

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Director Economy, Business & Workforce	(Mrs F Piltz)
Director Infrastructure Services	(Mr H Pavitt)
Acting Director Planning & Regulatory Services	(Mr C Collins)
Executive Manager - Major Projects	(Mr D Woods)
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	(Mr T Pankhurst)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Communications & Engagement Coordinator	(Mr M Casey)
Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Officer	(Ms R Brodin)

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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

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted for Director Community, Environment & Partnerships, Mrs C Priest, and Director Planning & Regulatory Services, Ms J Costa, on the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Condrón.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

26/306 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and M Henderson

That Council grant Leave of Absence to:

- a Councillor R Foley from 1 October 2026 to 30 October 2026 inclusive; and**
- b Councillor L Tanner from 12 October 2026 to 25 October 2026 inclusive**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 AUGUST 2026

26/307 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and M Henderson

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/308 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

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 CONF-2 and CONF-3 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

A Motion was moved by Councillors G Davies and A Condrón

That Council:

- a conduct the election of the Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- b determine that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor be the same as the Mayoral term, being until September 2028
- c conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor L Tanner and seconded by Councillor J McKinnon

That Council:

- a conduct the election of the Mayor by *preferential ballot* in accordance with Schedule 7
- b determine that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor *be for one year , being until September 2027*
- c conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by *preferential ballot* in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment

R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Amendment

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
M Henderson
K Subedi

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was LOST.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor L Tanner and seconded by Councillor M Henderson

That Council:

- a conduct the election of the Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- b determine that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor be a 12 month term until September 2027
- c conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment

A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Amendment

G Davies
K Subedi
D Tout

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

26/309 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and M Henderson

That Council:

- a **conduct the election of the Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021**
- b **determine that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor be a 12 month term until September 2027**
- c **conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

L Tanner

Councillor D Tout vacated the Chair, the time being 5:55pm, and handed over to the General Manager, Mr P Thompson, to conduct the elections for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Mr P Thompson advised the meeting that, as Returning Officer, he would conduct each election by open voting.

Election of the Mayor

Two nominations were received for the Office of Mayor:

- Councillor A Parkins
- Councillor D Tout

The Returning Officer then conducted the election of the Mayor.

Following the conclusion of the vote, the Returning Officer declared Councillor D Tout elected to the position of Mayor of the Council of the City of Wagga Wagga for the period 7 September 2026 until the next ordinary election of the Council in September 2028, with the result of the count being:

- Councillor A Parkins – three (3) votes
- Councillor D Tout – six (6) votes

Election of Deputy Mayor

Three (3) nominations were received for the Office of Deputy Mayor:

- Councillor G Davies
- Councillor R Foley
- Councillor L Tanner

The Returning Officer then conducted the election of the Deputy Mayor.

Following the conclusion of the vote, the Returning Officer declared Councillor G Davies elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of the Council of the City of Wagga Wagga for the period 7 September 2026 until September 2027, with the result of the count being:

Round One

- Councillor G Davies – five (5) votes
- Councillor R Foley – three (3) votes
- Councillor L Tanner – one (1) vote

Councillor L Tanner was excluded.

Round Two

- Councillor G Davies – five (5) votes
- Councillor R Foley – four (4) votes

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, assumed the Chair, the time being 6:01pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

26/310 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and G Davies

That Council suspend standing orders and adjourn for a short recess to allow for a media opportunity, the time being 6:01pm.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

L Tanner

PROCEDURAL MOTION - RE-INSTATE STANDING ORDERS

26/311 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That Council resume the meeting and re-instate standing orders, the time being 6:08 pm.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

RP-2 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

26/312 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and A Parkins

That Council receive and note the Operational Performance Report for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

RP-3 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND MOTIONS

26/313 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a endorse the Mayor and three (3) Councillors to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held from Sunday 22 to Tuesday 24 November 2026**
- b elect three (3) Councillor delegates referred to in (a) above to attend the Conference**
- c note that the Mayor and the three (3) Councillors appointed to attend the Conference will be Council's voting delegates for any Local Government NSW elections for the following twelve months**
- d endorse submitting the following motions as outlined in the body of this report for consideration at the Conference:**
 - i Motion 1 - Community Benefit Sharing for Data Centres and Transmission Infrastructure**
 - ii Motion 2 - Guidance on Fully-Funded Advocacy Conferences for Councillors**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley self-nominated as voting delegates.

Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley were duly appointed as Councillor representatives to attend the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference with the Mayor from 22 to 24 November 2026.

It was noted that one additional voting delegate position remains available. Should a Councillor wish to attend the Conference as a voting delegate, they are to advise the General Manager.

RP-4 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NSWPLA) SWITCH 2026 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26/314 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a endorse Councillor attendance at the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) SWITCH 2026 Conference being held in Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre 10 – 13 November 2026**
- b appoint any Councillor who wishes to attend the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) SWITCH 2026 Conference as a Council representative, subject to the availability of funds within the Councillor's adopted conference and travel budget**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillor A Parkins self-nominated.

Councillor A Parkins was duly appointed to attend the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) SWITCH 2026 Conference from 10 to 13 November 2026.

RP-5 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/315 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and A Parkins

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

CLOSED COUNCIL

26/316 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 6:26pm.

CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC GALLERY RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT FUNDING

26/317 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with the Australian Government for:
 - i Regional Airports Program Round 2 – RAPII000095; and**
 - ii Regional Airports Screening Infrastructure Program – RASI014****
- b note that negotiations with the Department of Defence for a new long-term lease of Wagga Wagga Airport are continuing**
- c approve the budget variations detailed in the Financial Implications section of this report**
- d authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

**CONF-2 RFQ CT2026065 SUPPLY & DELIVER ONE (1) HEAVY RIGID TRUCK
FITTED WITH AN INTEGRATED BULK LIME SPREADER UNIT**

26/318 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

That Council:

- a accept the quotation of Wagga Motors Pty Ltd (ABN 33 556 730 405) for the Supply & Delivery of One (1) Heavy Rigid Truck fitted with an Integrated Bulk Lime Spreader Unit**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter a contract with Wagga Motors Pty Ltd (ABN 33 556 730 405) for the Supply & Delivery of One (1) Heavy Rigid Truck fitted with an Integrated Bulk Lime Spreader Unit for the Lump Sum price of \$709,722.76 (excluding GST)**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

**CONF-3 RFQ CT2026068 SUPPLY & DELIVER ONE (1) SELF-PROPELLED
ROAD STABILISER/RECYCLER**

26/319 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and G Davies

That Council:

- a accept the quotation of WesTrac Pty Ltd (ABN 63 009 342 572) for the Supply & Delivery of One (1) Self-Propelled Road Stabiliser/Recycler Unit**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter a contract with WesTrac Pty Ltd (ABN 63 009 342 572) for the Supply & Delivery of One (1) Self-Propelled Road Stabiliser/Recycler Unit for the Lump Sum price of \$945,890.00 (excluding GST)**

CARRIED

