



TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

of the Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers,
Lands Building, Nemingha Room, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

17 DECEMBER 2024

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Lands Building,
Nemingha Room, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024 at 6.30PM

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Cr Russell Webb (Mayor), Cr Jeff Budd, Cr Charles Impey, Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Brendon North, Cr Matt Sharpham, Cr Marc Sutherland, Cr Stephen Mears, Cr Ryan Brooke

IN ATTENDANCE: The General Manager, Director Liveable Communities, Director Regional Services, Director Water and Waste, Executive Manager Creative Communities and Experiences and Acting Executive Manager Strategy and Performance.

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2.1 ITEM 5.2 GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Ben Hopkins addressed Council in opposition to the recommendation.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Brooke/Cr Impey

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024, copies of which were circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
 3. Cr Charles Impey
 4. Cr Stephen Mears
 5. Cr Brendon North
 6. Cr Mark Rodda
 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
 8. Cr Marc Sutherland
 9. Cr Russell Webb
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COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

370/24 RESOLVED

4 **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

NIL

5 **MAYORAL MINUTE**

5.1 **CMAA RESEARCH PROJECT - THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL VALUE OF COUNTRY MUSIC IN AUSTRALIA**

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb

That in relation to the report “CMAA Research Project - The Economic and Cultural Value of Country Music in Australia”, Council contributes an amount of \$4,500 towards the project.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

371/24 RESOLVED

5.2 **GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb

That in relation to the report “General Manager's Contract of Employment”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the Mayoral Minute; and
- (ii) determine this matter in part of this Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey

Nil

4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

372/24 RESOLVED

5.3 STATEWIDE MUTUAL – LONDON DELEGATION

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

MOTION

Moved Cr Webb

That in relation to the report “Statewide Mutual – London Delegation”, Council approve the General Manager’s participation in the delegation.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

373/24 RESOLVED

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

7.1 DA2024-0287 - DEMOLITION, STAGED DEVELOPMENT AND MULTI-DWELLING WITH COMMUNITY TITLE SUBDIVISION ON LOT 11 IN DP 231449 - 15 MANILLA ROAD, OXLEY VALE

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Sam Lobsey, Manager - Development

This Report has been Withdrawn.

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

8.1 TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 DECEMBER 2024

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Graeme McKenzie, Manager - Strategy, Assets and Design
Steven Marshall, Strategy, Assets and Design Engineer

MOTION

Moved Cr North/Cr Sharpham

That in relation to the report "Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 4 December 2024", Council:

- (i) approve the proposed traffic impacts and the subsequent traffic management plan for the 2025 Tamworth Country Music Festival; and
- (ii) approve the installation of No Stopping (R5-400n) signs on each side of the NSW State Emergency Service driveway on In Street, West Tamworth.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Stephen Mears
5. Cr Brendon North
6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

Nil

374/24 RESOLVED

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Internal Auditor

MOTION

Moved Cr Sharpham/Cr Brooke

That in relation to the report “Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held 24 October 2024; and
- (ii) adopt the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Four Year Workplan.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **FOR**
THE DECISION

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED **AGAINST**
THE DECISION

- 1. Cr Ryan Brooke
- 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd
- 3. Cr Charles Impey
- 4. Cr Stephen Mears
- 5. Cr Brendon North
- 6. Cr Mark Rodda
- 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
- 8. Cr Marc Sutherland
- 9. Cr Russell Webb

Nil

375/24 RESOLVED

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

At 6:44pm, the Chairperson offered the opportunity to members of the public to make representations as to whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council.

The General Manager advised the Chairperson that no written public submissions or representations had been received as to whether or not part of the Meeting should be closed to the public. The Chairperson asked any members of the Council whether any part of the Council Meeting should not be considered in Closed Council.

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr North

That the confidential reports as listed be considered in a Meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION
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| 1. Cr Ryan Brooke | Nil |
| 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd | |
| 3. Cr Charles Impey | |
| 4. Cr Stephen Mears | |
| 5. Cr Brendon North | |
| 6. Cr Mark Rodda | |
| 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham | |
| 8. Cr Marc Sutherland | |
| 9. Cr Russell Webb | |

376/24 RESOLVED

12.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF PART LOT 101 DP 1119976

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer

Reference: Item 12.5 to Ordinary Council 11 October 2022 - Minute No 309/22

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)i of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

12.2 T006-2025 HAULAGE OF RECYCLING SERVICES

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR: Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste

2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d)i of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to

conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

12.3 REAPPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

Reference: TABLED - 2023/2024 General Manager Performance Agreement

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the grounds that the matter and information is personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors.

Minutes

12 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORTS

12.1 PROPOSED LEASE OF PART LOT 101 DP 1119976

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Nicholas Hawkins, Commercial Property Officer
Reference: Item 12.5 to Ordinary Council 11 October 2022 - Minute No 309/22

MOTION

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Rodda

That in relation to the report “Proposed Lease of Part Lot 101 DP 1119976”, Council:

- (i) authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the terms of a lease agreement as set out in the body of this report; and
- (ii) authorise the affixing of the Seal of Council to the lease agreement and any other associated documents.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North 6. Cr Mark Rodda 7. Cr Matthew Sharpham 8. Cr Marc Sutherland 9. Cr Russell Webb	Nil

377/24 RESOLVED

12.2 T006-2025 HAULAGE OF RECYCLING SERVICES

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Bruce Logan, Director - Water and Waste
2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Mears

That in relation to the report “T006-2025 Haulage of Recycling Services”, Council enter into a contract with IQ Renew Pty Ltd for the Haulage of Recycling Services as detailed in the body of the report including payments made on a per Load basis.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION	COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION
1. Cr Ryan Brooke 2. Cr Jeffrey Budd 3. Cr Charles Impey 4. Cr Stephen Mears 5. Cr Brendon North	Nil

6. Cr Mark Rodda
7. Cr Matthew Sharpham
8. Cr Marc Sutherland
9. Cr Russell Webb

378/24 RESOLVED

12.3 REAPPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor
Reference: TABLED - 2023/2024 General Manager Performance Agreement

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sutherland

That in relation to the report "Reappointment of the General Manager - Tamworth Regional Council", Council:

- (i) offer the General Manager a new contract of employment to commence on 6 September 2025, at the expiry of his current contract;
- (ii) that the terms of the contract be in accordance with the recommendations in the body of the report; and
- (iii) the General Manager be congratulated on his performance to date.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Mears/Cr Rodda

That in relation to the report "Reappointment of the General Manager - Tamworth Regional Council", Council defer the report until mid-February to consider further and possible workshop.

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Stephen Mears
3. Cr Mark Rodda

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION

1. Cr Jeffrey Budd
2. Cr Charles Impey
3. Cr Brendon North
4. Cr Matthew Sharpham
5. Cr Marc Sutherland
6. Cr Russell Webb

AMENDMENT LOST

THE ORIGINAL MOTION STANDS

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED FOR THE DECISION

1. Cr Ryan Brooke
2. Cr Jeffrey Budd

COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AGAINST THE DECISION

1. Cr Stephen Mears
2. Cr Mark Rodda

3. Cr Charles Impey
4. Cr Brendon North
5. Cr Matthew Sharpham
6. Cr Marc Sutherland
7. Cr Russell Webb

THAT THE MOTION BE PUT

Moved Cr Budd

379/24 RESOLVED

13 RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

MOTION

Moved Cr Budd/Cr Sharpham

That Council move into Open Council.

380/24 RESOLVED

At 7.37pm the meeting moved back into Open Council.

In accordance with the Tamworth Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.21, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Council.

Closure: There being no further business the Ordinary Meeting of Council concluded at 7.39pm.

Cr Russell Webb, Chairperson

Tuesday, 11 February 2025

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