avenue), in its entirety, into Wentworth Shire Council's authority.

Recommendation

That Council makes application to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Crown Lands) to transfer Melaleuca Street, Buronga to Council's ownership and control.

Council Resolution

That Council makes application to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Crown Lands) to transfer Melaleuca Street, Buronga to Council's ownership and control.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.14 DRAFT WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR ADOPTION

File Number:	RPT/25/161
Responsible Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division:	Health and Planning
Reporting Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.1 Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure that feedback is captured and considered as part of decision-making and advocating processes

Summary

Community participation is an overarching term covering how Council engage the community in our work under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), including plan making and making decisions on proposed development. The level and extent of community participation will vary depending on the scope of the proposal under consideration and the potential impact of the decision.

Council recognises community participation throughout the planning system delivers better planning results for the people of the Wentworth Shire. To ensure community participation is conducted appropriately, Council in its capacity as a planning authority is required to prepare a Community Participation Plan (CPP).

A draft Community Participation Plan was presented to Council at the 18 December 2024 ordinary Council meeting to endorse it for community consultation. The draft plan was publicly exhibited and is now being presented to Council for adoption.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the draft Community Participation Plan and repeal the existing Community Participation Plan.

Council Resolution

That Council adopt the draft Community Participation Plan and repeal the existing Community Participation Plan.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Crisp

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.15 DA2024/156 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 20 WENDY COURT LOT 17 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number:	RPT/25/145
Responsible Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division:	Health and Planning
Reporting Officer:	Georgie Martin - Cadet Planner
Objective:	3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy:	3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2024/156) was received by Council on 21 November 2024, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 20 Wendy Court – Lot 17, DP 1288183.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

The application was publicly notified for 14 days as per the Council Community Participation Plan. During the public notification six (6) submissions (five (5) unique submissions) were received by Council objecting to the proposed development.

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

As per Council delegations, any development applications with three (3) or more objections cannot be determined under delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

The development application was initially presented to Council at the 12 February 2025 ordinary Council meeting, where the matter was deferred for presentation to the March 2025 Council meeting.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/156 for a permanent group home to be located at 20 Wendy Court – Lot 17, DP 1288183, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/156 for a permanent group home to be located at 20 Wendy Court – Lot 17, DP 1288183, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason - Assessment of demand for a group home has been investigated by Councillors. Councillors assessment indicates that there is no further demand for Group Homes in Wentworth Shire Council other than for the Group Homes that have already been approved.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

LOST BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : *Nil.*

Against the Motion: *Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.*

9.16 DA2024/158 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 42 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 3 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number:	RPT/25/146
Responsible Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division:	Health and Planning
Reporting Officer:	Georgie Martin - Cadet Planner
Objective:	3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy:	3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2024/158) was received by Council on 29 November 2024, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 42 Midway Drive – Lot 3, DP 1288183.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for an overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

The application was publicly notified for 14 days as per the Council Community Participation Plan. During the public notification thirteen submissions were received by Council objecting to the proposed development.

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

As per Council delegations, any development applications with three (3) or more objections cannot be determined under delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/158 for a permanent group home to be located at 42 Midway Drive – Lot 3, DP 1288183, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/158 for a permanent group home to be located at 42 Midway Drive – Lot 3, DP 1288183, Buronga.

2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Reason - Assessment of demand for a group home has been investigated by Councillors. Councillors assessment indicates that there is no further demand for Group Homes in Wentworth Shire Council other than for the Group Homes that have already been approved.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Crisp

LOST BY UNANIMOUS VOTE AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : *Nil.*

Against the Motion: *Clr.s Armstrong, Crisp, Evans, Linklater, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.*

9.17 DA2024/159 PERMANENT GROUP HOME 40 MIDWAY DRIVE LOT 4 DP 1288183 BURONGA

File Number:	RPT/25/147
Responsible Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division:	Health and Planning
Reporting Officer:	Georgie Martin - Cadet Planner
Objective:	3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
Strategy:	3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2024/159) was received by Council on 29 November 2024, for a permanent group home to be situated upon 40 Midway Drive – Lot 4, DP 1288183.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011* and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*, this development is permitted with consent within the RU5 – Village zoning.

The application seeks development approval for the construction of a permanent group home which will be used for the accommodation of people with a disability under the NDIS Scheme. The building will consist of three bedrooms for people with disability and one bedroom for an overnight assistance, with each bedroom having an ensuite. Other features of the permanent group home include an open plan kitchen, dining and living area, and an alfresco area. A single disabled car park has been provided within the garage.

The application was publicly notified for 14 days as per the Council Community Participation Plan. During the public notification thirteen submissions were received by Council objecting to the proposed development.

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* states that a consent authority must not refuse consent to the development for the purposes of a group home unless the consent authority has made an assessment of the community need for the group home.

As per Council delegations, any development applications with three (3) or more objections cannot be determined under delegated authority and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/159 for a permanent group home to be located at 40 Midway Drive – Lot 4, DP 1288183, Buronga.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Approve subject to conditions DA2024/159 for a permanent group home to be located at 40 Midway Drive – Lot 4, DP 1288183, Buronga.

9.18 FOGO & RECYCLING INTRODUCTION

File Number: RPT/25/162

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration
Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.3 Minimise the impact on the natural environment

Summary

The NSW State Government have now mandated the implementation of a kerbside Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) service by 2030 for all NSW Councils.

Council has previously applied for and was successful in receiving a \$149,000 EPA NSW Grant aimed at educating the community on a 3 bin system rollout, which was recently the subject of a presentation to Councillors by RAMJO (Riverina & Murray Joint Organisation) in December of last year

As part of Councils overall approach to effective waste management, the consideration of implementing a kerbside recycling service although not mandatory has the potential to provide significant financial gains & also address an increasing expectation from a large part of Wentworth Shire Council community for the introduction of this service.

The potential introduction of a recycling service together with the mandated FOGO service will significantly reduce the amount of kerbside waste to the Buronga Landfill and provide overall cost efficiencies by allowing a fortnightly pickup of the current general waste bin.

With the upcoming expiry date of June 2026 for the current kerbside contract this provides the ideal opportunity for Council to negotiate the best possible value for money kerbside service with the potential of additional collection & disposal service for general, FOGO and recycling. Given the current service provider has long been established in the Sunraysia/Wentworth Shire area, it will be extremely difficult for another contractor to set up in the area to just service the Wentworth Shire area and be competitive against the current contractor.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Approves the introduction of Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) and Recycling kerbside waste collection services in conjunction with general kerbside waste collection as part of a new kerbside contract to commence in July 2026 following the expiry of the current contract end June 2026
- b) as per Section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) that Council enter into direct negotiations with Council's existing contractor with the intention of entering into a contract for waste collection services as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders as other tenderers are likely to be uncompetitive and there is a likelihood of an unavailability of other reliable tenders.
- c) Approves a community education process to be facilitated by the Riverina & Murray Joint Organisation for a three bin system rollout

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Approves the introduction of Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) and Recycling kerbside waste collection services in conjunction with general kerbside waste collection as part of a new kerbside contract to commence in July 2026 following the expiry of the current contract end June 2026
- b) as per Section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) that Council enter into direct negotiations with Council's existing contractor with the intention of entering into a contract for waste collection services as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders as other tenderers are likely to be uncompetitive and there is a likelihood of an unavailability of other reliable tenders.
- c) Approves a community education process to be facilitated by the Riverina & Murray Joint Organisation for a three bin system rollout

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.19 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - MARCH 2025

File Number: RPT/25/134

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of February 2025 and the planned activities for March 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in February 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in February 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Armstrong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**10.1 PALINYEWAH SCHOOL BUS ROUTE**

File Number: RPT/25/143

Motion

That Council write to TFNSW to request that the Palinyewah school bus route be extended to run all the way up to Top Hut Road in order to support the vital need of the community in allowing local children to safely access education at Palinyewah.

Council Resolution

That Council write to TFNSW to request that the Palinyewah, Pomona and Annabranah school bus routes be extended to run all the way up to Top Hut Road in order to support the vital need of the community in allowing local children to safely access education at Palinyewah.

Moved Cr. Armstrong, Seconded Cr. Rodda**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting for only so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-:

12.1 Darling Street Concrete Footpath Upgrade - PT2425/09. (RPT/25/113)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.2 Pooncarie Road, River Road & Alcheringa Drive - Supply Road Base Material. (RPT/25/114)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial

advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 326 - Diesel Engine Light Tip Truck - VR2425/326. (RPT/25/118)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.4 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 662 - Ford Ranger - VR2425/662. (RPT/25/119)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.5 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 666 - Ford Ranger - VR2425/666. (RPT/25/120)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.6 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 673 - Holden Space Cab - VR2425/673. (RPT/25/121)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.7 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 674 - Ford Ranger - VR2425/674. (RPT/25/122)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information

about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.8 Anabranh Mail Road Resheeting Works - PT2425/05. (RPT/25/123)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.9 Wamberra Road Resheeting Works - PT2425/10. (RPT/25/124)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

Council Resolution

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 DARLING STREET CONCRETE FOOTPATH UPGRADE - PT2425/09

File Number: RPT/25/113

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from Oliver Concreting Pty Ltd to carry out the removal of existing paving and replace with decorative pebblecrete paving in Darling Street Wentworth for Contract PT2425/09 in the amount of \$399,231.80 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

**12.2 POONCARIE ROAD, RIVER ROAD & ALCHERINGA DRIVE - SUPPLY ROAD
BASE MATERIAL**

File Number: RPT/25/114

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from KW Earthmoving & Concreting Pty Ltd to carry out the supply of road base material for Contract PT2425/08 in the amount of \$600,692.40 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.3 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 326 - DIESEL ENGINE LIGHT TIP TRUCK - VR2425/326

File Number: RPT/25/118

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council accepts the tender from Johnsons Truck & Coach Services Pty Ltd for the supply & delivery of one Hino 617 Tipper for the sum of \$98,000.00 inc GST as specified.

12.4 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 662 - FORD RANGER - VR2425/662

File Number: RPT/25/119

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford XL Ranger for the sum of \$73,305.40 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$19,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 662 with a total changeover price of \$54,305.40 inc GST.

12.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 666 - FORD RANGER - VR2425/666

File Number: RPT/25/120

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford XL Ranger for the sum of \$66,526.41 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$16,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Ranger, plant item 666 with a total changeover price of \$50,526.41 inc GST.

12.6 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 673 - HOLDEN SPACE CAB - VR2425/673

File Number: RPT/25/121

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford XL Ranger for the sum of \$74,158.40 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$17,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Holden Space Cab, plant item 673 with a total changeover price of \$57,158.40 inc GST.

12.7 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 674 - FORD RANGER - VR2425/674

File Number: RPT/25/122

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply & delivery of one Ford XL Ranger for the sum of \$74,158.40 inc GST as specified and accepted the trade price of \$17,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned Holden Space Cab, plant item 673 with a total changeover price of \$57,158.40 inc GST.

12.8 ANABRANCH MAIL ROAD RESHEETING WORKS - PT2425/05

File Number: RPT/25/123

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from Bott Earthmoving to carry out the Anabranh Mail Road Resheeting Works as specified in Contract PT2425/05 in the amount of \$277,800.00 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.9 WAMBERRA ROAD RESHEETING WORKS - PT2425/10

File Number: RPT/25/124

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Jarrold Roberts - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

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That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from Bott Earthmoving to carry out the Wamberra Road Resheeting Works as specified in Contract PT2425/10 in the amount of \$265,854.00 inc GST and authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

NEXT MEETING

16 April 2025

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CHAIR