

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

6 May 2025

**MINUTES OF NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025 AT 2:00 PM**

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at **2pm** and welcomed the Councillors, Staff and Media.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

2 HOUSE KEEPING

Advice provided of Council's Work, Health and Safety (WHS) Evacuation Plan and location of the Amenities.

3 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

Advice provided to those present, of the legislative requirement for Disclosure of Political Donations:

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Section 147 requires a person submitting planning applications or submissions regarding a planning application, to disclose any reportable political donation and/or gifts to any local Councillor or employee of Council. Reportable political donations include those of, or above, \$1,000. The Disclosure Statement forms are available on Councils website or from the Customer Service Centre and must be lodged in accordance with the Act.

There were no Disclosure of Political Donations received by the Chairperson.

4 PRESENT

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles, Cr Bob Manning, Cr Cameron Rouse, Cr Peter Dawson, Cr Cameron Lander, Cr Braden Lyons, Cr Tracey Lewis

In Attendance

Shane Wilson (DGMI), George Cowan (GM), Melissa Johnson (CAA), Melissa Gilmour (SCSAO)

5 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 25/070

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That the apology from Cr Jenny Clarke OAM be received, accepted and that Leave of Absence be granted.

CARRIED

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CR PETER DAWSON DECLARED A NON PECUNIARY SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ITEM 9.1 UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AS *RELATIVE (SON) DEVELOPER SOLICITOR. RELATIVE (SON) DEVELOPERS POTENTIAL BUILDER* AND WILL LEAVE THE MEETING WHILST THIS ITEM IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON.

CR TRACEY LEWIS DECLARED A NON PECUNIARY SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ITEM 9.1 UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AS *MY SON WORKS FOR A LOCAL B UILDER AND I AM NOT SURE IF HIS COMPANY WILL BE A PART OF THIS CONSTRUCTION* AND WILL REMAIN IN THE MEETING WHILST THIS ITEM IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON. *(THIS NON PECUNIARY SIGNIFICANT INTEREST WAS HANDED TO THE GM DURING THE MEETING, BUT BEFORE THE ITEM.)*

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8 REPORTS OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1 ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2040 (POST-EXHIBITION)

RESOLUTION 25/071

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Peter Dawson

That Council:

1. Receives and considers the one (1) submission received on the draft Community Strategic Plan, appended at *Attachment 1*.
2. Pursuant to section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the draft Community Strategic Plan, appended at *Attachment 2*.

CARRIED

Cr Manning requested his vote be recorded as Against.

8.2 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-29, WORKFORCE PLAN 2025-29 AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-35

RESOLUTION 25/072

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Delivery Program 2025-29, appended at *Attachment 1*, for public exhibition.
2. Endorses the draft Workforce Plan 2025-29, appended at *Attachment 2*, for public exhibition.
3. Endorses the draft Asset Management Plan 2025-35, appended at *Attachment 3*, for public exhibition.
4. Receives a further report regarding the draft Delivery Program 2025-29, the Workforce Plan 2025-29 and the Asset Management Plan 2025-35 at the June Ordinary Meeting following completion of the public exhibition period.

CARRIED

Cr Rouse joined the meeting at 2.48pm via Teams.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 25/073

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Bob Manning

A motion was moved that the Council suspend standing orders for discussion on item 8.3.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 25/074

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

Seconded: Cr Bob Manning

A motion was moved that the Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

8.3 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN & BUDGET 2025-26

RESOLUTION 25/075

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Cr Tracey Lewis

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Operational Plan & Budget 2025-26, appended at *Attachment 1*, for public exhibition.
2. Endorses the draft Fees & Charges 2025-26, appended at *Attachment 2*, for public exhibition
3. Receives a further report regarding the draft Operational Plan 2025-26 and Budget 2025-26 at the June Ordinary Meeting following completion of the public exhibition period.

CARRIED

8.4 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2025-29

RESOLUTION 25/076

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025-29, appended at *Attachment 1*, for public exhibition.
2. Receives a further report regarding the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2025-29 at the June Ordinary Meeting following completion of the public exhibition period

CARRIED

8.5 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-35

RESOLUTION 25/077

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-35, appended at *Attachment 1*, for public exhibition.
2. Receives a further report regarding the draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-35 at the June Ordinary Meeting following completion of the public exhibition period

CARRIED

9 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER REPORTS

RESOLUTION 25/078

Moved: Cr Cameron Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Sue Ruffles

At this point in time, the Council Meeting will move into a Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Council will enter into closed session to discuss the following item:

9.1 Sale of Land - 68 Elwin Street

This report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as its information that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the closed session be withheld.

CARRIED

Cr Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest at item 9.1 and left the chambers.

9.1 SALE OF LAND - 68 ELWIN STREET

RESOLUTION 25/079

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Cameron Lander

That Council:

1. Endorses the sale of Lot 2 DP 1112287, 68 Elwin Street Narrandera, to Molnar Property Group as outlined in the report.
2. Agrees to the contract of sale which includes special conditions as outlined in the report placing ongoing obligations on Molnar Property Group to proceed with the development of the land.
3. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign any documents on behalf of Council in relation to this matter.
4. Authorises the placement of the Seal of Council on any documents relating to this matter

CARRIED

Cr Dawson returned to the chambers.

9.2 OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 25/080

Moved: Cr Tracey Lewis

Seconded: Cr Bob Manning

That Council:

1. Moves out of Closed Council into Open Council and the Mayor advises of the resolutions endorsed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

10 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

11 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4.23pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Narrandera Shire Council held on 20 May 2025.

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GENERAL MANAGER

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CHAIRPERSON