



# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

**Time: 2:00 PM**

**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street  
Deniliquin**

**Jack Bond  
Chief Executive Officer**

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## 1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 1.59pm

## 2. ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Ken Bates, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Craig Druitt, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Shannon Sampson, Cr Frank Schofield, Chief Executive Officer.

**In attendance:** Interim Advisor, Director Infrastructure, Acting Director Corporate Services, Executive Assistant

**Via Teams:** Cr Linda Fawns

## 3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

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## 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples – and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. The Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

## 5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

1. That the leave of absence request by Cr Ken Bates from the 22nd February 2025 to 1st March 2025 be accepted.
2. That the request by Cr Linda Fawns to join the February Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams be accepted.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****6.1. PREVIOUS MINUTES 17 DECEMBER 2024**

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/6.1**

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 17 December 2024.

**CARRIED**

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

11.5 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4. Cr Leanne Mulham declared a Non-Pecuniary-Significant Disclosure and will leave the Chambers and not take part in any debate or voting on the issue.

**8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil

**10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE**

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/10.1**

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

a) The Committee requests Council to remove the sheep yards and level and remediate the site in a timely manner. This was agreed to be done via request for quotation, it will be advertised and will close 3 weeks after the beginning of the advertising campaign. Council will then advise the committee once a quote has been accepted. If no quotations received, then Council will undertake the work.

**CARRIED**

**11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL****11.1. DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.1**

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the community feedback;
2. Approve the drafted responses to community submissions and enable the Acting Director of Corporate Services to provide formal responses to each submission;
3. Endorse the updated Community Strategic Plan as attached to this report and with the following changes:
  - a) Measure 5.5 correct baseline wording to say '6 consultations per year';
  - b) Insert new measure under 5.1 as follows:
    - Measure: Towards 2035 Population Growth Targets
    - Baseline: 8,430 in 2023
    - Target: Support growth 9,050 by 2028, Delivery growth 9,650 by 2028
    - Source: ABS
  - c) Insert new measure under 1.7 as follows:
    - Measure: Number of households
    - Baseline: 3,331 2021 Total Households
    - Target: 3,900 by 2028
    - Source: ABS

**CARRIED**

**11.2. 2025 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.2**

That Council adopt the proposed 2025 schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings which schedules meetings for the third Tuesday of each month between March and December 2025 to commence at 10.00am in the Deniliquin Council Chambers.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
18 March 2025	15 April 2025	15 July 2025	21 October 2025
	20 May 2025	19 August 2025	18 November 2025
	17 June 2025	16 September 2025	16 December 2025

**CARRIED**

**11.3. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

**RESOLUTION 2024/1802/11.3**

That Council

1. Appoint the Councillors to the Committees as listed in Attachment 1.
2. The term of appointment to the Committees will be for the term of Council or a further resolution which changes the appointments.

**CARRIED**

**11.4. NAMING OF NORTH DENILIQUN REST AREA**

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.4**

That Council:

1. Adopt the name 'North Deniliquin Reserve' for Crown Reserve No. 46452, currently known as North Deniliquin Tennis Club reserve, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval,
2. Adopt the name 'Flo Allen Park' for the area of the former North Deniliquin tennis courts as defined in Attachment 1 of this report, for the purpose of submitting to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval, and
3. Undertakes further consultation regarding naming of other areas within the reserve.

**CARRIED**

**11.5. LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 4**

Cr Leanne Mulham left the Council Chambers at 2.19pm and took no part in the discussion

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.5**

That Council resolves to allocate the remaining funding amount of \$363,170 from Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program to the following projects:

1. Upgrades at the Deniliquin Basketball Stadium to the amount of \$100,000,
2. Refurbishment of Sextons Hut at the Deniliquin Cemetery to the amount of \$40,000,
3. Refurbishment of the VRA building in Charlotte Street to the amount of \$73,170, and
4. Electrical and infrastructure upgrades at the Deniliquin Saleyards to support electronic ID for sheep to the amount of \$150,000.

**CARRIED**

Cr Leanne Mulham re-entered the Chambers at 2.22pm

### **11.6. AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - LOCALLY BASED INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.6**

That Council:

1. Notes that Council did not receive any applications for the position of locally based independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).
2. Agrees to
  - a. Amend the ARIC Terms of Reference to remove the requirement for a locally based independent member.
3. Notes the ARIC Chair's advice that Council could be satisfied that Councillor Mulham, as the councillor member on ARIC, provides the necessary local experience and knowledge that a locally based independent member would provide.
4. Notes the risk that while the locally based independent member position remains vacant (and a formal part of the ARIC Terms of Reference), the ARIC will not be able to make a quorum in the event that one of the three current independent members is sick, or resigns.

**CARRIED**

### **11.7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW & AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - KEY CONFERENCES 2025**

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.7**

That Council

1. Approves the attendance of the Mayor and the Chief Executive at
  - a. The Local Government NSW Rural and Regional Summit on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the State Library of NSW
  - b. The Australian Local Government Association 2025 National General Assembly 24 to 27 June 2025 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra
  - c. The Local Government NSW Annual Conference 23 to 25 November 2025 in Penrith.
2. Considers the attendance of other Councillors in line with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and Councillor Training.

**CARRIED**

**11.8. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2024**

Mayor Hall moved item 12.7 to 11.8 to be considered as an action report.

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/11.8**

That Council:

1. Adopt the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, inclusive of the Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of Council.
2. Approve the proposed adjustments resulting in the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year;
  - a. Net operating result (including capital grants) of \$6.52 million surplus
  - b. Underlying net operating result (excluding capital grants) of \$238k deficit
  - c. Capital grant expenditure of \$19.8 million
3. Do not support the money put aside for Town Hall refurbishment, but rather a further report to come back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**12. REPORTS FOR NOTING****12.1. PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.1**

That Council receive and note Compliance Report 3 being the final report in accordance with the Performance Improvement Order issued on Edward River Council.

**CARRIED**

**12.2. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2024**

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.2**

That Council receive and note the six-monthly Delivery Program progress report for the period July to December 2024.

Questions taken on notice:

1.4.4.1 Undertake flood impact repairs at Yorkies Pitt (Deniliquin Landfill) - progressing behind schedule



4.1.2.1 Develop and adopt a Masterplan for the Deniliquin Swim Centre precinct - progressing behind schedule

**CARRIED**

### **12.3. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - JANUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.3**

That Council notes the funded projects report for January 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **12.4. FREE WASTE DISPOSAL WEEKENDS**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.4**

That Council notes the following Free Waste Disposal weekends at the Deniliquin Landfill for the remainder of 2025:

1. 8th and 9th March 2025,
2. 14th and 15th June 2025,
3. 13th and 14th September 2025, and
4. 6th and 7th December 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **12.5. INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.5**

That Council receive and note the Investment Report for December 2024.

**CARRIED**

### **12.6. INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.6**

1. That Council receive and note the Investment Report for January 2025.

**CARRIED**

**12.7. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.7**

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for December 24 and January 25

**CARRIED**

**12.8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 10 FEBRUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Craig Drutt

Seconded Cr Shannon Sampson

**RESOLUTION 2025/1802/12.8**

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 10 February 2025.

**CARRIED**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil

**14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting Closed at 12.51pm.