PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Operating Officer Director Community **Director Infrastructure Services Director City Engineering Chief Financial Officer** Director Economy, Business & Workforce **Executive Director Housing and Strategic Planning** Manager Corporate Governance & Performance Manager City Growth & Regional Assets Manager Regulatory City Compliance Services **Recreation Coordinator** Acting Manager Community Services **Destination & Events Coordinator Property Coordinator** Corporate Governance Coordinator Communications & Engagement Officer Corporate Governance Officer

(Mr S Gray) (Ms J Summerhayes) (Mr H Pavitt) (Mr W Faulkner) (Mrs C Rodney) (Mrs F Piltz) (Mrs F Hamilton) (Mr D Galloway) (Mr B Creighton) (Mr R Gauci) (Mr J Walsh) (Ms A Osgood) (Ms K Parker) (Mr M Dombrovski) (Mrs N Johnson) (Mrs M Oldaker) (Ms K West)

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WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Aunty Cheryl Penrith OAM, a respected Wiradjuri Elder performed the Welcome to Country acknowledging NAIDOC week. This year, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone of 50 years of honouring, celebrating and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience.

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.

CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY

The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout extended condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Yvonne Braid OAM, and recognised her significant contribution to the City, in particular her service as a Councillor for the City of Wagga Wagga 2008-2022.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for General Manager, Mr P Thompson on the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 23 JUNE 2025

25/181 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Against the Motion

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Condron declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0095 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, TREE REMOVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF CO-LIVING HOUSING COMPRISING OF FOUR STOREYS WITH 50 CO-LIVING ROOMS, COMMUNAL SPACE, CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AREAS - 322 AND 324 EDWARD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (LOTS 3 & 4 DP12441) the reason being that she is a board member of Ronald McDonald House which is within the vicinity of the development and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-3 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES the reason being members of her family own several properties within close proximity to addresses named in the report and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-4 PROPOSED EVENT CAMPING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION the reason being that she lives in the area near to one of the proposed sites for temporary camping and advised that her decision is not skewed by the proximity to her residence and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

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Councillor J McKinnon declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2025/26 ROUND 1 the reason being she is an ordinary member of the Murrumbidgee Landcare Group and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor L Tanner declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0095 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, TREE REMOVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF CO-LIVING HOUSING COMPRISING OF FOUR STOREYS WITH 50 CO-LIVING ROOMS, COMMUNAL SPACE, CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AREAS - 322 AND 324 EDWARD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (LOTS 3 & 4 DP12441) the reason being that he has a personal relationship with someone who owns a small business within vicinity of the development and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0095 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, TREE REMOVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF CO-LIVING HOUSING COMPRISING OF FOUR STOREYS WITH 50 CO-LIVING ROOMS, COMMUNAL SPACE, CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AREAS - 322 AND 324 EDWARD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (LOTS 3 & 4 DP12441) the reason being that he is a board member of Ronald McDonald House which is within the vicinity of the development and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2025/26 ROUND 1 the reason being he is involved with an organisation listed in the report and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor K Subedi declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-8 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356 the reason being that she is a committee member of the Filipino Community and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2025/26 ROUND 1 the reason being that his wife operates her business from the Conservatorium of Music, and he knows one of the Committee members for the Riverina Harvest Festival and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Director Community, Mrs J Summerhayes declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2025/26 ROUND 1 the reason being one of the organising committee members for the Carols by Candlelight event is known to her outside of work and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

25/182 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-2, RP-5, RP-9 and RP-10 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

Against the Motion

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

RP-1 DA25/0095 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, TREE REMOVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF CO-LIVING HOUSING COMPRISING OF FOUR STOREYS WITH 50 CO-LIVING ROOMS, COMMUNAL SPACE, CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AREAS - 322 AND 324 EDWARD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (LOTS 3 & 4 DP12441)

- Frances Bruce Speaking against the Recommendation
- Siobhan Kelly Speaking against the Recommendation
- David Hunter Speaking in favour of the Recommendation

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

- RP-1 DA25/0095 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, TREE REMOVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF CO-LIVING HOUSING COMPRISING OF FOUR STOREYS WITH 50 CO-LIVING ROOMS. COMMUNAL SPACE, CAR PARKING AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT AREAS - 322 AND 324 EDWARD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (LOTS 3 & 4 DP12441)
- 25/183 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council approve DA25/0095 for Demolition of existing structures, tree removal and construction of Co-living housing comprising of four storeys with 50 co-living rooms, communal space, car parking and vehicle movement areas at 322 and 324 Edward Street, Wagga Wagga (Lots 3 & 4 DP12441) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING MATTERS - SECTION 375A(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

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

L Tanner

Against the Motion

WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT PROPOSED PRECINCT MASTER PLAN RP-2 AND TERMINAL DETAILED CONCEPT AND SCHEMATIC DESIGNS

25/184 **RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- а receive and note the update on the Wagga Airport
- receive a further report should Council be successful in obtaining grant b funding under the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program for the Wagga Airport

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

Against the Motion

RP-3 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber the time being 7:06pm.

25/185 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

That Council receive and note the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

Councillor G Davies re-entered the Chamber the time being 7.10pm.

RP-4 PROPOSED EVENT CAMPING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A Motion was moved by Councillors A Parkins and L Tanner

That Council:

- a receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposed Temporary Camping Grounds Development Application
- b endorse continuing with the planning application process for the Exhibition Centre and Wagga Cricket Ground only

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

That Council defer consideration of this matter pending the development of a draft Temporary Camping Grounds Policy and/or Operating Standard.

A FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT was signalled by The Mayor, Councillor D Tout.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

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

The AMENDMENT on being put the meeting was LOST.

An AMENDMENT was moved by The Mayor Councillor D Tout and seconded by Councillor J McKinnon

That Council:

- a receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposed Temporary Camping Grounds Development Application
- b endorse continuing with the planning application process for the Exhibition Centre and Wagga Cricket Ground only
- c hold a workshop to discuss the development of a draft Temporary Camping Grounds Policy and/or Operating Standard

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

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

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

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25/186 **RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors D Tout and J McKinnon

That Council:

- receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition а of the proposed Temporary Camping Grounds Development Application
- endorse continuing with the planning application process for the b **Exhibition Centre and Wagga Cricket Ground only**
- hold a workshop to discuss the development of a draft Temporary С **Camping Grounds Policy and/or Operating Standard**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion D Tout A Condron **R** Folev J McKinnon A Parkins K Subedi

Against the Motion G Davies T Koschel L Tanner

RP-5 SOUTHERN SPORTS ACADEMY ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

25/187 **RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- endorse the General Manager or their delegate entering into an а agreement with the Southern Sports Academy for a three-year period
- approve the budget variations listed within the financial implications b section of this report

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

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RP-6 DONATION FROM THE WAGGA WAGGA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

25/188 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Parkins

That Council:

- a accept a donation of \$78,565 from the Wagga Tennis Association
- b note these funds will be used to purchase seating for the Jim Elphick Tennis Centre in accordance with the Wagga Wagga Tennis Association request
- c approve the budget variation listed in the financial implications section of this report

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2025/26 ROUND 1

Councillor Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 7:52pm.

25/189 **RESOLVED**:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Parkins

That Council authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement to sponsor the following events through the 2025/26 Major Events and Sponsorship budget:

- i Riverina Harvest Festival by Murrumbidgee Landcare to the amount of \$10,000 through the Incubator Event stream
- ii Carols by Candlelight by Specialist Medical Resources Foundation to the amount of \$10,000 through the Incubator Event stream

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iii Christmas with the Con by Riverina Conservatorium of Music to the amount of \$19,209.66 through the Developing Event stream

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

Councillor Koschel re-entered the Chamber the time being 7:54pm.

RP-8 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Councillor K Subedi declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber the time being 7:53pm.

25/190 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following community groups:
 - i Wagga Wagga Filipino Community for \$495.00
 - ii UNISONg Community Choir Inc. for \$1,200.00
 - iii St Vincent de Paul for \$990.00
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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Councillor K Subedi re-entered the Chamber the time being 7:54pm.

RP-9 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY - POL 025

25/191 **RESOLVED**:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a endorse the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (POL 025) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 8 July 2025, inviting public submissions until the 19 August 2025
- b receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:
 - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (POL 025)
 - ii proposing adopting of the Policy unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

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RP-10 CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

25/192 **RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- adopt the current Code of Conduct and Administrative Procedures for the а Code of Conduct
- endorse the draft Code of Meeting Practice and place on public exhibition b for a period of 28 days from 8 July and invite public submissions until 19 August
- receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission С period:
 - i. addressing any submission made in respect of the draft Code of **Meeting Practice**
 - ii . proposing adoption of the draft Code of Meeting Practice unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

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

L Tanner

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RP-11 2025 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

25/193 **RESOLVED**:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a endorse sending a Council delegate to the 2025 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Albury 2025 from 9 to 11 September 2025
- b appoint one Councillor as Council's delegate to attend the 2025 LGNSW Water Management Conference

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

Councillor A Condron self-nominated

Councillor A Condron, was duly appointed to attend the 2025 LGNSW Water Management Conference as Council's representative from 9 to 11 September 2025.

RP-12 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND MOTIONS

25/194 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a endorse the Mayor and three (3) Councillors to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025
- b elect three (3) Councillor delegates referred to in (a) above to attend the Conference

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- c note that Councillors elected to attend the conference will be Council's voting delegates for any Local Government NSW elections for the following twelve months
- d note that motion submissions need to be resolved and submitted by Tuesday 30 September 2025

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

Against the Motion

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

Councillor J McKinnon self-nominated.

Councillor A Parkins self-nominated.

Councillor A Condron self-nominated.

Councillors A Condron, J McKinnon, and A Parkins were duly appointed to attend with the Mayor as Council's representatives at the 2025 LGNSW Conference, to be held from 23 to 25 November 2025.

RP-13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

25/195 **RESOLVED**:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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Against the Motion

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 8.03pm.

MAYOR

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