

REPORT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28 OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officers, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the Communications Partner, the IT Support Officer Wellington, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure and the Director Community, Culture and Places.

Councillor J Black assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:30pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities by Councillor L Butler. The Acknowledgement of Country was also delivered by Councillor A Ryan.

CCL25/261 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/1673)

There were no requests for leave of absence.

Councillor Ivey attended via audio visual link.

CCL25/262 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/1675)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CCL25/263 PUBLIC FORUM (ID25/2056)

The Council reports having met with the following persons during Public Forum:

- Mary Kovac – Planning for Trees
- Margaret McDonald – CCL25/277 - Pest Bird Species - Results of Survey and Future Direction
- Peter Duggan – Draft Dubbo Regional Housing Strategy
- Amanda Peppernell – DA Neighbour notification framework
- Les Dwyer – Boree Solar Project
- Jacob Perry – Boree Solar Project
- Elizabeth Calconan – new resident of Dubbo – Energy Waste Incinerator at Parkes

CCL25/264 CONFIRMATION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - MEETING HELD 23 SEPTEMBER 2025 (ID25/1944)

The Council had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 September 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That the minutes of the Dubbo Regional Council Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 September 2025 (as attached) be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/264a MAYORAL MINUTE - RECRUITMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Recruitment of Interim General Manager dated 28 October 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Black

MOTION

1. That Council determine the Interim General Manager.
2. That the Interim General Manager appointment be made on a contract basis, commencing 5pm Friday 28 November 2025, following the conclusion of the final day of the current Chief Executive Officer, Murray Wood, and that the total remuneration package be the same as that provided to the current Chief Executive Officer.
3. That the appointment of the Interim General Manager be made for a period of up to 12 months, noting that the recruitment of the permanent General Manager role has

- commenced, and this appointment will cease with the commencement of the General Manager or by further resolution of Council.
4. That the current Delegations of Authority for the Chief Executive Officer will continue to apply to the Interim General Manager role from 5pm 28 November 2025, until further or subsequent resolutions of Council.
 5. That the Power of Attorney issued to Chief Executive Officer, Murray Wood, be revoked at 5pm on 28 November 2025.
 6. That a Power of Attorney be drafted for the Interim General Manager, commencing at 5pm on 28 November 2025.
 7. That Council delegate the Mayor authority to complete all actions necessary for the commencement of the Interim General Manager role.
 8. That all documentation relating to this matter remain confidential to Council.

As this item relates to a personnel matter, Council will deal with this in confidential session under clause 14.1(a) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

CCL25/264a CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That Council move into confidential session to determine this item.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The item listed come within the following provisions of the Act:

CCL25/264a – Mayoral Minute – Recruitment of the Interim General Manager – that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, reveal personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) (Section 10A(2)(a)).

CCL25/264a CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That Council moved into closed session.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: L Butler M Dickerson and R Ivey.

Council resolved into closed session, the time being 6.07 pm.

CCL25/264a MAYORAL MINUTE - RECRUITMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

The Council had before it the Mayoral Minute regarding Recruitment of Interim General Manager dated 28 October 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Black

MOTION

1. That Council, in accordance with the recommendation of the selection panel, appoint Mr Luke Ryan to the position of Interim General Manager.
2. That the Interim General Manager appointment be made on a contract basis, commencing 5pm Friday 28 November 2025, following the conclusion of the final day of the current Chief Executive Officer, Murray Wood, and that the total remuneration package be the same as that provided to the current Chief Executive Officer.
3. That the appointment of the Interim General Manager be made for a period of up to 12 months, noting that the recruitment of the permanent General Manager role has commenced, and this appointment will cease with the commencement of the General Manager or by further resolution of Council.
4. That the current Delegations of Authority for the Chief Executive Officer will continue to apply to the Interim General Manager role from 5pm 28 November 2025, until further or subsequent resolutions of Council.
5. That the Power of Attorney issued to Chief Executive Officer, Murray Wood, be revoked at 5pm on 28 November 2025.
6. That a Power of Attorney be drafted for the Interim General Manager, Mr Luke Ryan commencing at 5pm on 28 November 2025.
7. That Council delegate the Mayor authority to complete all actions necessary for the commencement of the Interim General Manager role.
8. That all documentation relating to this matter remain confidential to Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor M Wright

AMENDMENT

That the appointment of the Interim General Manager be made for a period of up to 3 months, noting that the recruitment of the permanent General Manager role has

commenced, and this appointment will cease with the commencement of the General Manager or by further resolution of Council.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

LOST

For: Councillors M Dickerson and R Ivey.

Against: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton P Wells and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

AMENDMENT

Remove point 6 of the motion being power of Attorney for Interim General Manager.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

LOST

For: Councillors S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, and M Wright.

Against: Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, K Richardson, R Ivey, A Ryan, P Toynton and P Wells.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Wells that the Council move back into open session.

The open session resumed at 6.48pm.

The resolution as determined during the closed session was displayed on the screen in open session of council.

INFORMATION ONLY MATTERS:

CCL25/265 PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL'S 2024/2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ID25/2026)

The Council had before it the report dated 9 October 2025 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Presentation of Council's 2024/2025 Financial Statements.

At this juncture Council received a presentation from the NSW Audit Office's Director Financial Audit, David Daniels and Associate Director Financial Audit Hong Wee Soh.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

1. That the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 be accepted by Council.
2. That Council authorises the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer

and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the General Purpose Financial Statements.

3. That Council authorises the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Special Purpose Financial Statements.
4. That Council authorises the display of the Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2025.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/266 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS (ID25/1965)

The Council had before it the report dated 2 October 2025 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Appointments and Meetings.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/267 MAYORAL EXPENSES - SEPTEMBER 2025 (ID25/2035)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 October 2025 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Expenses - September 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

Note that Councillor Ivey was not present for this vote

Due to technical difficulties Councillor R Ivey was absent from the meeting time being 7.09pm..

CCL25/268 INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - SEPTEMBER 2025 (ID25/1961)

The Council had before it the report dated 1 October 2025 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Investment Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act – September 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the Investment under Section 625 of the Local Government Act Report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

Note that Councillor Ivey was not present for this vote

Councillor R Ivey rejoined the meeting time being 7.13 pm.

CCL25/269 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT - DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ID25/1955)

The Council had before it the report dated 30 September 2025 from the Corporate Strategy performance Coordinator regarding 2024/2025 Annual Report – Dubbo Regional Council.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

- 1. That the 2024/2025 Annual Report, attached at Appendix 1, be endorsed.**
- 2. That any minor corrections or typographical errors be corrected prior to the finalised document being published on Council's website and the Office of Local Government be notified no later than 30 November 2025.**
- 3. That a copy of the 2024/2025 Annual Report be printed and made available for reading at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Wellington Administration Building and Macquarie Regional Library (Dubbo and Wellington branches).**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL25/270 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2025 (ID25/2048)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 14 October 2025.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/271 REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2025 (ID25/2049)

The Council had before it the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held 14 October 2025.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/272 REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2025 (ID25/2050)

The Council had before it the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held 14 October 2025.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025,

save and except CSC25/78, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CSC25/78 MASTER PLAN FOR THE CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (ID25/1640)

The Committee had before it the report dated 15 August 2025 from the Project Management Coordinator regarding Master Plan for the Civic Administration Building.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That Council allocate \$100,000 from the Restricted Asset Budget (Building Asset Renewal) to develop a plan and design for the Civic Administration Building.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION:

CCL25/273 FUNDING OPTIONS - WIRADJURI TOURISM CENTRE (ID25/2046)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion of Rescission dated 13 October 2025 from Councillor P Toynton, L Butler and K Richardson.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That Council determine this Notice of Motion of Rescission.

LOST

For: Councillors L Butler, K Richardson and P Toynton.

Against: Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, A Ryan, P Wells and M Wright.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL25/274 PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING UPGRADE - OAK STREET DUBBO (ID25/2055)

The Council had before it the report dated 17 October 2025 from the Infrastructure Strategy Team Leader regarding Proposed School Crossing Upgrade - Oak Street Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That Council approval be granted to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Oak Street Dubbo, to satisfy children's crossing standards.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/275 2026 NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR STATE CUP DUBBO (ID25/2054)

The Council had before it the report dated 17 October 2025 from the Traffic Engineer regarding 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That Council approval be granted for the implementation of the following temporary road closures to facilitate the 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup, to be held along the Macquarie River Sporting Precinct from 7 pm Thursday, 19 February to 7 pm Sunday, 22 February 2026, in accordance with Council's Traffic Guidance Scheme TM7603 as attached as Appendix 1 to the report:

- 1. Bligh Street from Bultje Street to Macquarie Street.**
- 2. South Street from Bligh Street to Tamworth Street.**
- 3. Tamworth Street from Macquarie Street west to its conclusion.**
- 4. Tamworth Street between Macquarie Street and Brisbane Street; and**
- 5. Sandy Beach Road and Ian Drake Drive (authorised access only).**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/276 ADOPTION OF WATER SUPPLY SERVICES POLICY, SEWERAGE SERVICES POLICY AND LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY (ID25/1819)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 September 2025 from the Water and Sewer Client Services Coordinator regarding Adoption of Water Supply Services Policy, Sewerage Services Policy and Liquid Trade Waste Policy.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That the Water Supply Services Policy (Appendix 1), Sewerage Services Policy (Appendix 2) and Liquid Trade Waste Policy (Appendix 3) be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/277 PEST BIRD SPECIES - RESULTS OF SURVEY AND FUTURE DIRECTION (ID25/2047)

The Council had before it the report dated 16 October 2025 from the Director Development and Environment regarding Pest Bird Species - Results of Survey and Future Direction.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

1. That the results of the survey undertaken regarding the management of pest bird species in the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre be noted.
2. That as part of the process of developing the 2026/2027 Budget and Operational Plan that options for the management of pest bird species in the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre be developed, including financial implications and models of possible Business owner financial participation.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/278 MODIFICATION OF BLUERIDGE PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (ID25/1860)

The Council had before it the report dated 17 September 2025 from the Team Leader Growth Planning Projects regarding Modification of Blueridge Precinct Development Control Plan.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

1. That Council adopt the amended draft Blueridge Precinct Development Control Plan for the purposes of public exhibition only.
2. That the draft Blueridge Precinct Development Control Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days in accordance with Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and for Council to consult with Precinct landowners.
3. That following the completion of the public exhibition period, a further report be presented to Council for consideration, including the results of the public exhibition.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCL25/279 UPDATE ON THE NORTH YEOVAL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PROJECT
(ID25/2053)**

The Council had before it the report dated 17 October 2025 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Update on the North Yeoval Boundary Adjustment Project.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

1. Council inform Cabonne Shire Council that it has no objection to the transfer all relevant parcels within North Yeoval from the Dubbo Regional Council local government area to the Cabonne Shire Council local government area.
2. Council supports Cabonne Shire Council making an application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor for consent to alter the local government area boundary.
3. Council notes that the standard provision be included in the Proclamation:
Rates and Charges
 - a. Appropriate arrangements are to be made in relation to the payment of any outstanding rates and charges over the rateable land affected by this Proclamation.
 - b. The General Manager of Dubbo Regional Council and the General Manager of Cabonne Shire Council are to reach a negotiated agreement on the nature of those arrangements.
 - c. In the event that the General Managers of Dubbo Regional Council and Cabonne Shire Council cannot come to a negotiated agreement on the matter of rates and charges, the councils shall request that the Minister for Local Government make a determination on that matter.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCL25/280 COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE SUPPORT OF GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY AND
COUNCIL (ID25/1947)**

The Council had before it the report dated 26 September 2025 from the Executive Officer Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Council's Role in the Support of Grants for Community and Council.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That Council notes the information contained within the report.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/281 DRLM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ID25/1890)

The Council had before it the report dated 24 September 2025 from the Manager Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets regarding DRLM Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the structure and draft Terms of Reference for the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets Advisory Group be place on public exhibition for 28 days for the purpose of public submissions, with a further report to council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/282 REQUEST FOR NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN DUBBO CHAMBERS (ID25/2052)

The Council had before it the report dated 17 October 2025 from the Governance Team Leader regarding Request for November Council Meeting to be held in Dubbo Chambers.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That Council endorse moving the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 November 2025 from the Wellington Chamber to be held in the Dubbo Chamber.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:

CCL25/283 DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS (ID25/2045)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 15 October 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/284 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES (ID25/2062)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 20 October 2025 from Councillor S

Chowdhury.

CCL25/285 CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH COUNCIL FOR RURAL RESIDENTS (ID25/2059)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 20 October 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/286 NANIMA VILLAGE ROAD (ID25/2061)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 20 October 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/287 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID25/2057)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

Councillor S Chowdhury left the room time being 9.07pm

Councillor S Chowdhury returned to the room time being 9.08pm

CONFIDENTIAL

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The items listed come within the following provisions of the Act:

CCL25/288 - Duke of Wellington Bridge Approaches – Provision of Design Services - that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CCL25/289 – Annual Bitumen Resealing Program 2025/2026 – Tender Recommendation - that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CCL25/290 – Membership of the Next Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - the matter concerned personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) (Section 10A(2)(a)).

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for this item.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Cowley that the Council resolves into closed session, the time being 9.09pm.

The open session resumed at 9.13 pm.

The Resolutions of the Closed session of Council were displayed on the screen on recommencement of live stream.

CCL25/288 DUKE OF WELLINGTON BRIDGE APPROACHES - PROVISION OF DESIGN SERVICES (ID25/2022)

The Council had before it the report dated 9 October 2025 from the Manager Infrastructure Delivery regarding Duke of Wellington Bridge Approaches - Provision of Design Services.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

- 1. That a contract for the investigation and detailed design of an approved repair solution for the Duke of Wellington Bridge and its road approach be awarded to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd in accordance with Clause 55 (3) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the amount of \$363,385 (incl GST).**
- 2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.**
- 3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve contract variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.**
- 4. That should Council adopt recommendation number 1, the report, excluding attachments, shall be included with the minutes of the October Ordinary Council Meeting.**
- 5. That should Council resolve to go to open tender, this report, including attachments, shall remain confidential.**
- 6. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under the Power of Attorney.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/289 ANNUAL BITUMEN RESEALING PROGRAM 2025/2026 – TENDER RECOMMENDATION (CD25/7207) (ID25/1716)

The Council had before it the report dated 26 August 2025 from the Operations Coordinator West regarding Annual Bitumen Resealing Program 2025/2026 – Tender Recommendation (CD25/7207).

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

RECOMMENDATION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

- 1. That the contract for the 'Annual Bitumen Resealing Program 2025/2026' be awarded to Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 Section 55 (3) for an upper limit amount of \$1,892,374 (incl GST).**
- 2. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve the extension options for this contract if required.**
- 3. That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to approve contract variations for this contract subject to budget limitations.**
- 4. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**
- 5. That all documentation in relation to this matter be signed under Power of Attorney.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCL25/290 MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEXT AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ID25/1958)

The Council had before it the report dated 30 September 2025 from the Manager Corporate Governance regarding Membership of the next Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

RECOMMENDATION

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned

personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) (Section 10A(2)(a)).

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

1. That Council note the report of the Manager Corporate Governance, dated 30 September 2025.
2. That Council appoint the following membership for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee commencing November 2025:
 - a. Chairperson – Michael O'Connor
 - b. Independent Member – Stephen Coates
 - c. Independent Member – Grahame Marchant
3. That the information contained within this report remain confidential to the Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

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CHAIRPERSON