



Central Coast Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Council Meeting

held in the Multipurpose Function Room
Donnison Street, Gosford
Tuesday 24 March 2026
and
Central Coast Council Chambers
2 Hely Street, Wyong
Tuesday 31 March 2026

Present

Mayor Lawrie McKinna
Deputy Mayor John Moulard
Councillor Margot Castles
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Doug Eaton OAM
Councillor Corinne Lamont
Councillor Kyle MacGregor
Councillor John McNamara
Councillor Trent McWaide
Councillor Belinda Neal
Councillor Jane Smith
Councillor Rachel Stanton
Councillor Sharon Walsh
Councillor Jared Wright

David Farmer
Boris Bolgoff
Luke Nicholls
Jamie Loader
Marissa Racomelara
Melanie Smith

Jeanette Williams
Emma Galea
Brett Sherar

Chief Executive Officer
Director Infrastructure Services - 24 March 2026
Director Environment and Planning
Director Water and Sewer
Director Corporate Services - 24 March 2026
Director Community and Recreation Services - 24 March 2026
Acting Director Infrastructure Services - 31 March 2026
Acting Director Corporate Services – 31 March 2026
Acting Director Community and Recreation Services – 31 March 2026

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The minutes of the 24 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting were republished on 17 April 2026 due to a clerical error regarding Item 7.6.

1 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Opening Meeting

The Mayor, Lawrie McKinna, declared the meeting open at 6:31pm.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Recording

The Mayor noted, in accordance with clauses 5.35 and 5.37 of the Code of Meeting Practice, that this meeting is being recorded and will be made publicly available on Council's website. Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

1.4 Apologies and Applications for Remote Attendance

6:36 pm - 24 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

That Council approves the request of Councillor Lamont to attend the Council Meeting on 24 March 2026 at 6:30pm by audio-visual link.

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm.

1.5 Disclosures of Interest

6:42 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41 pm did not take part in discussion or voting on this item

Mayor McKinna disclosed:

- A non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in *Item 2.1 – Mayoral Minute; Blueprint Central Coast – Growing our Region*, as he was invited to contribute the foreword to the Blueprint Central Coast as part of his capacity of the Mayor of Central Coast Council. He will remain in chambers during consideration of this matter and take part in discussion and voting on the item.

Cr Neal disclosed:

- A non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in *Item 3.1 – Deferred Item – Environment and Planning Minutes and Recommendations January 2026 – Outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Workshop*, as the outcome of the Heritage strategy workshop may affect her as she resides in a heritage listed property. She will remain in chambers during consideration of this matter and take part in discussion and voting on the item.

Cr Smith disclosed:

- A non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in *Item 5.2 – Community and Culture Minutes and Recommendations*, as she is the President of Gosford Sister City Association. She will remain in chambers during consideration of this matter and take part in discussion and voting on the item.

Cr Stanton disclosed:

- A pecuniary interest in *Item 3.8 – Deferred Item -Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025-January 2026*, as it relates to an expense reimbursement payment to herself. She will leave chambers during consideration of this matter and not take part in discussion or voting on the item.

Cr Walsh disclosed:

- A pecuniary interest in *Item 3.8 – Deferred Item -Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025-January 2026*, as it relates to an expense reimbursement payment to herself. She will leave chambers during consideration of this matter and not take part in discussion or voting on the item.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6:44 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/940

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 February 2026 as read and a true record of the meeting.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr L Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

1.7 Items Resolved by Exception

6:45 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Stanton and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/941

That Council determines the items on the 24 March 2026 Ordinary Meeting business papers to be adopted without debate.

- a. Item 6.3 - Buttonderry Waste Management Facility Construction Cell 4.5 - Tender Award***
- b. Item 6.4 - Water and Sewer Bi-annual Delivery Plan Report.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

1.8 Notice of Intention to hold Confidential Session

6:47 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/942***That Council:***

- 1. Resolves that item 9.2 – Environment and Planning Committee – Confidential Minutes and Recommendations – 3 February 2026 be dealt with in closed session, pursuant to s.10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the item relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).***
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to report on this matter in open session of Council so that any resolutions of Council may be made publicly available.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Smith

2 MAYORAL MINUTES**2.1 Mayoral Minute: Blueprint Central Coast - Growing Our Region**

6:50 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna:

C-26/943***That Council:***

- 1. Writes to the Central Coast Leadership Forum, acknowledging and supporting the work they have done to develop Blueprint Central Coast and the importance of the Blueprint in advocating for the Central Coast.***
- 2. Confirms the Gosford City Centre and Waterfront Urban Renewal (Gosford Renewal) Project as a strategic priority for Council in supporting urban growth.***
- 3. Writes to the NSW Premier, the Australian Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government, and major institutions in Gosford including Newcastle University and the Central Coast Health Board seeking their support for the establishment of a Gosford Renewal Partnership agreement to provide long-term leadership and funding for Gosford's Renewal.***
- 4. Establishes a Council-led Implementation Taskforce, to be chaired by the Mayor, and comprising senior government leaders from Central Coast Council, the NSW Government and the Australian Government that will be critical for long term public-sector project delivery.***
- 5. Establishes a Stakeholder Advisory Group to facilitate broad collaboration, input and participation into the Gosford's renewal and revitalisation.***
- 6. Applies for appropriate state and federal funding support in 2026 for the completion of an integrated Gosford CBD & Waterfront Implementation and Business Plan for renewal of this growth precinct.***
- 7. Receives a report in May 2026 to establish and resource a Council Major Projects Team, and associated project governance arrangements that will ensure an all-of-Council model for delivery of major projects, with an initial focus on Gosford renewal implementation.***

- 8. *Receives a report in June 2026 outlining a draft Implementation Plan for the Gosford renewal, including identification of resourcing that will be required to commence high priority projects in 2026-2027.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Smith

6:56 pm - 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Neal:

That Council defers this matter once a Councillor Workshop has held prior to the May 2026 Ordinary meeting of Council to receive presentations from relevant staff and consider the details of the various initiatives referred to in this Mayoral Minute.

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Smith
AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

7:17 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/944

To suspend standing orders to consider Items of Business in the following Order;

- 1. Item 4.1 - Monthly Finance Report February 2026***
- 2. Item 4.2 - Monthly Investment Report February 2026***
- 3. Item 6.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Draft Document Suite – for Exhibition***
- 4. Item 7.1 - Notice of Motion – Establishment of a High Speed Rail Authority Community Information Community Information Centre in Gosford CBD***
- 5. Item 7.2 - Notice of Motion – Support for Ettalong Blackspot Application***
- 6. Item 7.6 - Notice of Motion – Responding to community concerns about targeting of endangered species at Terrigal***
- 7. Item 6.2 – 2025-26 Capital Works Adjustments – for Endorsement***
- 8. Item 6.5 - Consideration of submitting an expression of interest to co-host Australian Masters Games 2027***
- 9. Item 6.6 - Central Coast Region Gateway Signage Improvements - Feasibility Report***

- 10. Item 6.7 - Community Support Grant Program - January 2026**
- 11. Item 5.1 - Environment and Planning Committee – Minutes and Recommendations**
- 12. Item 5.2 - Community and Culture Committee – Minutes and Recommendations**
- 13. Item 3.8 - Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026**
- 14. Item 3.4 - Deferred Item - Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group Terms of Reference - for Adoption**
- 15. Item 3.3 - Deferred Item - Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy - for Adoption**
- 16. Item 3.9 - Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Community concerns on PFAS issues in our catchment**
- 17. Item 3.10 - Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Addressing Community Concerns - trailer parking on Araluen Drive, Hardy's Bay.**
- 18. Item 7.3 - Notice of Motion – Future Lease/s for Aviation Services – Warnervale Airport**
- 19. Item 7.4 - Notice of Motion – Applicability of Section 68 Ministerial Authorisation – Wamberal Beach**
- 20. Item 7.5 - Central Coast Flag and Street Banner Policy**
- 21. Item 3.1 - Deferred Item - Environment and Planning Minutes and Recommendations January 2026 - Outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Workshop**
- 22. Item 3.2 - Deferred Item - Draft Roadside Tributes Policy - for Adoption**
- 23. Item 3.5 - Deferred Item - Avoca Beach Rockpool - Accessibility Assessment**
- 24. Item 3.6 - Deferred Item - Pollution and Health Risks from Ash Dams**
- 25. Item 3.7 - Deferred Item - Active Council Resolutions - Status Update**
- 26. Item 9.2 - Environment and Planning Committee – Confidential; minutes and Recommendations.**

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Cr Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara, Cr McWaide and Cr Smith
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr MacGregor:

To suspend standing orders to consider Items of Business in the following Order;

- a. Item 4.1 - Monthly Finance Report February 2026*
- b. Item 4.2 - Monthly Investment Report February 2026*
- c. Item 6.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Draft Document Suite – for Exhibition*

- d. *Item 6.2 - 2025-26 Capital Works Adjustments – for Endorsement*
- e. *Item 7.1 - Notice of Motion – Establishment of a High Speed Rail Authority Community Information Community Information Centre in Gosford CBD*
- f. *Item 7.2 - Notice of Motion – Support for Ettalong Blackspot Application*
- g. *Item 7.6 - Notice of Motion – Responding to community concerns about targeting of endangered species at Terrigal*
- h. *Item 6.5 - Consideration of submitting an expression of interest to co-host Australian Masters Games 2027*
- i. *Item 6.6 - Central Coast Region Gateway Signage Improvements - Feasibility Report*
- j. *Item 6.7 - Community Support Grant Program - January 2026*
- k. *Item 5.1 - Environment and Planning Committee – Minutes and Recommendations*
- l. *Item 5.2 - Community and Culture Committee – Minutes and Recommendations*
- m. *Item 3.8 - Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026*
- n. *Item 3.4 - Deferred Item - Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group Terms of Reference - for Adoption*
- o. *Item 3.3 - Deferred Item - Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy - for Adoption*
- p. *Item 3.9 - Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Community concerns on PFAS issues in our catchment*
- q. *Item 3.10 - Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Addressing Community Concerns - trailer parking on Araluen Drive, Hardy's Bay.*
- r. *Item 7.3 - Notice of Motion – Future Lease/s for Aviation Services – Warnervale Airport*
- s. *Item 7.4 - Notice of Motion – Applicability of Section 68 Ministerial Authorisation – Wamberal Beach*
- t. *Item 7.5 - Central Coast Flag and Street Banner Policy*
- u. *Item 3.1 - Deferred Item - Environment and Planning Minutes and Recommendations January 2026 - Outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Workshop*
- v. *Item 3.2 - Deferred Item - Draft Roadside Tributes Policy - for Adoption*
- w. *Item 3.5 - Deferred Item - Avoca Beach Rockpool - Accessibility Assessment*
- x. *Item 3.6 - Deferred Item - Pollution and Health Risks from Ash Dams*
- y. *Item 3.7 - Deferred Item - Active Council Resolutions - Status Update*
- z. *Item 9.2 - Environment and Planning Committee – Confidential; minutes and Recommendations.*

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Smith

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Cr Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton. Cr Wright, Cr McNamara, Cr McWaide

3 DEFERRED ITEMS

3.1 Deferred Item - Environment and Planning Minutes and Recommendations January 2026 - Outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Workshop

8:55 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

Cr Daniels left the meeting at 8:59 pm and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Walsh and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

C-26/972

That Council adopts the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee in the below resolution.

EPC 25/111 - Outcomes of the Heritage Strategy Workshop.

That Council:

- I. Resolves to convene a heritage workshop with the community every two (2) years.***
- II. Provides a copy of the document Central Coast Heritage Strategy – Workshop Report (September 2025) and responses to the Parking Lot Issues to the community members who attended the workshop and notify them of Council's resolution and publish a copy of the Workshop Report and Parking Lot issues on Council's website.***
- III. Investigates options for the reinstatement of the Heritage Small Grants Program (or similar) and prepare a report for the Environment and Planning Committee for consideration.***
- IV. Develops a heritage education toolkit for the Community, Councillors and Officers, supported by training opportunities commencing in FY2026-27.***
- V. Recommends at least one (1) project be commenced by the subcommittee each financial year over the term of Council informed by the priorities identified in the Heritage Strategy Workshop and projects identified in Council's Heritage Gap Analysis and Action Plan (adopted 2022) and the Central Coast Thematic History (adopted 2025) in consultation with the Heritage and Culture Advisory Subcommittee.***
- VI. In principle support to incorporate Heritage Interpretation and Connecting to Country Framework into all urban design and open space projects, including Council delivered projects, on sites exceeding 1000m2, and prepare a report for the Heritage and Culture Advisory Subcommittee for further discussion.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

3.2 Deferred Item - Draft Roadside Tributes Policy - for Adoption

9:00 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

Cr Daniels returned to the meeting at 9:00 pm.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr Castles:

C-26/973***That Council:***

- 1. Adopts the draft Roadside Tributes Policy as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.***
- 2. Informs the NSW Police and Federal and State Members of Parliament of adoption and implementation of this new Policy.***
- 3. Notifies the community members who submitted feedback during public exhibition of Council's decision.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

3.3 Deferred Item - Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy - for Adoption

7:36 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Wright and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland:

That Council:

1. *Refers the Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy back to the Community and Culture Committee for further consideration.*
2. *Notifies those persons who lodged submissions of Council's decision.*

7:37 pm - 31 March 2026

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

C-26/968

That Council defers the item (Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy - for Adoption) to the Community and Culture Committee Meeting on 12 May 2026, noting the following changes to the policy;

- a. Notes the outcomes of public exhibition as set out in Table 1 of this report.***
- b. Amends the Draft Memorials in Public Places Policy to allow the dedication of public furniture subject to an application and approval process that includes but is not limited to:***
 - i. Council identifying areas where there is a need for and /or it is desirable for additional seats, tables, shade or other items to enhance amenity is appropriate.***
 - ii. The general locations be listed on Council's website.***
 - iii. If application is made, and approval is given, then the applicant pays for that item and a small plaque may be affixed at the expense of the applicant.***
- c. The Community and Culture Committee considers a draft process for endorsement.***
- d. Notifies those persons who lodged submission of Council's decision.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley and Cr Walsh

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote, declared **CARRIED**, and became the MOTION.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh

3.4 Deferred Item - Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group Terms of Reference - for Adoption

7:07 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr McNamara and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Moulard:

C-26/967

That Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group at Attachment 1.

7:08 pm - 31 March 2026

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

That Council refers the proposed Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group and Terms of Reference to the Audit ,Risk and Improvement Committee for their comments regarding probity, governance, and risk management.

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor.

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont
AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

7:19 pm

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr MacGregor:

That Council receives Legal advice on the Land and Environment Court Appeals Working Group Terms of Reference.

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont
AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor, debate resumed on the original MOTION.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** on the casting vote of the Mayor.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

3.5 Deferred Item - Avoca Beach Rockpool - Accessibility Assessment

9:00 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Walsh and *SECONDED* by Cr Neal:

C-26/974

That Council:

- 1. Notes the upgrades planned to improve access at Avoca Beach rockpool.***
- 2. Provides a report to the September 2026 Ordinary Council meeting, to include an assessment of the Pearl Beach rock-pool area with a view to provide significantly improved access for those with disabilities, to access and enjoy ocean swimming and to include recommendations for expanded parking options for those with disabilities at Pearl Beach.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

3.6 Deferred Item - Pollution and Health Risks from Ash Dams

9:05 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

C-26/975

That Council:

- 1. Notes the recommendations of the NSW Legislative Council Public Works Committee Report No. 4.***
- 2. Notes that Council officers will continue to participate in the NSW Coal Ash & Health Community Advisory Committee.***
- 3. Refers this item to the Environment and Planning Committee for further consideration at the 5 May 2026 meeting and invite a representative from the Coal Ash Alliance to present on the work of the Alliance.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

3.7 Deferred Item - Active Council Resolutions - Status Update

9:09 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

Cr MacGregor left the meeting at 9:10 pm and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr Walsh:

C-26/976

That Council notes the 'Status Update on Active Council Resolutions' report for active resolutions at Attachment 1.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

3.8 Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026

7:02 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Stanton and Cr Walsh left the meeting at 7:02pm due to their declared interests in item 3.8 - Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026, and as a result did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland:

That Council:

1. *Receives the Councillors Expenses and Facilities report for the period from 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2026.*

2. *Approves payment to Councillor Walsh for retrospective travel expenses incurred in 2025, totalling \$498.83.*
3. *Approves payment to Councillor Stanton for retrospective travel expenses incurred in 2024 and 2025, totalling \$1,978.64.*
4. *Amends clause 12.12 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy to allow Councillors to submit reimbursement claims within 120 days of an expense being incurred, noting that any claims will be attributed to the financial year in which they are paid (rather than incurred).*

7:07pm - 31 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr McWaide:

That item 3.8 Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026, be laid on the table.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

Cr Stanton and Cr Walsh returned to the meeting at 7:08pm.

7:54 pm - 31 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna and *SECONDED* by Cr McWaide:

That item 3.8 Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026, be lifted from the table for consideration.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide.
AGAINST: NIL

Cr Stanton and Cr Walsh left the meeting at 7:54 pm due to their declared interests in item 3.8 - Deferred Item - Councillor Expenses and Facilities July 2025 - January 2026, and as a result did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

C-26/966

That Council:

1. ***Receives the Councillors Expenses and Facilities report for the period from 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2026.***
2. ***Approves payment to Councillor Walsh for retrospective travel expenses incurred in 2025, totalling \$498.83.***

3. ***Approves payment to Councillor Stanton for retrospective travel expenses incurred in 2024 and 2025, totalling \$1,978.64.***
4. ***Amends clause 12.12 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy to allow Councillors to submit reimbursement claims within 120 days of an expense being incurred, noting that any claims will be attributed to the financial year in which they are paid (rather than incurred).***
5. ***Writes to the Minister asking for clarification on the current status of the performance improvement order noting that the period in force has expired and requesting the performance improvement order be formally lifted.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide.
AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Moulard. Cr Daniels. Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles. Cr Crowley

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote, declared **CARRIED**, and became the MOTION.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide.
AGAINST: Deputy Mayor Moulard. Cr Daniels. Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles. Cr Crowley

3.9 Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Community concerns on PFAS issues in our catchment

8:09 pm -31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

Cr Stanton and Cr Walsh returned to the meeting at 8:11pm.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

C-26/969***That Council:***

1. ***Notes the information provided regarding Council's obligations and responsibilities as a Water Authority.***
2. ***Requests that the Chief Executive Officer:***
 - a. ***Requests that Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water facilitates a public meeting, together with Council, to be held in or near Ourimbah by the end of April 2026 regarding Per -and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) issues affecting the Ourimbah Valley community.***

- b. Requests that the Environmental Protection Authority and NSW Health also participate in the public meeting.*
 - c. Informs all residents along Ourimbah Valley of the public meeting by letter.*
- 3. Modifies it's PFAS webpage to include a subscriber/notification function, so interested residents can be notified when new monitoring results or updates are added.**

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

3.10 Deferred Item - Notice of Motion - Addressing Community Concerns - trailer parking on Araluen Drive, Hardy's Bay.

8:17 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Walsh and *SECONDED* by Cr Wright:

C-26/970**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the ongoing and very significant community concerns regarding boat trailer parking impacts along Araluen Drive, Hardy's Bay including congestion, safety risks, loss of access to car parking for residents and visitors to access and support small businesses and access public spaces.**
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer arrange for relevant senior officers to attend a community meeting with the local community association, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association and other potential stakeholders to explore management options, including signage, compliance enforcement, designated parking solutions or policy changes and identify both short term and longer term planning responses.**

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

4 FINANCIAL ITEMS

4.1 Monthly Finance Report February 2026

7:19 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont left the meeting at 6:41 pm and as a result did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

Cr Wright moved items 4.1 - Monthly Finance Report February 2026 and 4.2 - Monthly Investment Report February 2026, as a consolidated motion to be considered together. No objections were raised.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Wright and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/945

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Monthly Financial Report – February 2026.***
- 2. Receives the Monthly Investment Report for February 2026.***
- 3. Notes that the February 2026 unrestricted funds deficit in Drainage Fund is offset by the unrestricted funds available in the General Fund.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

4.2 Monthly Investment Report February 2026

7:20 pm - 24 March 2026

Item 4.2 - Monthly Investment Report February 2026 was moved as a consolidated motion with item 4.1 - Monthly Finance Report February 2026. The outcome is detailed in resolution C-26/945 on page 23 of these minutes (above).

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Monthly Investment Report for February 2026.***
- 2. Notes that the February 2026 unrestricted funds deficit in Drainage Fund is offset by the unrestricted funds available in the General Fund.***

5 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - MARCH**5.1 Environment and Planning Committee - Minutes and Recommendations**

9:53 pm - 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/956

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 3 March 2026.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Smith

10:10 pm- 24 March 2026

An MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/957

That Council adopts the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee in the below resolution.

EPC-26/142***That Council:***

- I. Endorses the public exhibition of Miscellaneous Housekeeping Amendments to the Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022.***
- II. Considers a further report on the outcomes of the public exhibition process.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

10:10 pm - 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/958

That Council:

- 1. *Considers the following road safety improvements at Burns Road, Ourimbah to help reduce flood risk:***
 - a. *Upgrades the existing street lighting at the causeway to provide motorists with increased sight distance of the flooded road.***
 - b. *Investigates options for vehicle restraint or guardrail to protect stranded vehicles from being washed off the road during floods.***
 - c. *Reviews the current automated SMS alert system of impending road closure to provide increased warning time for Council officers to erect barrier boards.***
 - d. *Investigation of options for the installation of manually operated road access control barriers at appropriate locations on either side of the Burns Road floodway to prevent motorists from entering floodwaters during flood events.***
- 2. *Considers any of the proposed improvements as appropriate:***
 - a. *suitable locations.***
 - b. *legal and liability considerations.***
 - c. *opening and closing procedures.***
 - d. *responsible operating parties.***
 - e. *most appropriate barrier or gate type.***
- 3. *Writes to the NSW Office of Local Government, as administrator of the Local Government Recovery Grants Program (jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments), requesting the extension of the existing unspent grant funding to support the design, fabrication and installation of the road access control barriers.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

10:11 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr Wright:

C-26/959

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the 2025-26 Policy for Asbestos Management Attachment 1.***
- 2. Notes that the Policy was amended following Council consideration and submitter feedback.***
- 3. Notes that further internal consultation was undertaken after the Council meeting to inform the final amendments to the Policy.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

10:13 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

EPC-26/146 - Open Pile Burning Policy - For Adoption

That Council:

- I. Acknowledges that community feedback was sought during the public exhibition of the Central Coast Council Policy for Open Pile Burning.*
- II. Recommends that Council endorses the 2025-26 Policy for Open Pile Burning Attachment 1. with the following amendment to Clause 4.1 to include the following sentence in addition to the current works within Clause 4.1.*

'Open pile burning of dry and dead vegetation is not the only method for disposing of dry and dead vegetation. The smoke produced by open pile burning contains air pollutants. Alternative means of disposal should be utilised prior to undertaking Open Pile Burning.'

LOST

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Cr Moulard, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal. Cr Lamont, and Cr Smith

10:17 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

That Council:

1. *Notes the Open Pile Burning Policy Report.*
2. *Receives further information from the Rural Fire Service (RFS) regarding the number of pile burns within the LGA on an annual basis for the past three (3) years.*
3. *Amends the Open Pile Burning Policy to include the following provisions in relation to permitted burning hours:*
 - a. *For properties located in smoke-sensitive valley environments:*
 - i. *Outside the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period (1 April to 30 September), burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm.*
 - ii. *During the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period (1 October to 31 March), burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm.*
 - b. *For all other eligible properties:*
 - i. *Burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm.*
 - c. *Extinguishment requirement:*
 - i. *All fires must be completely extinguished outside of the permitted burning hours.*

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

10:27 pm- 24 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland:

C-26/960

To adjourn the meeting to 6:00pm, Tuesday 31 March 2026, at Wyong Council Chambers.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Crowley, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Walsh and Cr Lamont

5.2 Community and Culture Committee - Minutes and Recommendations

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026 and did not return to the meeting on the 31 March 2026.

6:00pm - 31 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna:

To resume the meeting proceedings at 6:00pm, Tuesday 31 March 2026.

6:04 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION of URGENCY was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

C-26/961

That Council consider a motion of urgency regarding rescinding the resolution on Item 6.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Draft Document Suite - For Exhibition. The motion is urgent as the Draft Document Suite must be placed on public exhibition prior to the next Ordinary Council Meeting in order to allow for adoption in June 2026 to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Nil

In accordance with clause 9.5 of the Code of Meeting Practice, as all elected Councillors are not present at the meeting, the Mayor ruled it is appropriate that Council should consider this matter as a matter of urgency.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont;

That the resolution of Item 6.1 - Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Draft Document Suite - for Exhibition be rescinded.

LOST

FOR:	Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Lamont, Cr Smith
AGAINST:	Mayor McKinna, Cr Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Neal, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide.

6:19 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Castles and *SECONDED* by Cr Walsh:

C-26/962

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 10 March 2026.

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Nil

6:24pm - 31 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Castles and *SECONDED* by Cr MacGregor:

C-26/978

That Council adopts the recommendations of the Community and Culture Committee in the below resolutions.

CCC-26/36

That Council:

- I. Adopts the Draft Community Grants Policy and associated Guidelines as set out in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Draft Community Grants Policy and supporting guidelines – Outcomes of Public Exhibition and Adoption report;***
- II. Notes the outcomes of the public exhibition as set out in Attachment 5 to the Draft Community Grants Policy and supporting guidelines – Outcomes of Public Exhibition and Adoption report;***
- III. Notifies those who lodged submissions of Council's decision.***

CCC-26/37

That Council:

- I. Notes the report on the outcomes of community consultation undertaken to inform the development of the Draft Playspace Strategy 2026.***
- II. Endorses the Draft Playspace Strategy 2026 to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.***
- III. Notes that a further report will be provided on the outcomes following the period of public exhibition, and for final adoption of the Draft Playspace Strategy 2026.***

CCC-26/39

That Council receives and notes the report on Council's Support to Community groups - capacity building, community resilience, recovery and preparedness.

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Lamont and Cr Smith
AGAINST:	Cr Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

6:25 pm - 31 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr McNamara and *SECONDED* by Cr Wright:

C-26/963

That Council pauses further work on progressing the following parcels of land for the purpose of Affordable Housing at:

- a. 15 Yaralla Road, Toukley,***
- b. 18 Margaret Street, Wyong,***
- c. Manning Road, The Entrance,***

until a further report can be brought back to the relevant Council Committee at its May 2026 Meeting, outlining options for the development of the sites.

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Smith, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal and Cr Lamont

6:28 pm - 31 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Castles and *SECONDED* by Cr Walsh:

C-26/964***That Council:***

- 1. Confirms mutually agreed dates with the City of Edogawa for a potential visit by Mayor Saito and delegation.***
- 2. Endorses the development of a scoped and proportionate visit program, subject to confirmation of visit dates.***
- 3. Approves a budget of up to \$20,000 for the Edogawa Sister City visit program with contingencies to be decided by the committee should it be any more than \$20,000.***
- 4. That the Community and Culture Committee receive a report on the former sister city relationships of Gosford and Wyong Council.***

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Nil

6:52 pm - 31 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith

C-26/965***That Council:***

- 1. *Endorses option 2 of the Draft Woy Woy Foreshore Masterplan - Outcomes of Public Exhibition report as the preferred option for Anderson Park, with the sculpture to be designed when the construction budget is available.***
- 2. *Retains the proposed location of the amenities block to support the swimming enclosure upgrade.***
- 3. *Supports the final concept design for Lions Park, including:***
 - a. *Western boat ramp upgraded to four (4) lanes.***
 - b. *Closure of the eastern ramp after the western boat ramp is upgraded, to improve park and shared path user safety.***
 - c. *A revised car park layout to maximise trailer parking to the west and improves all user parking.***
- 4. *Receives the final draft Woy Woy Foreshore Masterplan for adoption once completed.***

CARRIED

FOR:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Nil

6 REPORTS**6.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Draft Document Suite - for Exhibition**

7:26 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Lamont joined the meeting at 7:28pm.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Wright and *SECONDED* by Cr Stanton:

C-26/946

That Council:

- 1. *Endorses the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:***
 - a. Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2026-27 (Attachment 1).***
 - b. Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 (Attachment 2).***
 - c. Annual Update - Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036 (Attachment 3).***
- 2. *Makes the following amendments to the documents:***
 - a. Provide an annual tree planting program to the value of \$100,000, with the scope of works to be determined by council at a future meeting.***
 - b. Remove payment of rates through Australia Post, noting an ongoing annual cost saving of \$350,000. Notes that there are still six other ways to pay rates notices including online, via the phone and at one of Council's customer service counters.***
 - c. Remove the proposed charge for parking at Terrigal and The Entrance, reducing revenue by \$220,000 for FY 2026-27.***
 - d. Reduce the operating hours at Council's waste recycling centres on Sunday from 4pm to 2pm, with an annual cost of saving \$100,000 on an ongoing basis.***
 - e. Reduce the Community Development Grant, Community Events and Place Activation Grant and the Community Support Grant programs by \$50,000 each, totalling a \$150,000 reduction on an ongoing annual basis. Notes that this still provides \$200,000 per grant program per year.***
- 3. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft documents to correct identified numerical, grammatical or typographical errors prior to formal public exhibition.***
- 4. *Establishes a new internal restriction named "Strategic Priorities Restriction – Allocated" effective 1 July 2026, to include the funding allocated to specific projects and initiatives, totalling \$38m, included in the 2025-2029 Delivery Program.***
- 5. *Renames the "Strategic Priorities Restriction" to "Strategic Priorities Restriction – Unallocated", effective 1 July 2026 with an amount of \$34m. This restriction will be used to respond to strategic opportunities and emerging community priorities, as resolved by Council in due course.***

7:37 pm - 24 March 2026

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

That Council:

1. *Endorses the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:*
 - a. *Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2026-27 (Attachment 1).*
 - b. *Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 (Attachment 2).*
 - c. *Annual Update - Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036 (Attachment 3).*
2. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft documents to correct identified numerical, grammatical or typographical errors prior to formal public exhibition.*
3. *Include an appendix that describes the functions and resourcing for each Directorate and Business Unit (as in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan).*
4. *Undertake a participatory budgeting process whereby \$10 million is allocated for each Ward (that is, \$50 million total) with community engagement to identify priorities and initiatives, scoping and feasibility, followed by voting and final approval of proposals for implementation.*
5. *Renames the "Strategic Priorities Restriction" to "Strategic Priorities Restriction – Unallocated", effective 1 July 2026 with an amount of \$22m. This restriction will be reconsidered in February 2027 and allocations resolved by Council in due course.*
6. *Notes the Long-Term Financial Plan and associated financial risks, including increasing exposure to climate-related impacts and insurance costs.*
7. *Notes that failure to plan for these costs will increase long-term financial risk and potential impacts on service delivery.*
8. *Establishes a Climate Resilience and Adaptation Fund to support future mitigation, adaptation, and recovery costs associated with climate impacts. including planned retreat, infrastructure resilience.*
9. *Allocates an initial minimum annual contribution of \$3 million, to be indexed annually, to be reviewed as part of future Operational Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan updates.*
10. *Receives a report outlining governance arrangements, funding priorities, and eligible uses of the Fund.*

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote, declared LOST.

8:12 pm - 24 March 2026

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr MacGregor:

That Council:

1. *Endorses the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:*
 - a. *Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2026-27 (Attachment 1), Tuggerah Lakes dredging program by \$557,402 in the 2026-27 year.*
 - b. *Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 (Attachment 2).*
 - c. *Annual Update - Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036 (Attachment 3).*
2. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft documents to correct identified numerical, grammatical or typographical errors prior to formal public exhibition.*
3. *Establishes a new internal restriction named 'Strategic Priorities Restriction – Allocated' effective 1 July 2026, to include the funding allocated to specific projects and initiatives, totalling \$38m, included in the 2025-2029 Delivery Program. Increase the Strategic Priorities Restriction fund to \$38,650,000.*
4. *Renames the "Strategic Priorities Restriction" to "Strategic Priorities Restriction – Unallocated", effective 1 July 2026 with an amount of \$34m. This restriction will be used to respond to strategic opportunities and emerging community priorities, as resolved by Council in due course. allocate Strategic Priorities Restriction – Unallocated to \$33,350,000.*
5. *Further that the Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27 and IPR be amended to give effect to these amendments and in particular the fees set out under 10. EDUCATION AND CARE Education and Care Childcare Fees the Education and care Childcare fees set out in the fee schedule be deleted and replaced based on a CPI increase of 4.2% from the 2025-26 year. This will have the effect of reducing income for the 2026-27 financial year (as advised by the Chief Executive Officer) by \$557,402.*
6. *That the exhibition period includes a place based engagement activity in each ward that provides a presentation on what these documents are and opportunities for community members to ask questions.*

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST, debate resumed on the original MOTION.

Cr Smith left the meeting at 8:33pm and did not take part in further discussion, or voting on the original motion.

8:36 pm - 24 March 2026

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

To adjourn the meeting for a period of 5 minutes.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Cr Neal

8:49 pm - 24 March 2026

Cr Smith returned to the meeting at 8:49 pm.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna:

To resume the meeting proceedings.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

6.2 2025-26 Capital Works Adjustments – for Endorsement

9:06 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Stanton and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/950

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the proposed adjustments to the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 Capital Delivery plans detailing accelerations to the Road Renewal, Heavy Patch and Carpark Programs to offset delays in the delivery program as detailed in Attachment 2.***

2. *Endorses the proposed adjustments to the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Capital Delivery Plans to accommodate emergency remediation works at the Kincumber Sewer Tunnel and Vent Shaft as detailed in attachment 2.*

9:08 pm- 24 March 2026

An AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

That Council:

1. *Endorses the proposed adjustments to the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 Capital Delivery plans detailing accelerations to the Road Renewal, Heavy Patch and Carpark Programs to offset delays in the delivery program as detailed in Attachment 2.*
2. *Add provision for the reconstruction of the Mangrove Mountain toilet block located at Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain of \$650,000 in the 2026-27 year for the reconstruction of the toilet block at ground level with flushing toilets and disability change rooms of \$650,000.*
3. *Endorses the proposed adjustments to the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Capital Delivery Plans to accommodate emergency remediation works at the Kincumber Sewer Tunnel and Vent Shaft as detailed in Attachment 2.*

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST, debate resumed on the original MOTION.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

6.3 Buttonderry Waste Management Facility Construction Cell 4.5 - Tender Award

RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION as *MOVED* by Cr Stanton and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/951

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the tender from Ditchfield Contracting Pty Ltd to undertake the construction of a new waste cell at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility for Contract CPA/6387 Construction of Cell 4.5 at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility, for the value of \$15,306,671.50 excl GST.***
- 2. Endorses the contract contingency as detailed within the confidential attachment CPA/6387 tender evaluation and recommendation report and delegates authority for expenditure against the contingency to the Chief Executive Officer.***
- 3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract with Ditchfield Contracting Pty Ltd.***

6.4 Water and Sewer Bi-annual Delivery Plan Report

RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION as *MOVED* by Cr Stanton and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/952

That Council receives the Water and Sewer Delivery Plan 2022-2026 (Delivery Plan) Progress Report for the July 2025 – December 2025 period.

6.5 Consideration of submitting an expression of interest to co-host Australian Masters Games 2027

9:25 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr McNamara and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland:

C-26/953

That Council:

- 1. Endorses a bid to commit to \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars), payable to CAS for Hosting Rights Fees, to attract the event to our region and \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) toward Council's costs in supporting the event.***

2. Updates on the bid process are to be reported via the Economic Development Committee under the Major Events item.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

6.6 Central Coast Region Gateway Signage Improvements - Feasibility Report

9:32 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/954

That Council:

- 1. Notes the feasibility investigation of strengthening entry and exit statement signage and installing Regional Welcome Signs on the M1 Motorway.***
- 2. Proceeds with Option 2 as identified in the Central Coast Region Gateway Signage Improvements - Feasibility Report, to install three (3) new 6m tall gateway signs at the Kariong, Tuggerah and Warnervale locations.***
- 3. Writes to the Minister for Central Coast and the Shadow Minister to seek their backing for better regional signage on the M1 Motorway that promotes the Central Coast to motorists.***
- 4. Writes to the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Regional Transport to request support and guidance on available options in the northern and southern part of the entry to the Central Coast.***
- 5. Explores opportunities for enhanced regional style signage on land abutting the M1 Motorway.***
- 6. Receives a further report to the September 2026 Ordinary Council meeting containing the Minister's advice in regard to M1 signage and an available options plan including estimated costs, signage design and construction, and future management and maintenance of any proposed signage.***
- 7. Confirms funding for this initiative to be identified in a future Quarterly Budget Review.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

6.7 Community Support Grant Program - January 2026

9:51 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr McWaide and *SECONDED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

C-26/955

That Council:

1. ***Allocates \$16,900.30 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2025-26 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program for the month of January as outlined below and in Attachment 1:***
 - a. ***Coast Community Broadcasters Incorporated -Brand New Star Talent Quest - \$3,610.00.***
 - b. ***Tuggerah Lakes Art Society Incorporated – Women in Art Exhibition - \$2,472.25.***
 - c. ***Central Coast Rugby Union Club - Festival of Rugby Union - \$4,470.20.***
 - d. ***New South Wales Rugby League Limited – Harmony Nines 2026- \$4,897.85.***
 - e. ***Toukley Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated – Chest freezer for emergency relief frozen meals storage- \$1,450.00.***
2. ***Declines the following application, for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1:***
 - a. ***Central Coast Community Council Incorporated - We Must Remember This, Local First People and First Contact - insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.***
 - b. ***Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club - Tennis Court Modification for Pickleball - application is ineligible.***
 - c. ***Mitchel David Gordon – Free home clearance service – applicant is ineligible.***
3. ***Advises the unsuccessful applicant in point 2 (above) and direct them to alternate funding sources if relevant.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Notice of Motion - Establishment of a High Speed Rail Authority Community Information Centre in the Gosford CBD

8:50 pm- 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland and *SECONDED* by Cr McNamara:

C-26/947

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Federal Government's recent commitment of an additional \$230million toward the development phase of the Sydney to Newcastle High Speed Rail project, with the intention of making the project "shovel-ready" within two (2) years.***
- 2. Acknowledges that in December 2024 the High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) officially opened an office and Community Information Centre in Newcastle, establishing the city as the birthplace of Australia's first high-speed rail line and creating a hub for ongoing community engagement.***
- 3. Notes that the HSRA Information Centre in Newcastle was established to:***
 - a. Invite the community to connect with the project;***
 - b. Provide access to potential station designs and integration concepts;***
 - c. Act as an ongoing engagement hub recognising that community involvement is critical to the success of the rail line.***
- 4. Recognises that the proposed high-speed rail corridor includes a station on the Central Coast, representing a transformational opportunity for housing, employment, economic growth and regional connectivity.***
- 5. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the High Speed Rail Authority; and The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Honorable Catherine King MP, calling on the HSRA to establish a satellite office and Community Information Centre within the Gosford CBD.***
- 6. Advocates that the proposed Gosford-based satellite office:***
 - a. Operate as a publicly accessible information and engagement hub,***
 - b. Provide the community with the opportunity to view potential Central Coast station locations and design concepts,***
 - c. Facilitate structured community consultation as the business case and development phase progress,***
 - d. Reinforce Gosford's role as the civic and economic heart of the Central Coast.***

- 7. To invite a High Speed Rail Representative to provide a presentation and receive a quarterly presentation to the Council including dates on milestones and costings for the project.**
- 8. Suggest that the Central Coast Information Centre be located near the train station.**

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr MacGregor and Cr Walsh

7.2 Notice of Motion - Support for Ettalong Blackspot Application

8:57 pm - 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr McWaide:

C-26/948**That Council:**

- 1. Supports the Black Spot Program nomination (attached) lodged with Transport for NSW regarding the well known pedestrian safety issues at the intersection of Picnic Parade, and Ocean view road, Ettalong by Peninsula Residents Association Inc.**
- 2. Notes both the support of the Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch, and the Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid, for this nomination.**

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil

7.3 Notice of Motion - Future Lease/s for Aviation Services - Warnervale Airport

8:21 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Castles and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Mouland:

That Council:

1. *Thanks the Chief Executive Officer and expert Council Officers for undertaking thorough due diligence investigations in response to the 26 November 2024 Resolution of Council into Nighthawks Aviation Pty Ltd (ABN 1563408568) - Parent Company of Nighthawks Aviation Operations Pty Ltd (ABN 1568769926) regarding entering into a long-term lease for aviation purposes with Nighthawks at Warnervale Airport.*
2. *Notes that on 29 April 2025 Nighthawks withdrew from the process which was reported to Council at the May 2025 Ordinary Meeting.*
3. *Acknowledges and notes with concern the following notices published on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Website (ASIC):*
 - a. *27 August 2025: Notice of Application for Winding Up Order - Company Nighthawks Aviation Operations Pty Ltd.*
 - b. *4 March 2026: Notice of Winding Up Order and Appointment as a Liquidator/Provisional Liquidator - Company Nighthawks Aviation Operations Pty Ltd (in Liquidation).*
4. *Thanks the Chief Executive Officer for his response and notes that the response states "That a separate report is not needed at this time".*
5. *Receives a separate report to the April meeting of Council, noting that some matters may be deemed Confidential under Section 14 of the Code of Meeting Practice and may be required to be provided as a Confidential Report should that be the case (for example 14.1 (c)) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor.

LOST

FOR: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

AGAINST: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

7.4 Notice of Motion - Applicability of Section 68 Ministerial Authorisation – Wamberal Beach

8:27 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont and *SECONDED* by Cr Smith:

That Council:

1. *Notes Resolution 796/25 of Council directing the Chief Executive Officer to develop design options for medium- to long-term coastal protection works at Wamberal Beach and, upon completion of that design, to request a Ministerial Authorisation under Section 68 of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022.*
2. *Notes advice previously provided by Council to Wamberal beachfront property owners confirming that emergency works undertaken during storm events in early July 2025 altered the risk profile and removed the need for the temporary emergency protection works previously being investigated under the Reconstruction Authority pathway.*
3. *Notes the Chief Executive Officer's response to Resolution 796/25 indicating that there is no immediate risk of significant structural collapse, and that a long-term coastal protection solution consistent with Council's Engineering Design Requirements would be required.*
4. *Notes that Section 68 of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022 provides that a Ministerial Authorisation may only be granted where it is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of members of the public following a disaster, or where exceptional circumstances require immediate action.*
5. *Acknowledges that the circumstances described in Council's advice and the Chief Executive Officer's response indicate that the situation at Wamberal Beach does not constitute an immediate emergency requiring urgent disaster response works.*
6. *Having regard to the information now available, including advice that emergency works undertaken in July 2025 altered the risk profile and removed the need for temporary emergency protection works, and the Chief Executive Officer's advice that there is currently no immediate risk of significant structural collapse, resolves that a request for a Ministerial Authorisation under Section 68 of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022 should not be made for coastal protection works at Wamberal Beach in the circumstances currently applying.*
7. *Further resolves that any future proposals for long-term coastal protection works at Wamberal Beach should proceed through the appropriate planning and coastal management assessment pathways.*

LOST

FOR:	Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont
AGAINST:	Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor.

7.5 Notice of Motion - Central Coast Flag and Street Banner Policy

8:43 pm - 31 March 2026

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Wright and *SECONDED* by Cr McWaide:

C-26/971

That Council:

- 1. Notes that since 2022, there have been ongoing concerns from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and residents of the Umina Beach area around Councils current flag policy, noting that the Australian flag has not been displayed on Council's street banner infrastructure around Australia Day.***
- 2. Requests that Council review the Central Coast Flag and Street Banner policy to address this ongoing issue.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith and Cr Lamont

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** on the casting vote of the Mayor.

7.6 Notice of Motion - Responding to community concerns about targeting of endangered species at Terrigal Haven

9:00 pm - 24 March 2026

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Wright:

C-26/949

That Council:

- 1. Notes the significant community concerns and recent media regarding the targeting of the protected grey nurse sharks at The Haven (Terrigal) for fishing, including the death of one (1) of the sharks.***
- 2. Notes that Council has a role as reserve manager for Terrigal Haven and NSW Fisheries is the regulatory authority responsible for fishing activities and the protection of marine species within coastal waters.***

3. ***Writes to NSW Fisheries, and other relevant agencies, requesting***
 - a. ***an audit of compliance signage at The Haven in relation to marine species, particularly in the vicinity of the boat ramp and areas used for fishing, considering:***
 - i. ***the accuracy and effectiveness of information and messaging,***
 - ii. ***the quantity and quality of signage and its positioning,***
 - iii. ***improvements that could be made by replacing or improving existing signage.***
 - b. ***consultation with Council, Crown Lands, NSW Police and other relevant agencies with regards to roles and responsibilities in relation to management of activities that have the potential to impact negatively on the marine environment of The Haven, including education and compliance.***
 - c. ***That NSW Fisheries convene a stakeholder meeting by the end of April 2026 including, but not limited to, community groups, tourism operators, recreational user groups, education and research facilities – to discuss the issues and options going forward.***
4. ***Writes to the State Member, Minister for the Central Coast, Minister for the Environment and relevant Minister in relation to fishing activity seeking appropriate consideration and action.***
5. ***Invites a representative from NSW Fisheries to present their findings at the June meeting of the Coastal, Estuary and Floodplain Risk Management Sub-committee.***
6. ***Receives a further report to the June 2026 Ordinary meeting of Council outlining the progress on this issue.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Cr MacGregor returned to the meeting at 9:12pm.

Cr Eaton left the meeting upon the adjournment on 24 March 2026, and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

Cr McNamara left the meeting at 9:14 pm and as a result took no part in consideration or voting on this item.

9:15pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Cr Walsh and SECONDED by Cr Wright:

That the meeting move into confidential session.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

At this stage of the meeting, being 9:15pm, the meeting moved into Confidential Session with the members of the press and public excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session being withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the item relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

9.1 Environment and Planning Committee - Confidential Minutes and Recommendations - 3 February 2026

9:18pm - 31 March 2026

Cr McNamara returned to the meeting at 9:19 pm.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Neal and *SECONDED* by Cr Mouland:

C-26/977***That Council:***

- 1. Notes the background to the resolution arising from the confidential session of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 3 February 2026.***
- 2. Notes that all committees of Council have delegation within their Terms of Reference to create subcommittees for the purpose of specific tasks or functions. This delegation extends to the adoption of Terms of Reference and Membership.***
- 3. Confirms that any proposed removal of a community member of a subcommittee for alleged breach of the Code of Conduct be supported by an investigation conducted in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.***

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, Cr Daniels, Cr MacGregor, Cr Castles, Cr Crowley, Cr Walsh, Cr Neal, Cr Smith, Cr Lamont, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:29pm.

10 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9:31pm

In accordance with clauses 14.17 and 14.18 of the adopted Code of Meeting Practice, the Chief Executive Officer made public the resolution carried in the closed session of Council by reading aloud resolution C-26/977 during the livestream of the meeting.

11 MEETING CLOSURE

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday 28 April 2026.

The Meeting closed at 9:32pm, 31 March 2026.