

**PRESENT**

- Councillor Allana Condron
- Councillor Georgie Davies
- Councillor Richard Foley
- Councillor Tim Koschel
- Councillor Jenny McKinnon
- Councillor Amelia Parkins
- Councillor Karissa Subedi
- Councillor Lindsay Tanner
- Councillor Dallas Tout

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| General Manager                             | (Mr P Thompson)  |
| Director Community (Acting)                 | (Ms M Scully)    |
| Director Infrastructure Services (Acting)   | (Mr H Pavitt)    |
| Director City Engineering                   | (Mr W Faulkner)  |
| Director Regional Activation                | (Mr J Sidgwick)  |
| Chief Financial Officer                     | (Mrs C Rodney)   |
| Chief Operating Officer                     | (Mr S Gray)      |
| Director Economy, Business & Workforce      | (Mrs F Piltz)    |
| Project Director Regulatory Planning Reform | (Ms R Fox)       |
| Manager Corporate Governance & Performance  | (Mr D Galloway)  |
| Manager City Growth & Regional Assets       | (Mr B Creighton) |
| Corporate Governance Coordinator            | (Mrs N Johnson)  |
| Communications & Engagement Coordinator     | (Mr M Casey)     |
| Governance Officer                          | (Ms K West)      |

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

**REFLECTION**

Councillors, let us in silence reflect upon our responsibilities to the community which we represent, and to all future generations and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**CM-1      ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 OCTOBER 2024**

**24/315      RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and T Koschel

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion  
G Davies  
R Foley  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
D Tout  
A Parkins  
A Condron  
L Tanner  
K Subedi

Against the Motion

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Condrón declared a Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 SERVICE REVIEW - DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND BUILDING CERTIFICATION DIVISION the reason being that she has a family member working within the division and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Condrón declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOR-1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER RESOLUTION – RECONNECTING RIVERS COUNTRY PROGRAM the reason being that she works for an agricultural dealership and remained within the chamber during its consideration.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO**

**24/316 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

**That the standing orders be varied for the meeting as set out hereunder:**

- **Items where councillors wish to speak**
- **Items where no councillors wish to speak**
- **Confidential**
- **Matter of urgency**
- **Closure of Meeting**

**That RP-3 and M-1 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion  
G Davies  
R Foley  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
D Tout  
A Parkins  
A Condrón  
L Tanner  
K Subedi

Against the Motion

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM**

**NOR-1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER RESOLUTION – RECONNECTING RIVERS COUNTRY PROGRAM**

- Mr Paul Funnell - Speaking against the recommendation
- Mr Wayne Slattery - Speaking against the recommendation
- Dr Patricia Murray - Speaking in favour of the recommendation

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE STANDING ORDERS**

**24/317 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and L Tanner

**That Council move forward consideration of NOR-1 - NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER RESOLUTION – RECONNECTING RIVERS COUNTRY PROGRAM to follow the Public Discussion Forum.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u> G Davies R Foley T Koschel J McKinnon D Tout A Parkins A Condron L Tanner K Subedi	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

**NOR-1 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER RESOLUTION – RECONNECTING RIVERS COUNTRY PROGRAM**

A MOTION was moved by Councillor J McKinnon and A Parkins  
That Council alter Resolution No. 24/304 from the 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to the following:

- That Council:
- a write to NSW Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, and to the Federal Minister for Environment and Water the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, recommending that:

- i Stakeholders, such as landholder representative groups and Councils, are consulted at each stage of the Reconnecting Rivers Country business case and Landholder Negotiation Scheme development and are included in any review of the draft prior to submission to the Australian Government and adoption
  - ii Legal questions about easement proposals be clarified as a matter of urgency, particularly in relation to public access associated with easement title
  - iii Landholder property access be guaranteed in relation to any infrastructure changes associated with the Reconnecting Rivers Country program, especially road raising and bridge building
- b write to all other RAMJO Councils and any other Councils located on the Murrumbidgee River, seeking feedback and support for our advocacy in this matter
  - c write to the NSW Shadow Minister for Water Steph Cooke MP, requesting an overview of her knowledge and position on this issue and seek her support in advocating for ongoing consultation for the remainder of the program

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor T Koschel and seconded by Councillor R Foley.

That Council alter Resolution No. 24/304 from the 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to the following:

That Council:

- a write to NSW Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, and to the Federal Minister for Environment and Water the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, requesting:
  - i an immediate halt in the Reconnecting Rivers Country Program
  - ii a face to face meeting with each Minister and local Members Dr Joe McGirr MP and the Hon Michael McCormack MP
  - ii. stakeholders, such as landholder representative groups and Councils, are consulted immediately after halting the program and then subsequently at each stage of the Reconnecting Rivers Country business case process, including the development of the Landholder Negotiation Scheme. Feedback is to be included in any review of the draft prior to submission to the Australian Government and adoption
  - iii. legal questions about easement proposals be clarified as a matter of urgency, particularly in relation to public access associated with easement title
  - iv. landholder property access be guaranteed in relation to any infrastructure changes associated with the Reconnecting Rivers Country program, especially road raising and bridge building

- b write to all other RAMJO Councils and any other Councils located on the Murrumbidgee River, seeking feedback and support for our advocacy in this matter
- c write to the NSW Shadow Minister for Water Steph Cooke MP, requesting an overview of her knowledge and position on this issue and seek her support in advocating for ongoing consultation for the remainder of the program

The AMENDMENT being put to the meeting was CARRIED and become the Motion.

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

<u>For the Amendment</u>	<u>Against the Amendment</u>
G Davies	J McKinnon
R Foley	A Parkins
T Koschel	
D Tout	
A Condron	
L Tanner	
K Subedi	

**24/318 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillor T Koschel and Councillor R Foley

**That Council alter Resolution No. 24/304 from the 28 October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to the following:**

**That Council:**

- a **write to NSW Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, and to the Federal Minister for Environment and Water the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, requesting:**
  - i. **an immediate halt in the Reconnecting Rivers Country Program**
  - ii. **a face to face meeting with each Minister and local Members Dr Joe McGirr MP and the Hon Michael McCormack MP**
  - iii. **Stakeholders, such as landholder representative groups and Councils, are consulted at each stage of the Reconnecting Rivers Country business case and Landholder Negotiation Scheme development and are included in any review of the draft prior to submission to the Australian Government and adoption**
  - iv. **Legal questions about easement proposals be clarified as a matter of urgency, particularly in relation to public access associated with easement title**
  - v. **Landholder property access be guaranteed in relation to any infrastructure changes associated with the Reconnecting Rivers Country program, especially road raising and bridge building**

- b write to all other RAMJO Councils and any other Councils located on the Murrumbidgee River, seeking feedback and support for our advocacy in this matter**
- c write to the NSW Shadow Minister for Water Steph Cooke MP, requesting an overview of her knowledge and position on this issue and seek her support in advocating for ongoing consultation for the remainder of the program**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u> G Davies R Foley T Koschel D Tout A Condron L Tanner K Subedi	<u>Against the Motion</u> J McKinnon A Parkins
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**MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – RIVERINA MEN’S HEALTH CENTRE**

**24/319 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and G Davies

**That Council:**

- a supports the investigation of a Riverina Men’s Health Centre, a dedicated facility to be based in Wagga Wagga aimed at providing comprehensive health and support services for men in the Riverina region**
- b recognises the pressing need for such a facility, which will offer services including in-house psychology support and mental health counselling, physical fitness programs, anger management, corrective domestic violence prevention programs, and legal services tailored to men’s health and wellbeing, including collaborative law assistance for men with family law and domestic violence matters to seek better positive outcomes for individuals, their families and ultimately the community**
- c notes the recent success of the Men’s Forum organised by the Wagga Women’s Health Centre, which featured contributions from leading experts, including psychiatrist Adam Blanch, a trauma psychiatrist specialising in trauma and its relation to domestic violence. This pivotal new research presented by Blanch at the forum highlighted innovative insights and strategies that could position this city as a world leader in trialling and implementing trauma-informed approaches based on cutting-edge research in men’s health and domestic violence prevention**

- d emphasises the importance of involving all sectors of the community, including private sector businesses, financial institutions, and state and federal government, in both the research, future funding streams and Council’s support to report on this initiative. Collaboration with these sectors is essential for securing the funding, resources, and support needed to make the Riverina Men’s Health Centre a reality and to maximise its impact within the wider community
- e supports initial Council engagement with relevant stakeholders to explore potential partnerships, funding opportunities, and collaborative efforts that could contribute to the successful foundation and operation of the Centre
- f receives a report on the process to establish a Riverina Men’s Health Centre which includes, but is not limited to:
  - i who the key stakeholders are;
  - ii the steps involved;
  - iii the role of Council;
  - iv consideration of a steering committee or other such panel such as a stakeholder advisory group to oversee and guide the initial development of this centre

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

- G Davies
- R Foley
- T Koschel
- J McKinnon
- D Tout
- A Parkins
- A Condron
- L Tanner
- K Subedi

Against the Motion



**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**RP-1 SERVICE REVIEW - DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND BUILDING CERTIFICATION DIVISION**

Councillor A Condron declared a Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber the time being 8.10am.

A Motion was moved by Councillors R Foley and A Parkins

That Council:

- a notes the Service Review Report dated 28 September 2024
- b notes that a 'zero-based' budget will be developed for the Division as part of the 2025/26 business planning process for the long term financial plan
- c approves the General Manager returning to Council within the next 12 months with an executive structure which considers the findings of the Review regarding executive leadership of the Division
- d requests an evaluation of the outcomes of the Service Review be undertaken within 12 months and a report presented to Council by December 2025

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor R Foley and seconded by Councillor L Tanner

That Council:

- a notes the Service Review Report dated 28 September 2024
- b notes that a 'zero-based' budget will be developed for the Division as part of the 2025/26 business planning process for the long term financial plan
- c approves the General Manager returning to Council within the next 12 months with an executive structure which considers the findings of the Review regarding executive leadership of the Division
- d requests an evaluation of the outcomes of the Service Review be undertaken within 12 months and a report presented to Council by December 2025
- e recognises the imminent and critical role of AI-driven technologies in enhancing the Planning Division's efficiency and directs the General Manager to identify specific AI tools, including automated application processing, predictive analytics, and digital customer support systems, to streamline operations and improve service delivery, with findings and recommendations to be presented at the same time as the 2025 organisation structure report

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and become the Motion.

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

For the Amendment  
G Davies  
R Foley  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
D Tout  
A Parkins  
A Condron  
L Tanner  
K Subedi

Against the Amendment

**24/320 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a notes the Service Review Report dated 28 September 2024**
- b notes that a ‘zero-based’ budget will be developed for the Division as part of the 2025/26 business planning process for the long term financial plan**
- c approves the General Manager returning to Council within the next 12 months with an executive structure which considers the findings of the Review regarding executive leadership of the Division**
- d requests an evaluation of the outcomes of the Service Review be undertaken within 12 months and a report presented to Council by December 2025**
- e recognises the imminent and critical role of AI-driven technologies in enhancing the Planning Division’s efficiency and directs the General Manager to identify specific AI tools, including automated application processing, predictive analytics, and digital customer support systems, to streamline operations and improve service delivery, with findings and recommendations to be presented at the same time as the 2025 organisation structure report**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion  
G Davies  
R Foley  
T Koschel  
J McKinnon  
D Tout  
A Parkins  
A Condron  
L Tanner  
K Subedi

Against the Motion

Councillor A Condrón re-entered the chamber the time being 8.22pm.

**RP-2 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356**

A Motion was moved by Councillors R Foley and T Koschel

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following organisations:
  - i Homes NSW – Mount Austin/Turvey Park Clean Up scheduled during 2024/25 financial year - \$10,047
  - ii Homes NSW – Tolland and Ashmont Clean Up events scheduled during 2025/26 financial year - \$21,166 (proposed to be included in the 2025/26 operational budget)
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year
- c request that the hard rubbish collection for the Tolland precinct be scheduled in the first quarter of 2025, preferably in February, to address immediate waste management needs in the area
- d require that all future fee waiver requests for community clean-ups by Homes NSW include detailed reporting on the types and volumes of waste collected, with an evaluation of the program’s impact on reducing illegal dumping to enhance transparency
- e write to Homes NSW and the New South Wales Government requesting that they improve their management of the Tolland precinct, even as it undergoes renewal, and to explore ways to prevent cost-shifting onto Council, ensuring shared responsibility for area upkeep

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor L Tanner and seconded by Councillor T Koschel

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following organisations:
  - i Homes NSW – Mount Austin/Turvey Park Clean Up scheduled during 2024/25 financial year - \$10,047
  - ii Homes NSW – Tolland and Ashmont Clean Up events scheduled during 2025/26 financial year - \$21,166 (proposed to be included in the 2025/26 operational budget)
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year
- c request that the hard rubbish collection for the Tolland precinct be scheduled in the first quarter of 2025, preferably in February, to address immediate waste management needs in the area

- d request Homes NSW to provide detailed reporting on the types and volumes of waste collected, with an evaluation of the program’s impact on reducing illegal dumping to enhance transparency
- e write to Homes NSW and the New South Wales Government advising in writing that Council can no longer provide financial assistance for Community Clean ups after 2025/26, and
- f request that Homes NSW Coordinate mowing of properties under their management in the above mentioned suburbs while the clean-up is occurring

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and become the Motion.

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

<u>For the Amendment</u> G Davies R Foley T Koschel D Tout A Parkins A Condron L Tanner K Subedi	<u>Against the Amendment</u> J McKinnon
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**24/321 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and T Koschel

**That Council:**

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following organisations:
  - i Homes NSW – Mount Austin/Turvey Park Clean Up scheduled during 2024/25 financial year - \$10,047
  - ii Homes NSW – Tolland and Ashmont Clean Up events scheduled during 2025/26 financial year - \$21,166 (proposed to be included in the 2025/26 operational budget)
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year
- c request that the hard rubbish collection for the Tolland precinct be scheduled in the first quarter of 2025, preferably in February, to address immediate waste management needs in the area
- d request Homes NSW to provide detailed reporting on the types and volumes of waste collected, with an evaluation of the program’s impact on reducing illegal dumping to enhance transparency
- e write to Homes NSW and the New South Wales Government advising in writing that Council can no longer provide financial assistance for Community Clean ups after 2025/26, and

- f request that Homes NSW Coordinate mowing of properties under their management in the above mentioned suburbs while the clean-up is occurring

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

- G Davies
- R Foley
- T Koschel
- D Tout
- A Parkins
- A Condrón
- L Tanner
- K Subedi

Against the Motion

- J McKinnon

**RP-3 REVIEW OF PLAQUES POLICY - POL 028**

**24/322 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

**That Council:**

- a note that no submissions were received for the Plaques Policy (POL 028) during the public exhibition period
- b adopt the Plaques Policy (POL 028)

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

- G Davies
- R Foley
- T Koschel
- J McKinnon
- D Tout
- A Parkins
- A Condrón
- L Tanner
- K Subedi

Against the Motion

**RP-4 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

A Motion was moved by Councillors T Koschel and G Davies

That Council endorse the schedule of Ordinary Council meetings outlined in Option 1 (Monday’s) for the period January 2025 to December 2025.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor L Tanner and seconded by Councillor R Foley

That Council endorse the schedule of Ordinary Council meetings outlined in Option 2 (Wednesday’s) for the period January 2025 to December 2025.

Councillor A Parkins signalled a FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT to the Mayor.

The AMENDMENT on being put to the Meeting was LOST .

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

<u>For the Amendment</u>	<u>Against the Amendment</u>
R Foley	G Davies
J McKinnon	T Koschel
A Parkins	D Tout
L Tanner	A Condron
	K Subedi

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor A Parkins and seconded by Councillor R Foley

That Council endorse the schedule of Ordinary Council meetings outlined in Option 1 (Monday’s) for the period January 2025 to December 2025 before moving to Wednesday’s from January 2026.

Councillor T Koschel signalled a FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT to the Mayor.

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and became the Motion.

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

<u>For the Amendment</u>	<u>Against the Amendment</u>
R Foley	G Davies
J McKinnon	T Koschel
A Parkins	D Tout
L Tanner	A Condron
K Subedi	

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor T Koschel and seconded by Councillor A Condron

That Council:

- a endorse the schedule of Ordinary Council meetings outlined in Option 1 (Monday’s) for the period January 2025 to December 2025
- b hold a workshop in mid-2025 to consider alternate Council meeting days in 2026

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and become the Motion.

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT**

<u>For the Amendment</u>	<u>Against the Amendment</u>
G Davies	R Foley
T Koschel	J McKinnon
D Tout	A Parkins
A Condron	
L Tanner	
K Subedi	

**24/323 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and A Condron

That Council:

- a endorse the schedule of Ordinary Council meetings outlined in Option 1 (Monday’s) for the period January 2025 to December 2025
- b hold a workshop in mid-2025 to consider alternate Council meeting days in 2026

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
G Davies	J McKinnon
R Foley	A Parkins
T Koschel	
D Tout	
A Condron	
L Tanner	
K Subedi	

**RP-5 DEED OF VARIATION - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT LEASE AND LICENCE**

**24/324 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and L Tanner

**That Council:**

- a agree to a 12 month extension of the Wagga Wagga Airport lease**
- b delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to sign the Deed of Variation on behalf of Council**
- c authorise the affixing of Council’s Common Seal to documents relating to this matter as required**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
G Davies	
R Foley	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
D Tout	
A Parkins	
A Condrón	
L Tanner	
K Subedi	

**RP-6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**24/325 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

**That Council receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
G Davies	
R Foley	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
D Tout	
A Parkins	
A Condrón	
L Tanner	
K Subedi	



**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 17 OCTOBER 2024**

**24/326 RESOLVED:**  
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

**That Council endorse the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the Motion

Against the Motion

- G Davies
- R Foley
- T Koschel
- J McKinnon
- D Tout
- A Parkins
- A Condron
- L Tanner
- K Subedi

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 9.34pm.

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MAYOR