

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6:00 PM

Monday 16 June 2025

**Present**

Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown (in the Chair)	
Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Linda Campbell	
Councillor Andrew Anthony	Councillor Ryan Morris
Councillor David Brown	Councillor Tiana Myers
Councillor Kit Docker	Councillor Thomas Quinn
Councillor Dan Hayes	Councillor Deidre Stuart
Councillor Ann Martin	Councillor Jess Whittaker
Councillor Richard Martin	

**In Attendance**

General Manager (Acting)	Joanne Page
Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City (Acting)	Paul Tracey
Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods	Linda Davis
Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City	Renee Campbell
Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City	Kerry Hunt
Chief Financial Officer	Brian Jenkins
Chief Digital + Information Officer (attended via audio-visual link)	Ingrid McAlpin
Manager City Strategy	Chris Stewart
Manager City Works (Acting)	Greg Knight
Manager Commercial Operations + Property (Acting)	Roisin OSullivan
Manager Community Culture + Engagement	Sue Savage
Manager Customer + Business Integrity	Todd Hopwood
Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning (attended via audio-visual link)	Nathan McBriarty
Manager Project Delivery (Acting)	Jeremy Morgan
Manager Regulation + Enforcement	Corey Stoneham
Manager Sport + Recreation	Mark Berriman
Land Use Planning Manager	David Green

Note: In accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, participants in the meeting can participate via audio-visual link. Those who participated via audio-visual link are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

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## CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ann Martin declared a not-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 – Public Exhibition – Planning Proposal 190 Military Road, Port Kembla and Item 2 – Planning Proposal PP-2024/6 – 365 Marshall Mount Road, Marshall Mount, due to her employment at the Department of Planning and Environment. As she is not involved in planning matters related to the Wollongong LGA, Councillor A Martin advised she would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the items.

Councillor Campbell declared a not-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 – Public Exhibition – Planning Proposal 190 Military Road, Port Kembla, as she lives near the site. Councillor Campbell advised she would remain in the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Anthony declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 5 – Tender T1000142 - Wollongong City Council Design & Technical Services Panel (2024) due to a familial relation to the Director of one of the tenderers. Councillor Anthony advised he would depart the meeting during debate and voting on the item.

## PRESENTATIONS

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Tania Brown, presented a trophy received by Wollongong City Council in being awarded Highly Commended in the 'Organisational Diversity and Inclusion' category at the NSW Local Government Excellence Awards, for work to provide meaningful employment for people with intellectual disability. This program was led by the Regulation & Enforcement and People & Culture teams.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025

- 73** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 26 May 2025 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

## PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM NO	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
2	PLANNING PROPOSAL PP-2024/6 - 365 MARSHALL MOUNT ROAD, MARSHALL MOUNT	ED KARIM – CAVI PROPERTY GROUP <b>AGAINST RECOMMENDATION</b>
6	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - THIRROUL SKATEPARK	ANNETTE JONES – THIRROUL VILLAGE COMMITTEE <b>FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>

- 74** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Docker that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

## CALL OF THE AGENDA

- 75** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Quinn that the staff recommendations for Items 3 and 4 be adopted as a block.

**ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - KEMBLA GRANGE LEVEL CROSSING - NORTHCLIFFE DRIVE EXTENSION**

- 76 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOULSY on the motion of Councillor T Brown that Wollongong City Council write to the NSW Minister for Transport and local members to highlight concerns associated with the high-risk railway level crossing at Kembra Grange.

**ITEM B - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - PROJECT BUCEPHALUS**

- 77 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown that Wollongong City Council formally recognise the achievements of the Project Bucephalus team through the Lord Mayor's 'Local Heroes' Recognition platform.

**ITEM 1 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL 190 MILITARY ROAD, PORT KEMBLA**

- 78 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOULSY on the motion of Councillor A Martin seconded Councillor Campbell that -
- 1 A Planning Proposal be prepared for Lot 1 Section 5 DP 978082, 190 Military Road, Port Kembra to permit the additional land use of "restaurant or café" on the site, with a maximum gross floor area of 150m<sup>2</sup>, and submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
  - 2 If a Gateway Determination is issued, the Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
  - 3 The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure be advised that Council wishes to use its delegations to finalise the Planning Proposal.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Campbell seconded Councillor Quinn that Councillor A Martin be granted an additional two minutes to address the meeting in relation to Item 1.

**ITEM 2 - PLANNING PROPOSAL PP-2024/6 - 365 MARSHALL MOUNT ROAD, MARSHALL MOUNT**

- 79 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Campbell seconded Councillor Morris that the Planning Proposal request for Lot 8 DP 626078, 365 Marshall Mount Road, Marshall Mount not be progressed as the proposal lacks strategic and site-specific merit.
- Councillors Hayes, R Martin, D Brown, Quinn, Myers, A Martin, Campbell, Anthony, Docker, Whittaker, Stuart and T Brown
- In favour*
- Against* Councillor Morris

**ITEM 3 - PROPOSED SALE OF OPERATIONAL LAND (CLOSED PUBLIC PATHWAY) - LOT 1 DP 1279818 TO NO. 1 ADINA AVENUE WEST WOLLONGONG**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 75).

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Quinn that -

- 1 Council authorise the sale of Lot 1 DP 1279818 to the owner of Lot 92 DP 31112 on the following condition:
  - a Each party be responsible for their own legal costs.
- 2 The Lord Mayor and General Manager be granted authority to affix the Common Seal of Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution and the General Manager be granted authority to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

#### **ITEM 4 - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - EXTENSION OF TERM - MR CARL MURPHY**

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer minute number 75).

**COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Quinn that the term of Mr Carl Murphy as an independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee be extended for the period up to 31 December 2028.

#### **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor Anthony departed the meeting at 6:58 pm and was not present for the debate and voting on Item 5. Councillor Anthony returned to the meeting at 6:59 pm at the conclusion of Item 5.

#### **ITEM 5 - TENDER T1000142 - WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL DESIGN & TECHNICAL SERVICES PANEL (2024)**

**80 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor R Martin that -

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council accept the tenders shown below in Tables 1–19 from the Panel Consultants for the provision of design and technical services to Council.
- 2 The contract be awarded for an initial term of three (3) years, with two (2) optional extensions of one (1) year/s each for a maximum term of 5 years, with any such extensions being exercised at the sole discretion of Council.
- 3 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contracts and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 4 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

#### **ITEM 6 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - THIRROUL SKATEPARK**

MOVED by Councillor Whittaker seconded Councillor Docker that Wollongong City Council write to Member for Heathcote, Maryanne Stuart MP, to request her assistance with any opportunities for state government funding to deliver the Thirroul Skatepark.

**81 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion (AMENDMENT) of Councillor Hayes seconded Councillor R Martin that Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Thank the NSW Government for their support for many council projects and continuing support to the Wollongong LGA.
- 2 Thank Wollongong City Council staff for the work on progressing the skate park projects including the Thirroul skate park.
- 3 Thank the community for their feedback, advocacy, and involvement in the skate park projects including the Thirroul skate park.
- 4 Commit to writing to the Member for Heathcote once location, size and budget is proposed to advocate for a funding promise.

*Variation The variation moved by Councillor Morris (the addition of point 4) was accepted by the mover and seconder.*

Councillor Hayes AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT then became the MOTION and on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 7 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLORS ANDREW ANTHONY, DEIDRE STUART, KIT DOCKER AND JESS WHITTAKER - COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI**

**82 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Anthony seconded Councillor Docker that Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Acknowledges the 80th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th of August 1945; honours the memory of the more than 210,000 people who died; and recognises the ongoing suffering of survivors (Hibakusha) and their descendants.
- 2 Continues our commitment to annually marking Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day through public acknowledgement and community engagement, as an opportunity to reflect on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear warfare and to promote peace.
- 3 Reaffirms its commitment to peace, community safety, and the protection of human life and the environment.
- 4 Recognises the continuing threat posed by nuclear weapons and the catastrophic impact their use would have on cities, civilians, and ecosystems globally.
- 5 Reaffirms our support for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal, which supports the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- 6 Write to the Australian Government for its stance and reasoning on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

*Variation The variation moved by Councillor Hayes (Original point 6 to be replaced with “Write to the Australian Government for its stance and reasoning on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”) was accepted by the mover and seconder.*

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:35 PM**

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Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 30 June 2025.

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Chairperson