



Central Coast Council

**MINUTES of the
Ordinary Council Meeting**
held in the Central Coast Council Chambers
2 Hely Street, Wyong
Tuesday 28 April 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

Chief Executive Officer

Director Infrastructure Services

Director Environment and Planning

Director Water and Sewer

Director Corporate Services

Director Community and Recreation Services

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1 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Opening Meeting

The Mayor, Lawrie McKinna, declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

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

To adjourn the Ordinary Meeting of Council to hear from the remaining public forum speakers.

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
ABSENT: Nil

6.35pm

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

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
ABSENT: Nil

The meeting was re-opened at 6:35pm.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Recording

The Mayor noted, in accordance with Sections 5.35 and 5.37 of the Code of Meeting Practice, that the meeting is recorded and will be made publicly available on Council's website.

1.4 Apologies and Applications for Remote Attendance

No Apologies were received.

1.5 Disclosures of Interest

6:37pm

Mayor McKinna disclosed:

- A non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in *Item 3.1 – Rescission Motion - Rescind Mayoral Minute - Blueprint Central Coast - Growing our Region*, as he was invited to contribute the foreword to the 'Blueprint Central Coast' in his capacity as 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.

Deputy Mayor Mouland disclosed:

- A non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 6.2 Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Ltd (The Art House Wyong) - Funding and Service Level Agreement - For Endorsement*, as he is a Council Representative on the Central Coast Arts Ltd Board. He will remain in chambers during consideration of this matter and take part in discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Castles disclosed:

- A non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 6.2 Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Ltd (The Art House Wyong) - Funding and Service Level Agreement - For Endorsement*, as she is a Council Representative on the Central Coast Arts Ltd Board. She will remain in chambers during consideration of this matter and take part in discussion and voting on the item.

Chief Executive Officer, David Farmer disclosed:

- A non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 6.2 Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Ltd (The Art House Wyong) - Funding and Service Level Agreement - For Endorsement*, as he is a Council Representative on the Central Coast Arts Ltd Board. He will remain in chambers whilst this matter is considered.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6:40pm

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

C-26/978

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

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

That Council:

1. *Adopts the draft minutes from the meeting of 24 March 2026, also held on 31 March 2026.*
2. *Amends the website to clarify the business in the minutes was conducted as one (1) meeting over two (2) separate days and not in the order listed.*
3. *Provides two (2) documents on the website that re-organise the minutes to reflect the sequence of matters considered – one (1) document for matters considered on 24 March 2026 and the other for matters considered on 31 March 2026.*

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

ABSENT: Nil

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 Neal, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

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

ABSENT: Nil

1.7 Items Resolved by Exception

6:47pm

No items were resolved by exception.

2 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

3 RESCISSION MOTIONS

3.1 Rescission Motion - Rescind Mayoral Minute - Blueprint Central Coast - Growing our Region

6:48pm

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

That the following resolution carried at the 24 March 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council be rescinded:

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 2026-27.*

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

ABSENT: Nil

3.2 Rescission Motion - Rescind Item 6.6 - Central Coast Gateway Signage Improvements - Feasibility Report

7:00pm

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

That the following resolution carried at the 24 March 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council be rescinded:

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.*

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

That the motion be put.

CARRIED

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

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared LOST.

LOST

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

4 FINANCIAL ITEMS

4.1 Monthly Finance Report March 2026

7:22pm

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

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

C-26/979

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Monthly Financial Report – March 2026.***
- 2. Receives the Investment Report for March 2026.***
- 3. Notes that the March 2026 unrestricted funds deficit in Drainage Fund is offset by the unrestricted funds available in the General Fund.***
- 4. Invites the new Chairperson of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee to address a future Governance and Finance Committee meeting.***

4.2 Monthly Investment Report March 2026

Item 4.2 - *Monthly Investment Report March 2026* was moved as a consolidated motion with item 4.1 - *Monthly Finance Report March 2026*. The outcome is detailed in resolution (C-26/979) on page 9 of these minutes.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Investment Report for March 2026.***
- 2. Notes that the March 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 Lamont, Cr Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSENT:	Nil

5 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – APRIL

5.1 Environment and Planning Committee - Minutes and Recommendations

7:29pm

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

That the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee be considered and determined individually, in seriatim.

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
ABSENT: Nil

7:29pm

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

C-26/980

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026.

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
ABSENT: Nil

7:33pm

Open Coast Coastal Management Program

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

C-26/981

That Council:

- 1. Amends Action CW-S07 located on page 162 of the post exhibition draft of the Open Coast Coastal Management Program (CMP) to the alternate wording provided in this report:**
 - a. "Investigate the feasibility of offshore sand nourishment sources through an exploration licence, physical sampling, environmental assessments and a detailed business case. Obtain a mining licence to enable future offshore sand nourishment to be permissible.**

Once feasibility, approvals and funding are confirmed, Council commits to progressing sand nourishment, supported by a delivery framework that identifies nourishment locations, required volumes, timing, triggers for intervention, and appropriate funding and implementation models for Central Coast beaches, acknowledging the role of State and Federal Government in supporting delivery"; and
 - b. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make further minor post exhibition amendments to the CMP subject to advice from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for the purpose of Ministerial certification.**
- 2. Notes the outcomes of the public exhibition of the updated draft Open Coast Coastal Management Program.**
- 3. Adopts the final Open Coast Coastal Management Program for the purpose of sending to the NSW Minister for Environment for certification.**

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

That Council:

- 1. Amends the draft Coastal Management Plan (CMP) to adopt offshore sand nourishment as the preferred primary coastal hazard management response for the open water CMP in accordance with the principles of the Coastal Management Act 2016 (NSW) and the NSW Coastal Management Manual.**

2. *Defers any decision to construct a vertical seawall or other hard protection structure unless and until:*
 - a. *A full options analysis demonstrates that offshore sand nourishment (including repeated nourishment cycles) is not feasible or does not achieve equivalent or better outcomes; and*
 - b. *The environmental, social and economic impacts of hard protection are shown to be clearly superior on a whole-of-life basis.*
3. *Prepares a detailed Offshore Sand Nourishment Strategy, including:*
 - a. *Identification and testing of suitable offshore sand sources (including dredge compatibility and sediment matching)*
 - b. *A staged nourishment program (initial placement + maintenance cycles)*
 - c. *Costing over a 30–50 year horizon compared to hard protection options*
 - d. *Required approvals pathway (state and Commonwealth, if applicable)*
 - e. *Opportunities for beneficial reuse of dredged sand from navigation or channel maintenance*
 - f. *A monitoring framework (beach profiles, ecological indicators, storm response).*
4. *Undertakes targeted community and stakeholder consultation specifically on the nourishment approach, including impacts on amenity, beach access, and long-term sustainability.*
5. *Receives a report back to Council with a refined CMP incorporating the nourishment strategy and a clear implementation plan.*
6. *Notes that offshore sand nourishment implementation is a pre-condition to the seawall and coastal protection works.*

LOST

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

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

ABSENT: Nil

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 Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

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

ABSENT: Nil

8:10pm

Narara Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan - For Public Exhibition (EPC-26/155)

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

C-26/982

That Council endorses the Narara Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

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
ABSENT: Nil

8:16pm

Mangrove Mountain Subcommittee Reports and Recommendations - December 2025 (EPC-26/156)

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

C-26/983

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Mangrove Mountain Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 18 December 2025.

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
ABSENT: Nil

8:17pm

Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement for Public Exhibition (EPC-26/157)

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

C-26/984

That Council:

- I. Endorses the draft Central Coast Local Strategic Planning Statement to proceed to community consultation for a minimum of 42 days (refer to Attachment 1).***

- II. Notes that, as part of the Community Consultation Program, Council will incorporate a number of presentation sessions regarding the Local Strategic Planning Statement and advise the Environment and Planning Committee on the proposed sessions.**
- III. Notes a further report will be prepared for the Environment and Planning Committee with the outcome of the public exhibition period.**

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

ABSENT: Nil

8:26pm

Keeping of Animals Policy - For Adoption (EPC-26/159)

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

C-26/985

That Council adopts the Keeping of Animals 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

ABSENT: Nil

8:27pm

Request to amend State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts – Regional) 2021 to include the Former Gosford Library under Schedule 9 Environmental Heritage (EPC-26/160)

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

C-26/986

That Council:

- I. Endorses the Planning Proposal provided in Attachment 1 in relation to the heritage listing of the Former Gosford City Library at 118-120 Donnison Street Gosford [Lot C, DP 69497; Lot 13, DP 69497; Lot 1, DP 654128], to amend the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts – Regional) 2021 to:**
- a. Include the Former Gosford City Library in Schedule 9 Part 1 Environmental Heritage (Chapter 5), and**
 - b. Include the abovementioned land in the Gosford City Centre Heritage Map.**

- II. Notes the Central Coast Local Planning Panel advice from the 19 February 2026 pertaining to the Planning Proposal.**
- III. Forwards the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in accordance with Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requesting a Gateway Determination.**
- IV. Undertakes community and public authority consultation in accordance with the Gateway Determination requirements.**
- V. Notes the advice received from Heritage NSW that the Former Gosford Library does not meet the requirements for State heritage listing, however Heritage NSW recommends pursuing local heritage listing through the Planning Proposal process.**

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

ABSENT: Nil

8:31pm

Open Pile Burning Policy - Additional Information (EPC-26/163)

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

C-26/987

That Council notes the former Open Pile Burning policy remains in force pending any approval of a new 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

ABSENT: Nil

8:32pm

Proposed Submission - Climate Change and Natural Hazards - State Environmental Policy (EPC-26/164)

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

C-26/988

That Council notes the Proposed Submission – Climate Change and Natural Hazards – State Environmental Policy made on behalf of the Environment and Planning Committee.

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
ABSENT: Nil

8:33pm

Heritage and Culture Subcommittee – Outcomes of Expressions of Interest Process

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

That Council delays consideration and finalisation of the Heritage and Culture Subcommittee pending Council advice on the cost to maintain the Subcommittee for the remainder of the Council term.

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

That Council:

1. *Establishes the Heritage and Culture Subcommittee under the Community and Culture Committee.*
2. *Proceeds with the establishment of the Heritage and Culture Subcommittee.*
3. *Refers the process of reviewing Expressions of Interest to the Community and Culture Committee and bring back a recommendation of membership to Council.*
4. *Notes that no quantified cost estimate has been provided to justify deferral of the Subcommittee.*
5. *Affirms Council's commitment to transparent, consistent, and evidence-based decision-making, ensuring that cost considerations are applied equitably across all areas of Council activity.*
6. *Receives a further report following the review, with recommendations for any necessary adjustments to committee structures, resourcing, or governance within 60 days.*

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Eaton OAM:

That the amendment be put.

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, Cr Lamont and Cr Smith
ABSENT: Nil

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared LOST.

LOST

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

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

ABSENT: Nil

A further AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Cr Smith and *SECONDED* by Cr Lamont:

C-26/989

That Council:

- 1. Given the officer cost estimates of \$8,000 (allowing for a 10% variance) for four (4) meetings annually of the Heritage and Culture subcommittee, proceeds with the establishment of the Heritage and Culture subcommittee under the Environment and Planning Committee.***
- 2. Confirms that the Heritage and Culture Subcommittee meetings be held within business hours.***

During consideration of the AMENDMENT, Cr Eaton OAM as the mover of the original MOTION, withdrew the MOTION, and the AMENDMENT became the MOTION.

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

ABSENT: Nil

9:18pm

Cr Neal left the meeting at 9:18pm and did not vote on this item.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Cr Lamont:

That Council suspends standing orders to allow for the consideration of the following items, and then resumes consideration of the remaining agenda items in sequence:

- a. Item 6.1 - Memorandum of Understanding - Central Coast Council and Barang Regional Alliance,***
- b. Item 6.3 – Wamberal Coastal Protection Work Authorisation – Update,***
- c. Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion – Wamberal Beach Revetment Designs – Public Exhibition,***
- d. Item 7.5 – Notice of Motion – Wyoming Telecommunication Tower Development Application.***

CARRIED

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

5.2 Economic Development Committee - Minutes and Recommendations

9:56pm

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

C-26/993

That Council receives the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 7 April 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 Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil
ABSENT: Nil

9:58pm

Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030, Destination Management Plan 2026-2029 and Events Strategy 2026-2030 - Outcomes of Public Exhibition - for Adoption (EDC-26/52)

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

C-26/993

That Council:

- I. Notes the outcomes of the public exhibition undertaken for the draft Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030, Destination Management Plan 2026-2029, and Events Strategy 2026-2030 and the Engagement Summary.***
- II. Endorses the proposed amendments made to the Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030, Destination Management Plan 2026-29 and Events Strategy 2026-2030 in response to feedback received from public exhibition.***
- III. Adopts the final Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030, Destination Management Plan 2026-2029 and Events Strategy 2026-2030.***
- IV. Places the final adopted strategies on Council's website.***
- V. Develops final Executive Summary documents of the Economic Development Strategy, Destination Management Plan and Events Strategy and places these on Council's website.***

VI. *Notifies those who made submissions during the 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 Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Nil
ABSENT: Nil

10:07pm

Outcomes of Public Exhibition and adoption of Central Coast Employment Land Strategy (EDC-26/53)

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

C-26/994

That Council:

- I. Endorses the finalisation of the Central Coast Employment Land Strategy & Background Report, as exhibited, subject to the amendments outlined in the Outcomes of Public Exhibition and adoption Central Coast Employment Land Strategy (Attachments 1 and 2).***
- II. Submits the Employment Land Strategy to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for endorsement.***
- III. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor post exhibition amendments to the Employment Lands Strategy subject to advice from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as deemed necessary to finalise the Strategy.***
- IV. Notifies those who made submissions during the 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 Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide
AGAINST: Cr Smith and Cr Lamont
ABSENT: Nil

5.3 Infrastructure and Assets Committee - Minutes and Recommendations

10:13pm

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

C-26/995

That Council receives the minutes of the Infrastructure and Assets Committee meeting held on 14 April 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 Eaton OAM, Cr Stanton, Cr Wright, Cr McNamara and Cr McWaide

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

10:14pm

Walking and Cycling Strategy - Project Update and Seeking Feedback Prior to Public Exhibition

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

C-26/996

That Council:

- 1. Thanks the community for their feedback and suggestions which has informed the development of the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy.***
- 2. Acknowledges the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy was provided to all Councillors on 16 April 2026 to allow Councillors to provide any additional feedback to the Director by 30 April 2026.***
- 3. Notes that the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy will be reported to Council in May 2026 for the purpose of being placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.***
- 4. Notes the associated Consultation Report to be published on Council's Your Voice Our Coast webpage for the Walking and Cycling Strategy project (Attachment 1).***
- 5. Notes the Director has previously provided two (2) workshops on the Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy (The Strategy) and requests that Councillors be provided with an optional additional workshop following public consultation feedback and prior to the adoption of the Strategy.***

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

That Council:

1. *Thanks the community for their feedback and suggestions which has informed the development of the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy.*
2. *Acknowledges the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy was provided to all Councillors on 16 April 2026 to allow Councillors to provide any additional feedback to the Director by 30 April 2026.*
3. *Notes that the draft Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy will be reported to Council in May 2026 for the purpose of being placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.*
4. *Notes the associated Consultation Report to be published on Council's Your Voice Our Coast webpage for the Walking and Cycling Strategy project (Attachment 1)*
5. *Notes the advice by the Director that a workshop will be provide for all Councillors on the Central Coast Walking and Cycling Strategy during exhibition.*

LOST

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

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 Moulard, Cr Daniels, Cr Smith 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 Lamont,
ABSENT: Nil

10:26pm

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

To extend the Ordinary Meeting of Council by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

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

6 REPORTS

6.1 Memorandum of Understanding - Central Coast Council and Barang Regional Alliance

9:20pm

Cr Neal returned to the meeting at 9:20pm and took part in discussion and voting on this item.

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

C-26/990

That Council:

1. ***Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Council and Barang Regional Alliance, which is an action of the adopted Central Coast First Nations Accord and is Attachment 1 to this report.***
2. ***Notes that the Central Coast Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee was instrumental in the development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and has reviewed and endorsed the MoU to progress to Council for endorsement.***
- 3.

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
ABSENT:	Nil

6.2 Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Ltd (The Art House Wyong) - Funding and Service Level Agreement - For Endorsement

10:26pm

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

C-26/997

That Council:

1. ***Notes that the current Funding and Service Level Agreement between Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Limited (The Art House Wyong) is due to expire 30 June 2026.***
2. ***Endorses the Funding and Service Level Agreement between Central Coast Council and Central Coast Arts Limited (The Art House Wyong) from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2031 (Attachment 1).***

3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the agreement and make any minor changes.

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
ABSENT: Nil

6.3 Wamberal Coastal Protection Work Authorisation - Update

9:22pm

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

C-26/991

That Council notes the update on the actions arising from resolution 796/25.

Cr Stanton left the meeting at 9:27pm and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

CARRIED

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

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

6.4 Community Support Grant Program - February 2026

10:32pm

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

C-26/998

That Council:

- 1. Allocates \$12,423.00 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2025-26 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program for the month of February as outlined below and in Attachment 1:**
 - a. Kariong Progress Association - Kariong Progress Association 80th Anniversary - \$2,423.00.**
 - b. Central Coast Family Support Services Incorporated - Blue Haven Community Centre room hire - \$5,000.00.**

- c. ***Terrigal Trotters Incorporated - GNW Trail Running Festival 2026 - \$5,000.00.***
2. ***Declines the following application, for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1:***
 - a. ***Mirring Aboriginal Corporation - Durrungan (Humpback Whale) Gathering 2026 - insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.***
 - b. ***Central Coast Music and Arts Incorporated - Central Coast Music and Arts and Avoca Beachside Markets International Women's Day 2026 - application is ineligible.***
3. ***Advises the unsuccessful applicants in point 2 (above) and direct them to alternate funding sources if relevant.***

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

ABSENT: Nil

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Notice of Motion - Wamberal Beach Revetment Designs - Public Exhibition

9:29pm

Cr Stanton returned to the meeting at 9:30pm and took part in discussion and voting on this item.

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

That Council:

1. *Notes that under resolution 796/25, Council has resolved to develop design options for medium to long-term coastal protection works at Wamberal Beach and to subsequently seek Ministerial Authorisation under Section 68 of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022.*
2. *Notes that the development of these design options is being funded from public funds, including the Special Projects Reserve, and follows significant prior expenditure of public funds by Council on Wamberal Beach seawall Development Applications.*
3. *Recognises that the proposed works will have potential impacts to:*
 - a. *Coastal processes, beach amenity and public access,*
 - b. *The adjacent Terrigal and Wamberal lagoons,*
 - c. *The wider Central Coast community, including tourism.*

4. *Notes that while public exhibition may not be a mandatory requirement of the Ministerial Authorisation process, there is no legislative or policy barrier preventing Council from undertaking community consultation on the design work for the s.68 application along with any environmental due diligence or environment impact assessment prior to submission of an s.68 application.*
5. *Resolves that upon completion of the design(s), Council publicly exhibits the proposed design options for a minimum of 28 days prior to any request for Ministerial Authorisation being lodged with the Reconstruction Authority.*
6. *Further resolves that the public exhibition:*
 - a. *Includes detailed design drawings, assumptions, and coastal engineering background and rationale,*
 - b. *Clearly identifies details of any reliance on sand nourishment, including source, feasibility, and timing,*
 - c. *Provides any environmental due diligence, risk assessment or impact study related to the designs.*
7. *Requests that a report be brought back to Council following the exhibition period summarising community feedback prior to any submission to the Minister.*

LOST

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

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

ABSENT: Nil

7.2 Notice of Motion - Establishment of the Central Coast Council Adopt a Verge Program

10:33pm

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

That Council:

1. *Consolidates and expands all urban street planting programs to create the "Central Coast Council Adopt a Verge Program".*
2. *Provides suitable local native species for community planting as part of the Program.*
3. *Notes that this Program will lead to better outcomes for greening our city by aiding residents to plant and grow trees on their verges to achieve an increased street tree canopy across the Central Coast region and reduce heat island effect.*

4. *Receives a report to the next Ordinary Council Meeting:*
 - a. *Outlining a simple accessible application process that allows residents to request approval to plant suitable trees on Council verges.*
 - b. *Specifying the quantity and availability of free plant/tree giveaways as part of the program, with a view to allocating the \$100,000 set aside from the draft 2026-27 budget for annual tree planting to this Adopt a Verge Program.*
 - c. *Indicating guidelines for residents to also plant their own suitable trees on the verge.*

Further consideration of *Item 7.2 - Notice of Motion - Establishment of the Central Coast Council Adopt a Verge Program* was deferred on the MOTION of Mayor McKinna for consideration at the next Council meeting (resolution C-26/999).

10:46pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor McKinna:

C-26/999

That the meeting be closed and the remaining items (below) be deferred:

- a. ***Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion – Establishment of the Central Coast Council Adopt a Verge Program***
- b. ***Item 7.3 – Notice of Motion – Demonstrating Responsible Leadership***
- c. ***Item 7.4 – Notice of Motion – Council Meeting Schedule Review***
- d. ***Item 7.6 – Notice of Motion – Attendance via Audio-Visual Link.***

CARRIED

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

(The Meeting closed at 10.47pm).

7.3 Notice of Motion - Demonstrating Responsible Leadership

Item 7.3 - 'Notice of Motion – Demonstrating Responsible Leadership' was deferred on the MOTION of Mayor McKinna for consideration at the next Council meeting (resolution C-26/999).

7.4 Notice of Motion - Council Meeting Schedule Review

Item 7.4 - 'Notice of Motion – Council Meeting Schedule Review' was deferred on the MOTION of Mayor McKinna for consideration at the next Council meeting (resolution C-26/999).

7.5 Notice of Motion - Wyoming Telecommunication Tower Development Application

9:41pm

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

C-26/992

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges community concern and residents' interest in the resolution of the mobile phone blackspot and poor coverage in parts of the suburb of Wyoming.***
- 2. Receives a report to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council with an update on the following issues:***
 - a. A background and information report on the Wyoming Mobile Phone Tower Development Application (DA),***
 - b. The current status of the DA, and an anticipated timeline for delivery of this essential piece of community infrastructure and finally,***
 - c. Options, if any, for Council to expedite the delivery of the telecommunications tower as soon as possible to respond to residents and local community concern about delays with this project.***

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
ABSENT:	Nil

9:46pm

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

To adjourn the meeting for a period of five (5) minutes.

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
ABSENT:	Nil

9:55pm

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

To resume the meeting proceedings.

CARRIED

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

9:55pm

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

To extend the Ordinary Meeting of Council by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor McKinna, Deputy Mayor Mouland, 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: Cr Lamont
ABSENT: Nil

7.6 Notice of Motion - Attendance via Audio Visual Link

Item 7.6 - 'Notice of Motion – Attendance via Audio Visual Link' was deferred on the MOTION of Mayor McKinna for consideration at the next Council meeting (resolution C-26/999).

8 MEETING CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 10.47pm.