

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA
ROAD, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr John Harvie (Mayor), Cr Neil Gorey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Joy Allan, Cr Kylie Berryman, Cr Gen Campbell, Cr Dennis Gleeson, Cr Bianca Hurn, Cr Gary Pappin, Cr Geoff Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Stacy Williams (Chief Executive Officer) Julie Moller (Acting Director Corporate Services), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk), Daniel Hughes (Interim Director Infrastructure), Gary Arnold (Interim Director Planning & Environment), Sheryl Mudaliar (Executive Services Coordinator)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 010725

Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the apology tendered on behalf of Cr Pappin be received and accepted; and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23 JUNE 2025

RESOLUTION 020725

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 23 June be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

There were no conflict of interests declarations received from Councillors or staff on any matter within the meeting.

6 DEPUTATIONS

6.1 DEPUTATIONS

At 1.04pm Cameron Sutton addressed council on item 9.4.3

BRING FORWARD RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 030725

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That the Council brings forward item 9.4.3 to debate and resolve.

CARRIED

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COST SHIFTING ONTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION 040725

Moved: Cr John Harvie

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That

1. Council note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023/2024 financial year; and
2. A copy of the cost shifting report be placed on Council's website so that our communities can access it; and
3. Council writes to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform and appropriate funding.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.1.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025****RESOLUTION 050725**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That

1. Council consider Motions to be submitted for debate at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025
2. Council nominates the Mayor as the authorised voting delegate for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025
3. Council sends the Mayor, CEO and 2 Councillors.

CARRIED

9.1.2 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT**RESOLUTION 060725**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the Monthly Operational Report as of June 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.1.3 MODERN SLAVERY PREVENTION POLICY DRAFT - POL-220**RESOLUTION 070725**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council consider the detail in this report and:

1. adopt the DRAFT Modern Slavery Prevention Policy V1 attached to this report ('the draft Policy'); and
2. authorise the placing of the draft Policy on public display.

CARRIED

9.1.4 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS**RESOLUTION 080725**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

CARRIED

9.1.5 ALGA ROADS CONGRESS 2025**RESOLUTION 090725**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That

1. Council sends the CEO Mayor and 4 Councillors to the ALGA Road Congress 2025.

CARRIED

9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.2.1 DRAFT - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES (PID) POLICY V#4****RESOLUTION 100725**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the DRAFT Public Interest Disclosures (PID) Policy be adopted and placed on public exhibition.

CARRIED

9.2.2 FINAL ADOPTION - RATES AND CHARGES HARDSHIP POLICY V#2**RESOLUTION 110725**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the Rates and Charges Hardship Policy V#2 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

CARRIED

9.2.3 FINAL ADOPTION - BORROWING POLICY V#2**RESOLUTION 120725**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the Borrowing Policy V#2 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

CARRIED**9.2.4 FINAL ADOPTION - CONCESSIONS FOR CONCEALED WATER LEAKS POLICY V#1****RESOLUTION 130725**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Concessions for Concealed Water Leaks Policy V#1 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

CARRIED**9.2.5 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2025****RESOLUTION 140725**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson
Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period to 30 June 2025 (FY2024/25), noting that reporting of monthly financial statements is not a regulatory requirement but nonetheless is being provided in furtherance of financial transparency and in keeping with financial reporting best practice.

CARRIED**9.2.6 DRAFT ASSET DISPOSAL POLICY V#1****RESOLUTION 150725**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That the DRAFT Asset Disposal Policy V#1 be adopted and placed on public exhibition.

CARRIED

9.2.7 CARRYOVER OF UNSPENT PROJECT FUNDS TO 2025/26FY**RESOLUTION 160725**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to approve two project carryovers from the 2024/25 Financial Year to the 2025/26 Financial Year for a total value of \$104,217.26.

CARRIED

9.2.8 DRAFT - RATES, CHARGES AND GENERAL DEBTORS WRITE-OFF POLICY V#1**RESOLUTION 170725**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That the DRAFT Rates, Charges and General Debtors Write-Off Policy V#1 be adopted and placed on public exhibition.

CARRIED

9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.3.1 DRAFT MOAMA FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN - REVIEW****RESOLUTION 180725**

In Favour: Crs John Harvie, Neil Gorey, Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Kylie Berryman, Gen Campbell and Bianca Hurn

CARRIED 5/3

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Murray River Council (Council):

1. receive and notes the information contained in this report and its supporting attachments in relation to the reviews of the Echuca Moama Flood Study that has already taken place, including the persons and organisations that have contributed to such peer reviews, and
2. adopt and publish the Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

CARRIED

9.3.2 DRAFT MOULAMEIN FLOOD STUDY REVIEW - APPROVAL TO COMMENCE PUBLIC EXHIBITION**RESOLUTION 190725**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to place the Draft Moulamein Flood Study Review Report on Public Display for a period of 28 days for public consultation and comment.

CARRIED

9.3.3 BARHAM SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT RENEWAL PROJECT**RESOLUTION 200725**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to approve a budget of \$900,000 for the Barham Sewage Treatment Plant Renewal Project for 2025/26 to be funded by deferring all or parts of other projects from the existing approved sewer capital works budget as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

9.4.2 SECTION 82 OBJECTION IN RELATION TO LOT 3 DP 286903 WITHIN 'TANGULA ESTATE', 4 TANGULA PLACE, MURRAY DOWNS - PROPOSED MANUFACTURED HOME**RESOLUTION 210725**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

1. That Council approves the Section 82 objection to contravene the requirements of Clause 41 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021* to allow the manufactured home to be built on-site at Lot 3 DP 286903 within 'Tangula Estate', 4 Tangula Place, Murray Downs.
and;
2. Council authorises the relevant Council officer to forward this report and decision to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government for concurrence as per Section 82 (Subsection 3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and carry out follow-up processes including the final determination of the application.

CARRIED

9.4.3 REQUEST TO WAIVE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SECTION 64 WATER AND SEWER HEADWORKS CHARGES - 9 NEIL STREET MOAMA**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council apply the total Section 7.11 Development Contributions and Section 64 Water and Sewer Headworks Charges to modified Development Application affecting 9 Neil Street, Moama of \$181,810.89 (amended from original DA due to increase in total floor area)

Note: This report and decision by Council is for the review of developer contributions only. The submitted modifications to the DA for the plans will be assessed and determined by Council staff under Delegated Authority.

Lapsed**FORESHADOWED MOTION****RESOLUTION 220725**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That council resolve to waive the total development contribution fees of \$181,810.89 applied to the modified development application affecting 9 Neil Street, Moama resulting in no fees payable to council.

CARRIED**9.4 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

9.5 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 230725**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.6 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT**9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****RESOLUTION 240725**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 June 2025 through to 30 June 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

CARRIED**10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 250725**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 2.26pm

CARRIED**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

11.1 2025-2026 Insurance Renewals and Premiums

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

RESOLUTION 260725

Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 2.33pm.

CARRIED

At 2:27 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson left the meeting.

At 2:30 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 270725

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the 2025-2026 Insurance Renewal Premium be noted by Council

CARRIED

12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.34pm .

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 26 August 2025, commencing at 1:00 PM, in Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 22 JULY 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 26 AUGUST 2025.

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MAYOR

