



# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 18 March 2025**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2025**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

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

**Jack Bond  
Chief Executive Officer**

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## 1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting Opened 10:00am

## 2. ATTENDANCE

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

**In Attendance:** Director Infrastructure, Acting Director Corporate Services, Executive Assistant

**Via Teams:** Nil

## 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

Nil

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1. PREVIOUS MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

#### **RESOLUTION 2025/1803/6.1**

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 18 February 2025.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

## **7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

11.1 Deniliquin CWA Hall - Call for Expressions of Interest Cr Linda Fawns declared a Non-Pecuniary-Significant Disclosure and will leave the Chambers and not take part in any debate or voting on the issue.

11.3 Filtered Water Standpipe Charges Amendment Cr Craig Druitt 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 Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/10.1**

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2025, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

a) That any profits generated from catering for the Rod Run will be donated to Can Assist on behalf of Conargo Hall, and

b) The acceptance of the up-to-date quotation for the supply of a Swing from A\_Space, and previously accepted installation quote from Wes Heard as part of works funded from the Bob White Bequeathment Fund.

**CARRIED**

**11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL****11.1. DENILQUIN CWA HALL - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Linda Fawns left the Council Chambers at 10:05am and took no part in the discussion.

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/11.1**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to invite expressions of interest (EOI) for the use of the **CWA Hall/Building**, located at 355 Harrison Street, Deniliquin.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Cr Linda Fawns re-entered the Council Chambers at 10:07am.

**11.2. HARDINGE STREET PROJECT BUDGET REALLOCATION**

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/11.2**

That Council endorses the reallocation of \$130,000 from the Hardinge Street Road Reconstruction Project to fund kerb and gutter replacement projects along Cressy Street, Russell Street, Burton Street and Wilkinson Street.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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**11.3. FILTERED WATER STANDPIPE CHARGES AMENDMENT**

Cr Craig Druitt left the Council Chambers at 10:08am and took no part in the discussion.

Moved: Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/11.3**

That Council amend the fees and charges for "Standpipe water sales" for the remainder of the 2024 / 25 financial year from \$11.00 per kilolitre to \$4.00 per kilolitre.

**CARRIED 5/3**

FOR: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Shannon Sampson, Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Ken Bates

AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Leanne Mulham

Cr Craig Druitt re-entered the Council Chambers at 10:16am.

**11.4. KEY CONFERENCES 2025 - RURAL & REGIONAL SUMMIT 8 MAY 2025**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/11.4**

That Council

1. Considers the attendance of Councillors at the Local Government NSW Rural and Regional Summit on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the State Library of New South Wales.
2. Take advantage of early-bird ticketing by securing tickets prior to 1 April 2025.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**11.5. UNCLAIMED LAND - OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kellie Crossley

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/11.5**

That Council:

Defer consideration of this matter until a later date when Councillors have been more informed via Workshop.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**12. REPORTS FOR NOTING**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/12**

That the following reports for noting be moved as one. This includes items 12.1 through to item 12.4.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**12.1. INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/12.1**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**12.2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/12.2**

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for February 2025.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**12.3. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2025**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/12.3**

That Council notes the funded projects report for February 2025.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**12.4. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 10 MARCH 2025**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

**RESOLUTION 2025/1803/12.4**

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 11 March 2025.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil

**14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting Closed at 10:24am.