



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 30 June 2025

at 6:30 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:30 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

Present

Public: 66

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Statham
Councillor M Ticehurst

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney	General Manager
Vanessa Browning	Director Finance and Governance
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Matthew Trapp	Executive Manager Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

Confirmation of Minutes

25 -146 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 26 May 2025 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Commemorations and Announcements

On behalf of Lithgow City Council the Mayor expressed sincere sympathy and condolences to families who have lost loved ones since the last council meeting.

Public Forum

At 6:32 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Erika Dawson made a statement in relation to Item 2.4 and Item 2.6 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked MS Dawson for her statements.

Bernie O'Regan made a statement in relation to Item 2.6 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr O'Regan.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr O'Regan for his statement.

Jeffrey Dean made a statement in relation to Item 2.6 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Dean.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Dean for his statement.

The General Manager read to the Council a statement from Mr and Mrs Millar and Mr and Mrs Taylor in relation to Item 2.6 on the business paper.

Andrew Downes - Thales, made a statement in relation to Item 2.7 on the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr Downes.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Downes for his statement.

Evelyn Staff made a statement in relation to the Sunny Corner Wind Turbines.

The Mayor thanked Ms Staff for her statement.

Stuart Martin made a statement in relation to the Sunny Corner Wind Turbines.

The Mayor thanked Mr Martin for his statement.

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.1. Mayoral Minute - 30/06/2025 - 2025/26 State Budget

Report by Mayor Cassandra Coleman

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:05 pm.

25 -147 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the Mayoral Minute on the 2025/26 State budget and plans for further advocacy to maximise the outcomes for the community of the Lithgow LGA.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items brought forward to this point in the meeting and moved by exception:
2.1, 2.8, 2.9, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 4.1.

The items are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. GM - 30/06/2025 - Review of Delegations

25 -148 RESOLVED

THAT Council endorse the Delegations Register which is included as an attachment to this report.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.8. F&G - 30/06/2025 - Draft Borrowing Policy

25 -149 RESOLVED

THAT Council adopt the draft Borrowing Policy for immediate implementation.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.9. F&G - 30/06/2025 - Investment Report May 2025**25 -150 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$58,803,562 and cash of \$1,165,321 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 31 May 2025 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.
3. The commentary on cashflow and funding requirements for restricted reserves be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.1. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Community Development Minutes - 19 March 2025**25 -155 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 19 March 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.2. I&E - 30/06/2025 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 23 April 2025**25 -153 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2025.
2. Provides Emily Thompson with \$500.00 towards the cost of participating in the Wattles Australian Hockey Team in Singapore / Hong Kong.
3. Accepts Suzy Morris as the Sports Advisory Committee representative from Lithgow Workies Wolves.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.3. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Womens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 12 May 2025**25 -159 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee held on 12 May 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.4. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Community Development Minutes - 13 May 2025**25 -154 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 13 May 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.5. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Crime Prevention Committee Minutes 19 May 2025**25 -156 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.6. F&G - 30/06/2025 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 May 2025**25 -151 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 20 May 2025 and accept the business paper recommendations endorsed by the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.10. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes - 11 June 2025**25 -157 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 11 June 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.11. I&E - 30/06/2025 - Sport Advisory Committee Minutes - 11 June 2025**25 – 161 RESOLVED**

THAT Council notes the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11th June 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.12. I&E - 30/06/2025 - I&E Infrastructure Committee - Minutes 17 June 2025**25- 152 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2025; and
2. Publicly exhibit revised Policy 10.15 Nature Strip and Median Maintenance Review for 28 days, prior to its return to Council; and
3. Publicly exhibit the new draft policy ENM & VENM Policy for 28 days, prior to its return to Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.13. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Seven Valley Tourism Committee Minutes 18 June 2025**25 -158 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Seven Valley Tourism Committee held on 18 June 2025 and endorse the business paper recommendations put forward by the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

4.1. GM - 30/06/2025 - CNSWJO Board Meeting 29 May 2025 Delegates Report**25 -160 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the report from the Deputy Mayor and General Manager on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting held on 29 May 2025 in Orange.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.2. GM - 30/06/2025 - Review of Organisation Structure**25 -162 RESOLVED**

THAT Council endorse the four Directorate Organisational Structure for Lithgow City Council with functions and responsibilities as detailed in the report.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2.3. P&P - 30/06/2025 - Integrated Planning Framework**25 -163 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Integrated Planning Framework documents, consisting of:
 - a. Our Place Our Future Community Strategic Plan 2040
 - b. Our Place Our Future Delivery Program 2026-2030
 - c. Our Place Our Future Operational Plan 2025/26, including the Operational Budget and Capital Works Program, incorporating the SRV Program.
2. Approve the changes to the 2025/26 Operating Budget and Capital Works Program.
3. Respond to the submissions received, providing a copy of the Council report.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.4. P&P - 30/06/2025 - DA226/22, Subdivision into 54 Residential Allotments, 19 Barton Avenue, Wallerawang**MOTION**

THAT:

1. Development application DA226/22 be APPROVED subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached planning assessment report.
2. Council endorse the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement proposed for DA226/22 being for \$6,800 per residential lot to go towards public open space and recreational needs.
3. The Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for DA226/22 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Should no submissions be received during the public exhibition period, the Voluntary Planning Agreement be endorsed by Council's General Manager under delegated authority.
5. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Councillor M Ticehurst foreshadowed an Amendment.

AMENDMENT

THAT:

1. Lithgow City Council Development Application DA226/22 for a subdivision into 54 Residential allotments at 19 Barton Avenue, Wallerawang be REFUSED in the public interest of Lithgow City Council ratepayers and residents, in particular those in Wallerawang.
2. Lithgow City Council Code of Conduct Investigation Report 2424 be referred to a suitably qualified King's Counsel (KC) to investigate and report back to Council on taking legal action in the Civil Division of the NSW Supreme Court to seek the formal re-acquisition of 19 Barton Ave, Wallerawang, formerly owned by Timberfix Pty Ltd. (and now owned by the same Directors under Barton Realty Pty Ltd) and/or alternatively on behalf of its ratepayers, seek up to \$15 million dollars or more in financial compensation.
3. A Division be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The Mayor declared the Amendment to be unlawful in accordance with Clause 10.11 and to put the motion is an Act of Disorder in accordance with 15.11(a) and 15.11(c) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

25 -164 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Development application DA226/22 be APPROVED subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached planning assessment report.
2. Council endorse the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement proposed for DA226/22 being for \$6,800 per residential lot to go towards public open space and recreational needs.
3. The Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for DA226/22 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Should no submissions be received during the public exhibition period, the Voluntary

- Planning Agreement be endorsed by Council's General Manager under delegated authority.
4. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith and Councillor M Statham

AGAINST: Councillor M Ticehurst

2.5. P&P - 30/06/2025 - DA011/25, Call In Report - Residential Flat Buildings - 210-214 Main Street Lithgow

25 -165 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note the information provided on Development Application DA011/25.
2. An onsite meeting be organised for staff, Councillors and residents and that the Farmers Creek Floodplain Risk Analysis report be discussed at this meeting.
3. Council note that a report on the final assessment and recommendation will be furnished to a future Council meeting for determination of DA011/25 for Residential Flat Buildings including subdivision (Torrens and Strata) development.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order on Cr Evangelidis, stating that Council is noting that this is the calling in of the DA not voting on the Development Application itself.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

2.6. P&P - 30/06/2025 - DA123/24, Subdivision 54 Residential Allotments, 14 Claret Ash Avenue, South Bowenfels**25 -166 RESOLVED**

THAT consideration of the DA is deferred to the July Ordinary Meeting to allow the Administration to:

1. Provide a detailed report on the future treatment of the retention basin and ongoing flooding of adjacent private properties.
2. Seek the concurrence of the RFS in supporting a gated access for emergency vehicles through Mungbinga Drive.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

2.7. LATE REPORT - I&E - 30/06/2025 - Lithgow Small Arms Factory Heritage Listing**MOTION**

THAT Council acknowledges:

1. That the former Small Arms Factory Site (Thales) appears to meet the requirements for State Heritage Listing.
2. That the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan will determine the significance of all remaining buildings and identify those that can be demolished.
3. That Council offers to work with Thales to ensure the commercial longevity of the site to retain both jobs and items of heritage significance.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

The Mayor foreshadowed a motion.

The Motion lapsed due to the want of a seconder.

Foreshadowed Motion

THAT Council:

1. Supports the residents that work at Thales Australia (Lithgow site) by opposing the heritage listing of the site on the following grounds.
 - The necessity to retain industrial land for future economic and employment purposes within the Lithgow region,
 - The likelihood that any such listing and the expense involved would result in the current owner deciding to abandon the site and move the existing operation elsewhere,
 - That a heritage listing would severely constrain redevelopment options, including new defence and precision manufacturing facilities, and would directly undermine the

purpose of Council's Regional Precincts and Partnership grant application, and

- Heritage listing would lock in an obsolete mix of buildings and site layout, unsuited to modern defence and other manufacturing requirements.
2. That Council advises Thales of our position.

25 -167 RESOLVED

That Council.

1. Supports the residents that work at Thales Australia (Lithgow site) by opposing the heritage listing of the site on the following grounds.
 - The necessity to retain industrial land for future economic and employment purposes within the Lithgow region,
 - The likelihood that any such listing and the expense involved would result in the current owner deciding to abandon the site and move the existing operation elsewhere,
 - That a heritage listing would severely constrain redevelopment options, including new defence and precision manufacturing facilities, and would directly undermine the purpose of Council's Regional Precincts and Partnership grant application, and
 - Heritage listing would lock in an obsolete mix of buildings and site layout, unsuited to modern defence and other manufacturing requirements.
2. That Council advises Thales of our position.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor S Ring as his statement had no relevance to the discussion.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor E Fredericks stating that the application is not from the Small Arms Factory Museum but from an independent body.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor S Ring

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor R Smith and Councillor M Statham

AGAINST: Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

Councillor M Ticehurst abstained from the vote.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT a 5 Minute recess be held at 7:59pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.10. F&G - 30/06/2025 - Making of Annual Rates & Charges 2025/2026**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

THAT the meeting be reconvened at 8:07 pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

25 -168 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive) as 10.5% per annum.
2. Adopt the following Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents:
 - a) Fees and Charges 2025/26,
 - b) Revenue Policy 2025/26, and
 - c) Rating Maps 2025/26.
3. Declare a category and sub-category of ordinary rate for each proposed category and sub-category set out in columns 2 and 3 of the Rates Categorisation Table in this Report on the corresponding basis set out in Column 4 of the table.
4. Make the Rates and Annual charges for the 2025/26 rating year as detailed in the 2025/26 Revenue Policy and as listed in the tables within this report.
5. Endorse the following changes to the rating structure from 1 July 2025:
 - a) include Wind Power Generation and Rail Related Manufacture, Maintenance & Storage as subcategories within the Business category.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2.11. WWW - 30/06/25 - Contract Variation for New Lithgow Sewage Treatment Plant Inlet Works**25 -169 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the report regarding a contract variation for the design and construction of new inlet works at Lithgow Sewage Treatment Plant.
2. Accept a contract variation for the amount totalling \$458,462.73 ex GST from Precision Civil Infrastructure, this will bring the total contracted amount to \$2,822,289.40 ex GST.
3. Approve a variation to the project budget of \$500,000, funded from the sewer fund reserve.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.12. WWW - 30/06/2025 - TEN 01/25 Hire/Purchase of Landfill Plant at Lithgow Solid Waste Facility**25 -170 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Receives this report for TEN 01/25 for Hire/Purchase and Maintenance of Landfill Plant at Lithgow Solid Waste Facility.
2. In accordance with s.178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)*, accepts the tender from Select Civil Pty Ltd for the dry hire of a compactor, track loader, wheeled loader and excavator for a term of 3 years commencing 1 January 2026.
3. In accordance with s.178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)*, accepts the tender from The Watercart Specialists for the dry hire of a water cart for a term of 3 years commencing 1 August 2025.
4. Pursuant to s.377 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the contracts for execution and, once finalised, execute the contracts on behalf of Council.
5. Pursuant to s.377 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, delegate to the General Manager authority to extend each Contract for a one-year period on two occasions, subject to meeting performance requirements.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.13. I&E - 30/06/2025 - Main Street Slip Resistant Treatment Options**25 -171 RESOLVED**

THAT Council

1. Maintain the allocation of \$130,086 of *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure* (LRCI) funding (sourced from the Federal Government) for the purpose of conducting slip resistance works on the footpaths of Main Street, Lithgow, between Eskbank Street and Lithgow Street.
2. Allocate an additional \$118,414, sourced from the loan balance secured for the Main Street footpath reconstruction, to apply a non-slip surface treatment to the full length of old pavers on Main Street, Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.7. I&E - 30/06/2025 - I&E Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 3 June 2025**MOTION**

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee held on 3 June 2025; and
2. Subject to a surface level assessment of heritage and environmental concerns, Council provide a one-off maintenance service for the land surrounding the Old Pottery Building; and
3. Council immediately advertise the lease of the Lithgow Golf Course.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

Amendment

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee held on 3 June 2025; and
2. Subject to a surface level assessment of heritage and environmental concerns, Council provide a one-off maintenance service for the land surrounding the Old Pottery Building.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 -172 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee held on 3 June 2025; and
2. Subject to a surface level assessment of heritage and environmental concerns, Council provide a one-off maintenance service for the land surrounding the Old Pottery Building.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.8. F&G - 30/06/2025 - Audit Risk Improvement Committee (ARIC) Minutes - 3 June 2025**25 -173 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the Minutes of the 3 June 2025 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.9. I&S - 30/06/2025 - Emerging Economy Committee Minutes - 10 June 2025**25 -174 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Emerging Economy Committee held on 10 June 2025; and
2. The Lithgow Jobs and Investment Committee terms of reference be adopted.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

5. Questions with Notice

5.1. QWN - 30/06/2025 - Councillor M Ticehurst - Heavy Vehicles on Musket Pde, Martini Pde and Bayonet St

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5.2. QWN - 30/06/2025 - Councillor D Goodwin - Letter sent to The Hon Andrew Gee regarding Main Street Pavement Funding

Report by Councillor Darryl Goodwin

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6. Notices of Motion

6.1. NOM - 30/06/2025 - Councillor M Ticehurst - Out of Order Public Water Standpipe, Wallerawang

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

25 -175 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the report regarding action taken to replace the Out of Order Public Water Standpipe, Wallerawang.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

6.2. NOM - 30/06/2025 - Councillor T Evangelidis - Council Re-Naming

Report by Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

MOTION

THAT Lithgow City Council change its name to 'Seven Valleys Council'.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

LOST

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on the Mayor stating that Councillor T Evangelidis was not discussing a particular code of conduct matter.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

6.3. NOM - 30/06/2025 - Councillor T Evangelidis - Event EOI - Ironfest

Report by Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

MOTION

THAT Ironfest be granted the \$20,000 requested.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

Amendment

That Council refers the discussion regarding Ironfest's EOI to the Events Working Party Meeting on Thursday 3 July.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 -176 RESOLVED

That Council refers the discussion regarding Ironfest's EOI to the Events Working Party Meeting Thursday 3 July.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

7. Business of Great Urgency

The Mayor asked if there were any matters to be considered as matters of great urgency.

Councillor M Statham asked when the Three Tree development is due for completion.

The Mayor ruled this to not be a matter of great urgency and took the question on notice.

8. Closed Council

The Mayor asked if there were any objections from the public with regards to the listed reports being in a session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

There were Nil objections.

25 -177 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 8:59 pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor informed the Public that the webcasting will be turned off at this point in the meeting and will be reopened at the end of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

25 -182 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to return to open Council and inform the public of the resolutions of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public at 10:35pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED:

Councillor M Ticehurst left the meeting at 9:20pm.

Councillor M Statham left the meeting at 10:01 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 10:01 pm.

The General Manager read the resolutions of the Confidential Closed Council session to the Public.

8.1. CONFIDENTIAL - GM - 30/06/2025 - Code of Conduct

25 -178 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council receive the Final Investigation Report relating to Code of Conduct breaches by Councillor Ticehurst, and
2. Councillor Ticehurst be formally censured for the identified breaches of the Code of Conduct under section 440G of the Local Government Act, 1993.
3. Council refer the matter to the Office of Local Government, under the misconduct provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

8.2. CONFIDENTIAL - GM - 30/06/2025 - Main Street Revitalisation Grant Funding

25 -179 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the findings of the management review undertaken on the communications in relation to the loss of the Building Better Regions Fund grant for the revitalisation of the Main Street Footpath.
2. Note the actions identified and implemented to date to reduce the risk of grant funding being lost in future.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

8.3. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 30/06/2025 - Wolgan Road Reconstruction -

25 -180 RESOLVED

THAT Council

1. Endorse the continued engagement of Wassabi Group as project managers for the Wolgan Road Reconstruction project, at an upper limiting fee of \$2,091,541 excl. GST, funded in full by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.
2. Allocate a budget of \$2,091,541 to project management of Wolgan Road, entirely funded by DRFA grants and Council's tripartite pre-payment, in the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

8.4. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 30/06/2025 - Wolgan Road Reconstruction - Additional Alignment Option Development**25 -181 RESOLVED**

THAT Council, subject to receiving written confirmation of funding eligibility from the NSW Government:

1. Accept the contract variation proposal from WSP for an upper limiting fee of \$1,065,000, excluding GST, together with matching budget;
2. Approve a project contingency of \$159,750 excluding GST (15% of upper limit project value), together with matching budget; and
3. Approve a complimentary budget of \$106,500 excluding GST (10% of upper limit project value) to allow the existing Specialist Service Providers contracts to contribute to and review the design and cost outputs.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:36 pm.