

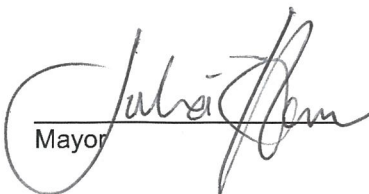


## **ORDINARY MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, 12 December 2024**

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 2:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND VIA  
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Mayor

  
Interim General Manager



Thursday, 12 December 2024

Council Chambers 76 Capper Street Tumut and Via Video Link

2:00 PM

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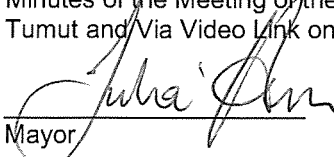
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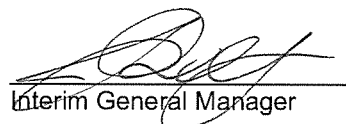
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Mayor

  
Interim General Manager

**PRESENT:** Mayor Julia Ham, Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr John Larter, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon, Cr Trina Thomson, Cr Andrew Wortes

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Interim General Manager Steven Pinnuck, Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty, Director Infrastructure & Works Duncan Mitchell, Executive Manager Growth & Development Nick Wilton, Chief Financial Officer Manna Doshii

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

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- Peter Marshall and Robbie Ladbrook addressed the meeting on behalf of Tumbarumba Business Chamber, speaking for Item 10.2 De-amalgamation Implementation Plan and Financial Sustainability Plans
- Gregory Lyons addressed the meeting, speaking for Item 10.2 De-amalgamation Implementation Plan and Financial Sustainability Plans

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Cr Ham.

## 3. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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**M286/24 RESOLVED** that the Leave of Absence from Cr Hayes be received and granted.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M287/24 RESOLVED** that the request from Cr Inglis to attend today's meeting virtually be received and granted.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Packard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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Cr Sheldon declared a non-pecuniary / non-significant interest in relation to report 13.2 Confidential - Potential Compliance Matter - Little River Road Goobarragandra due to being a neighbour and will leave the room during discussion.

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## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### 5.1. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL - 21 NOVEMBER 2024

#### M288/24 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 November 2024 be received and confirmed as an accurate record.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

## 7. MAYORAL MINUTE

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#### M289/24 RESOLVED:

1. That a report be submitted to the February 2025 meeting on the continued blue green algae blooms in the Mannus Dam, with the report identifying different options available to stop the bloom as there are mitigating effects on people, stock and agriculture downstream.
2. That a report be submitted to Council on Council's position to support Albury Wodonga hospital re-development or to support the alternative of a greenfield site.

Cr Ham

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

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Nil.

## 9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

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Nil.

## 10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

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### 10.1. COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ACTION REPORT - DECEMBER 2024

#### M290/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Council resolution actions.

Cr Packard/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10.2. DE-AMALGAMATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANS**

### **M291/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan and Financial Sustainability Plans to support the de-amalgamation of Snowy Valleys Council and the creation of Tumut Council and Tumbarumba Council;
2. Forward the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan and Financial Sustainability Plans to the Local Government Boundaries Commission (LGBC); and
3. Place the De-amalgamation Implementation Plan and Financial Sustainability Plans on public exhibition until 31 January 2025 noting that this will occur in parallel with the LGBC consideration of the Plans.
4. Note the late report and consider it in conjunction with the substantive report (Item 10.2).

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10.3. ATTENDANCE AT THE 2024 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 17-19 NOVEMBER TAMWORTH**

### **M292/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference outcomes from Mayor Julia Ham.

Cr Hardwick/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10.4. AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024**

### **M293/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Report for the period November 2023 - June 2024.

Cr Packard/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.5. PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS****M294/24 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the following Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Returns from newly appointed Designated Persons as of 22 November 2024 as listed in accordance with the Code of Conduct:

Designated Persons:

Cr Grant Hardwick, Cr Michael Inglis, Cr Hugh Packard, Cr David Sheldon and Cr Andrew Wortes.

2. Approve for the redacted Pecuniary Interest Returns Designated Staff to be placed on Council's website in accordance with the current Information and Privacy Commission Guideline 1.

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****10.6. COUNCILLOR AND STAFF INTERACTION POLICY - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION****M295/24 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy - SVC-EXE-PO-020-06 for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days;
2. Note if submissions are received during the exhibition, a further report will be provided to Council; and
3. Adopt the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy - SVC-EXE-PO-020-06 if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period.

Cr Packard/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****10.7. FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL POLICY AND PLAN - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION****M296/24 RESOLVED:**

## THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy - SVC-EXE-PO-040-02 for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days;
2. Endorse the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan - SVC-CorpPlan-PLN-051-01 for public exhibition for period of no less than 28 days;
3. Note if submissions are received during the exhibition, a further report will be provided to Council;
4. Adopt the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy - SVC-EXE-PO-040-02 if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period; and

5. Adopt the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan - SVC-CorpPlan-PIN-051-01 if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period.

Cr Larter/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10.8. 2025 MEETING CALENDAR

### MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the 2025 Meeting Calendar complete with Committee dates.
2. Confirm the Time and Location of the Ordinary Council meeting:
  - o February, June, October - Tumbarumba Council Chambers commencing at 2pm.
  - o March, April, May, July, August, September, November & December - Tumut Council Chambers commencing at 4pm.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

### AMENDMENT:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the 2025 Meeting Calendar complete with Committee dates.
2. Confirm the Time and Location of the Ordinary Council meeting:
  - o February, *May*, October - Tumbarumba Council Chambers commencing at 2pm.
  - o March, April, May, *June*, July, August, September, November & December - Tumut Council Chambers commencing at 4pm.

Cr Inglis/Cr Wortes

*The amendment was put and lost.*

For: Cr Inglis, Cr Wortes, Cr Ham

Against: Cr Thomson, Cr Packard, Cr Larter, Cr Hardwick, Cr Sheldon

**LOST**

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*Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 3.00pm and returned at 3.02pm.*

### M297/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the 2025 Meeting Calendar complete with Committee dates.
2. Confirm the Time and Location of the Ordinary Council meeting:
  - February, June, October - Tumbarumba Council Chambers commencing at 2pm.



- March, April, May, July, August, September, November & December - Tumut Council Chambers commencing at 4pm.

Cr Thomson/Cr Packard

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Packard, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Ham

Against: Cr Inglis, Cr Larter

**CARRIED**

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## **10.9. DISSOLUTION OF ADELONG SHOWGROUND COMMITTEE AS A SECTION 355 COMMITTEE**

### **M298/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Dissolve the Adelong Showground Committee as a S355 Committee as of 12 December 2024 acknowledging the new entity 'Adelong Showground Management Committee' in any future dealings with Council;
2. Endorse the establishment of a Maintenance and Operation Agreement with the Adelong Showground Management Committee to be put in place by February 2025;
3. Endorse the following projects should funding opportunities become available;
  - Tea Room and Pavilion Area upgrades
  - Toilet Block replacement & Change Rooms enhancement
  - Bar Area Works;
4. Acknowledge the efforts of current and previous committee members and volunteers and thank them for their contribution to the local community and Snowy Valleys Council; and
5. Write to the Adelong Showground Committee advising them of the resolution of Council to dissolve the Committee as of 12 December 2024.

Cr Packard/Cr Hardwick

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Packard, Cr Inglis, Cr Hardwick, Cr Wortes, Cr Sheldon, Cr Ham

Against: Cr Larter

**CARRIED**

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## **10.10. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - NOVEMBER 2024**

### **299/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on Statement of Investments - November 2024.

Cr Wortes/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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### 11.1. RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY - AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

**M300/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the revised RRL agreement; and
2. Authorise the Interim General Manager and Mayor to affix the Council Seal and execute all associated documentation to the agreement.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Packard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 11.2. HUMELINK PROJECT UPDATE NUMBER 1 - 12 DECEMBER 2024

**M301/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the HumeLink Project Update Report Number 1 - 12 December 2024.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

*Cr Larter left the meeting at 3.28pm and returned at 3.30pm.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 11.3. BATLOW & KHANCOBAN POOL OPERATING HOURS

**M302/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Amend the 2024/2025 operational hours of Batlow and Khancoban Pools to open five (5) days a week (Wednesday to Sunday) 12.30pm to 6pm during the school holiday period, being from Saturday, 21 December 2024 to Sunday, 2 February 2025.

Cr Thomson/Cr Hardwick

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 11.4. INDIGO POWER - LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY BATTERY, EV CHARGING STATION AND SOLAR PANELS - TUMBARUMBA

**M303/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on the Third-Party Infrastructure Master Licence Agreement that Council has negotiated with Indigo Power on the construction, operation and maintenance of a Community Battery, Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station and Solar Panels located at the Tumbarumba Showground adjacent to Tumbarumba Sports Stadium as well as in Council's Road Reserve on Lauder Street, Tumbarumba.

Cr Packard/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.5. POST EXHIBITION ADOPTION OF SECTION 7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2025**

##### **M304/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note that no public submissions were received during the exhibition period.
2. Adopt the Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024 for local infrastructure contributions; and
3. Adopt the commencement date for the Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan from the date as outlined in the plan under clause 2.4

Cr Thomson/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.6. SURVEY OUTCOMES - REINSTATEMENT OF 2P PARKING RESTRICTIONS, THE PARADE TUMBARUMBA**

##### **M305/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Undertake a 12-month trial to reinstate 2P parking restrictions and associated signage in The Parade, Tumbarumba from Selwyn Street to Bridge Street, Tumbarumba, commencing 1 January 2025.
2. Review the trial period at the end of the 12-month trial period to determine its effectiveness to promote vehicle turnover in the Tumbarumba town centre and to ensure that the 2-hour restriction remains the appropriate time setting; and,
3. Advise the Local Traffic Committee of the proposed 12-month trial.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Packard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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### 12.1. MINUTES - ADELONG SHOWGROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE GENERAL AND AGM - 8 MAY 2024 29 OCTOBER 2024

#### M306/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Adelong Showground Management Committee meeting 8 May 2024; and
2. Note the Minutes of the Adelong Showground Management Committee AGM meeting 29 October 2024

Cr Hardwick/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 12.2. MINUTES - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 25 NOVEMBER 2024

#### M307/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on 25 November 2024.

Cr Packard/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 12.3. MINUTES - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 13 NOVEMBER, 2024

#### M308/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 13 November 2024; and
2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the Minutes:

ITEM 8.1 - REQUEST - VEHICLES TURNING AHEAD SIGNAGE - TUMUT VALLEY HOLIDAY PARK - TUMUT

1. Write to the Caravan Park advising that they are required to submit a Service Signage request to Transport for NSW.

ITEM 8.2 - REQUEST - DISABLED CAR PARK - CONNECTION MEDICAL CENTRE - TUMUT

1. To review the parking ratio compliance and advise the applicant accordingly.

ITEM 8.3 - REQUEST - ONE-WAY ACCESS THROUGH ROTARY PARK LOOKOUT - TUMUT

1. Grant approval for installation of a one-way road from Wynyard Street to Godfrey Street in Tumut.

ITEM 8.4 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - ANZAC DAY - ADELONG

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Adelong April 25th 2025 ANZAC Day event, subject to Council's standard conditions, including application for a Road Occupancy License from TfNSW.

**ITEM 8.5 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - ANZAC DAY - BATLOW**

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Batlow April 25th 2025 ANZAC Day event, subject to Council's standard conditions, including application for a Road Occupancy License from TfNSW.

**ITEM 8.6 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - ANZAC DAY - TUMBARUMBA**

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Tumbarumba April 25th 2025 ANZAC Day event, subject to Council's standard conditions, including application for a Road Occupancy License from TfNSW.

**ITEM 8.7 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - ANZAC DAY - TUMUT**

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Tumut 25 April 2025 ANZAC Day event, subject to Council's standard conditions.

**ITEM 8.8 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - FALLING LEAF FESTIVAL TUMUT - 26-27 APRIL 2025**

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Falling Leaf Festival Tumut, subject to Council's standard conditions, including application for a Road Occupancy License from TfNSW.

**ITEM 8.9 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - BATLOW CIDERFEST - 17 MAY 2025**

1. Support the Special Event Application for the Batlow Ciderfest event, subject to Councils' standard conditions, including application for a Road Occupancy License from TfNSW.

**ITEM 8.10 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENDURANCE RIDERS - TUMBARUMBA - 2025**

1. Support the Snowy Mountains Endurance Riders Easter Carnival 18-20 April, 2025, subject to Councils' standard conditions.

**ITEM 8.11 - SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - TARGA CLASSIC - TUMBARUMBA**

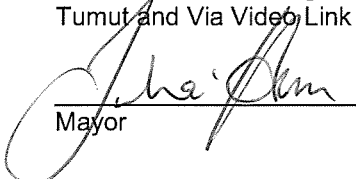
1. To advise the applicant that a "Traffic Guidance Scheme" and detailed Program of Events and route is required prior to approval being granted.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon


**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.4. MINUTES - YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE - 28 NOVEMBER 2024****M309/24 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Note the Minutes of the Youth Council Committee held on 28 November 2024.
2. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes:
  - a. Accept application for membership from Harrison Foster (Harry).
  - b. Terminate membership of Jack Moxey, as per the Council Committees Operation Manual - Member is absent without notification from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee.
  - c. Continue with face-to-face meetings with an option to join online.
  - d. Confirm the below dates and locations for 2025 Youth Council Committee meetings, each meeting commencing at 4:30pm:



Mayor



Interim General Manager

- i. 13/02/2025 - Tumbarumba
- ii. 10/04/2025 - Tumut
- iii. 12/06/2025 - Tumbarumba
- iv. 14/08/2025 - Tumut
- v. 09/10/2025 - Tumbarumba
- vi. 04/12/2025 - Tumut

Cr Wortes/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 13. CONFIDENTIAL

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### M310/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified:

- Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A (2) (d) (ii) as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
- Item 13.2 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2)(e) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law, and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Thomson/Cr Sheldon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

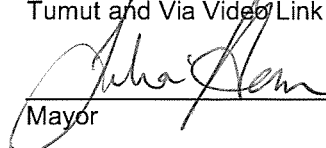
At this point, the time being 3.51pm, the meeting went into confidential session.

### 13.1. CONFIDENTIAL - RFT 2024/13 - CONCEPT & DETAILED DESIGN CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR KHANCOBAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

#### M311/24 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Resolve in accordance with Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to accept the tender RFT 2024/13 from Henry & Hymas (H&H) Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd to prepare documentation for the Concept and Detailed Design of the Khancoban Wastewater Treatment Plant for the tendered lump sum amount of \$317,830.00 excluding GST;
2. Authorise the Interim General Manager to enter into a contract with H&H Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd to prepare documentation for the Concept and Detailed Design of the Khancoban Wastewater Treatment Plant;

  
Mayor

  
Interim General Manager

3. Once Council has executed the Contract, information relating to the successful tender be published in Council's Register of Contracts as required by *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* - Part 3 Division 5 - Government Contracts with Private Sector;
4. The Confidential Report relating to matters specified in Sections 10A(2)(d) be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise; and
5. Write to the unsuccessful tenderers advising of the outcomes of the tender process.

Cr Sheldon/Cr Larter

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Sheldon left the meeting at 4.01pm and did not return.

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 4.01pm and did not return.

### **13.2. CONFIDENTIAL - POTENTIAL COMPLIANCE MATTER - LITTLE RIVER ROAD GOOBARRAGANDRA**

**M312/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the report on potential compliance action at Little River Road Goobarragandra.

Cr Hardwick/Cr Thomson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**M313/24 RESOLVED** to move back into open session.

Cr Hardwick/Cr Wortes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

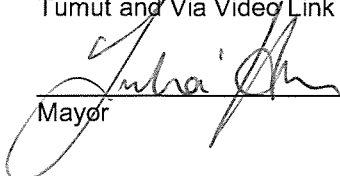
At this point, the time being 4.14pm the meeting moved back into open session.

The Interim General Manager provided a verbal report of the resolutions made during confidential session.

The Mayor advised that the Interim General Manager will work his final day on 14 February 2025 and thanked him for his service to Council.

## **14. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 4.17pm.

  
Mayor

  
Interim General Manager