

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 5.30pm

The following members were present:

The Mayor, Cllr Patricia White - Chairperson

Cllr Selena Clancy

Cllr Denise Kemp

Cllr Luciano Casmiri

Cllr Karlee Dunn

Cllr Jason Cox

Cllr Peter Wilkins

Cllr Bob Proudfoot

Cllr Jemma Tribe

Cllr Matthew Norris

Cllr Gillian Boyd

Cllr Ben Krikstolaitis

Others present:

Mr Brian Barrett – Acting CEO

Ms Katie Buckman – Director City Performance

Mr Lindsey Usher – Acting Director City Development

Mr Kevin Norwood – Acting Director City Services

Mr Matthew Kidd – Acting Director Shoalhaven Water

Mr Mathew Badcock – Chief Financial Officer

Mr Gordon Clark – Section Manager – Strategic Planning

Mr Bruce Gibbs – Manager – Development Services

Mr Gary George – Manager Building & Property Services

Mr Shane Pickering – Manager – Environmental Services

Ms Sara McMahon – Manager – Business Assurance & Risk

Ms Caitlin Lewis – Manager – Media & Communications

Mr Nigel Smith – Lead – Coastal Management

Ms Jenna Anderson – Governance Coordinator

Mr Benjamin Fischer – Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

A statement was played advising those present that the proceedings of this meeting (including presentations, deputations and debate) will be webcast and may be recorded and broadcast under the provisions of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting was opened by an Acknowledgement of Country by the Chairperson, followed with a Moment of Silence & Reflection and the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes**RESOLVED** (Clr Cox / Clr Casmiri)

MIN25.401

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12 August 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Proudfoot declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item CL25.265- Proposed Licence Renewal - Shoalhaven City Turf Club Ltd - 96 Albatross Road, South Nowra for the reason he is the president of St Georges Basin Country Club, which sponsors Shoalhaven City Turf Club. Councillor Proudfoot will remain in the room and take part in discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Tribe declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item CL25.262 - Community Wellbeing Grants Program 2025 - Panel Recommendation for the reason that the Councillor has applied to be a volunteer mentor as part of CareSouth's Aunties and Uncles program. Councillor Tribe will remain in the room and take part in discussion and voting on the matter.

During discussion, Councillor Norris declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item CL25.262 - Community Wellbeing Grants Program 2025 - Panel Recommendation for the reason that the Councillor is known to the members of some of the groups that have applied. Councillor Norris remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

During discussion, Councillor Cox declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item CL25.262 - Community Wellbeing Grants Program 2025 - Panel Recommendation for the reason that as part of the Councillor's previous employment he was involved with over 150 community groups. Councillor Cox remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

MAYORAL MINUTE**Introduction of Items as Matters of Urgency****RESOLVED** (Mayor White)

MIN25.402

That the following addendum report be introduced as a matter of urgency:

1. MM25.19 Offer of Road Crew Assistance - Mid Coast Council - Natural Disasters

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

The Chairperson ruled the matters as ones of urgency as they relate to urgent business of Council and allowed their introduction.

MM25.19 Offer of Road Crew Assistance - Mid Coast Council - Natural Disasters

**HPERM Ref:
D25/372619**

Recommendation

That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to send a pothole crew and equipment to assist Mid Coast Council for a period of one week at an estimated cost of \$12795.00.

RESOLVED (Mayor White)

MIN25.403

That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to send a pothole crew and equipment to assist Mid Coast Council for a period of one week at an estimated cost of \$12795.00.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CL25.262 - Community Wellbeing Grants Program 2025 - Panel Recommendation

Mr Craig Lewis addressed the meeting on behalf of Water Fest Shoalhaven to speak AGAINST the recommendation

CL25.265 - Proposed Licence Renewal – Shoalhaven City Turf Club Ltd

Mr Paul Weekes addressed the meeting to speak AGAINST the recommendation

CL25.270 - Position on Unplanned Residential Development – Rural Area Adjoining Berry

Mr Shane Geha addressed the meeting on behalf of Andrew Ipkendanz to speak AGAINST the recommendation

Mr Stuart Coughlan addressed the meeting on behalf of the Berry Forum to speak FOR the recommendation

CL25.272 - Adoption of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program

Ms Robyn Flack addressed the meeting to speak AGAINST the recommendation

NOTICES OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

CL25.258 Notice of Motion - Publish information on Staff benchmarking and a true organisational (position) chart

**HPERM Ref:
D25/360809**

Recommendation

As Councils are required to perform workplace planning and to be able to align our human resources with our financial and strategic goals. Can the A/CEO provide a report with benchmark levels or comparable information for councils of a similar size to the Shoalhaven LGA for the purposes of being more accurate in considering and developing our future staff, succession, strategic and financial planning needs. An organisational chart that shows departments, titles and staff numbers that is non identifying for public information. Is additional information available to be included from the OLG all in the public interest please.

RESOLVED (Clr Cox / Clr Kemp)

MIN25.404

As Councils are required to perform workplace planning and to be able to align our human resources with our financial and strategic goals. Can the A/CEO provide a report with benchmark levels or comparable information for councils of a similar size to the Shoalhaven LGA for the purposes of being more accurate in considering and developing our future staff, succession, strategic and financial planning needs. An organisational chart that shows departments, titles and staff numbers that is non identifying for public information. Is additional information available to be included from the OLG all in the public interest please.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot and Clr Tribe

AGAINST: Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

CL25.259 Notice of Motion - Culture of the Elected Council**HPERM Ref:**
D25/361765**Recommendation**

That Council, as it approaches its first anniversary, expresses its great pleasure in ensuring that a good positive culture has consistently been displayed by the vast majority of Councillors during Council meetings, workshops and briefings, and at public functions. Further, Council rejects any insinuation that the culture of the elected Council is dominated by toxic behaviours where poor decision-making is the order of the day. However, Council does acknowledge that there have been moments during times of spirited debating where some Councillors feel disadvantaged when they do not have things all their own way.

MOTION (Clr Clancy / Clr Casmiri)

That Councillor Proudfoot be granted an extension of time for debate.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Clr Norris and Clr Boyd

CARRIED

Clr Kemp raised a Point of Order against Clr Krikstolaitis in relation to making comments about other Councillors. The Mayor ruled as a Point of Order and asked Clr Krikstolaitis to refrain from making any comments or allegations about other Councillors.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Casmiri)

MIN25.405

That Council, as it approaches its first anniversary, expresses its great pleasure in ensuring that a good positive culture has consistently been displayed by the vast majority of Councillors during Council meetings, workshops and briefings, and at public functions. Further, Council rejects any insinuation that the culture of the elected Council is dominated by toxic behaviours where poor decision-making is the order of the day. However, Council does acknowledge that there have been moments during times of spirited debating where some Councillors feel disadvantaged when they do not have things all their own way.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins and Clr Proudfoot

AGAINST: Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

CALL OVER OF THE BUSINESS PAPER

Call Over of Business Paper - En bloc

RESOLVED (Clr Norris / Clr Dunn)

MIN25.406

That the following item from the City Performance Directorate be resolved en bloc:

- CL25.263 - Ongoing Register of Pecuniary Interest Returns - July 2025

Note – the items will be marked with an asterisk (*) in these Minutes.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Call Over of Business Paper - En bloc

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Cox)

MIN25.407

That the following item from the City Development Directorate be resolved en bloc:

- CL25.275 - Adoption of the Swan Lake Entrance Management Policy

Note – the items will be marked with an asterisk (*) in these Minutes.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

REPORTS

CL25.260 Financial Sustainability Quarterly Productivity and Efficiency Report

HPERM Ref:
D25/355132

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receive the productivity and efficiency report for the period from April to June 2025.
2. Note the actions taken during the period that have supported progress towards the vision identified in Council's Sustainable Financial Futures Plan.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Cox)

MIN25.408

That Council:

1. Receive the productivity and efficiency report for the period from April to June 2025.
2. Note the actions taken during the period that have supported progress towards the vision identified in Council's Sustainable Financial Futures Plan.
3. Assertively explore the return of the waste levy to Shoalhaven City Council.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.261 DPOP 2024-25 - Quarterly Performance Report (April - June)

HPERM Ref: D25/345721

Recommendation

That Council Receive the June Quarterly Performance Report on the 2022-26 Delivery Program and 2024-25 Operational Plan and publish on Council's website.

RESOLVED (Clr Kemp / Clr Cox)

MIN25.409

That Council

1. Receive the June Quarterly Performance Report on the 2022-26 Delivery Program and 2024-25 Operational Plan and publish on Council's website.
2. Make the following amendent in relation to Action Comment 4.3.03.03 on page 154 of the attachments to read as follows: *Media attended the Reconciliation Action Plan launch event in May, which was held in the Nowra gallery with community, Council staff and Councillors involved in the development of the project. Journalists from ABC Radio Illawarra and the Sth Coast Register attended and promoted the initiative. Media were also invited to Artie Smith Oval where staff, Councillors and the acting Mayor were presented with the Community Australia Cricket award for the best new facility, and the IAS Mayor reception event, recognising the efforts of elite sports children in the area.*
3. For the 2025/2026 financial year, in relation to DPOP action 1.2.01.02, include the ticketed value and number of sales in the KPI's.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.262 Community Wellbeing Grants Program 2025 - Panel Recommendation

HPERM Ref: D25/339862

Note: A deputation was received on this item.

Councillor Tribe declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant interest declaration on this item the reason that the Councillor has applied to be a volunteer mentor as part of CareSouth's Aunties and Uncles program. Councillor Tribe remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

Note: During Discussion on this item, Councillor Norris declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant interest declaration on this item for the reason that the Councillor is known to the members of some of the groups that have applied. Councillor Norris remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

Note: During Discussion on this item, Councillor Cox declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant interest declaration on this item for the reason that as part of the Councillors previous employment he was involved with over 150 community groups. Councillor Cox remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Note the information in the report outlining the process followed for the 2025 Community Wellbeing Grants Program, including the applications received.

2. Approve the funding of the 2025 Community Wellbeing Grants recommended by the Community Wellbeing Grants Assessment Panel, totalling \$156,388.26 to the following community organisations and community groups in the Shoalhaven:

Organisation	Donation For:	Amount Recommended
PURE Health Advising	PURE Health Local Series – A Blueprint for Healthy Ageing in Shoalhaven	\$2,500.00
North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels	Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,500.00
Shoalhaven First Nations Film Festival Incorporated	Storytelling Workshops for Young Indigenous Men and Women in the Shoalhaven	\$8,830.00
Vincentia Incorporated	Matters Vincentia Connections Community Wellbeing Day (Mental Health Month)	\$2,400.00
Apex Club of Milton Ulladulla	Milton Ulladulla Community Kindness Initiative	\$5,000.00
Shoalhaven Singers Inc	Lydian Shoalhaven Lydians "Sing Gloria" Christmas December Concerts	\$3,200.00
Mission Australia	Youth Beat Outreach Program	\$5,386.00
CareSouth Ltd	Aunties & Uncles Program	\$5,850.00
Safe Waters Community Care	First Aid Training for Our Volunteers	\$4,725.00
Growing Together South Coast	Food for Thought - fostering community wellbeing through participation in sustainable food production	\$6,500.00
South Coast & Country Community Law	2025 Shoalhaven Koori Touch Football Competition	\$2,500.00
Noah's Inclusion Services	Noah's Challenge 2025	\$4,000.00
The Lions Club of Bomaderry Nowra	Joint SCC and Bomaderry Nowra Lions Carols in the Park Carols in Harry Sawkins Park, Nowra	\$10,000.00
Community Connect South Shoalhaven	South Shoalhaven Community Expo	\$10,000.00
Sanctuary Point Community Pride	Spring Into Sanctuary Point Fair	\$650.00
Meet the Makers Festival Inc	Meet the Makers Festival	\$6,000.00
Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival	Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival 2026	\$5,000.00
Friends of Callala Seniors Group	Friends of Callala - A Seniors Group	\$952.00
Albatross Musical Theatre Company	Albatross Musical Theatre Company Rental Subsidy	\$8,000.00

Tomerong School of Arts	Tomerong School of Arts Rates Subsidy	\$2,000.00
Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc	Rental support for Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc	\$12,000.00
Sussex Inlet District Chamber of Commerce	Community Rent Assistance - Ellmoos Centre Usage	\$6,000.00
Wandandian Progress Association Inc	Rates Reimbursement for Joint Wandandian Community/SCC Emergency Support Project	\$1,880.00
CWA Berry Branch	CWA Hall, 79 Victoria St, Berry - rate subsidy	\$2,500.00
Shoalhaven City Concert Band	Hire of Rehearsal Venue and Assistance for Summer Sounds Workshop	\$5,006.00
Berry RSL sub-Branch	Berry RSL Rates Donation Equivalent	\$3,300.00
Treading Lightly Inc	Rental support for the Treading Lightly Hub, Milton	\$18,000.00
Shoalhaven Historical Society	Rental Subsidy - Nowra Museum	\$1,300.00
Cambewarra School of Arts	Subsidies Council Rates	\$2,259.26
Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra	Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra	\$8,000.00
Five Villages Community Garden Inc	Five Villages Community Garden	\$1,150.00

- Advise the remaining applicants that their application for the Community Wellbeing Grants Program have been unsuccessful.
- Return the remaining budget balance of \$23,611.74 to Council's General Fund.

RESOLVED (Mayor White / Cllr Kemp)

MIN25.410

That Council

- Note the information in the report outlining the process followed for the 2025 Community Wellbeing Grants Program, including the applications received.
- Approve the funding of the 2025 Community Wellbeing Grants recommended by the Community Wellbeing Grants Assessment Panel, totalling \$133,663.26 to the following community organisations and community groups in the Shoalhaven:

Organisation	Donation For:	Amount Recommended
PURE Health Advising	PURE Health Local Series – A Blueprint for Healthy Ageing in Shoalhaven	\$2,500.00
North Shoalhaven Meals on Wheels	Volunteer Appreciation	\$1,500.00
Shoalhaven First Nations	Storytelling Workshops for Young	\$8,830.00

Film Festival Incorporated		Indigenous Men and Women in the Shoalhaven	
Vincentia Incorporated	Matters	Vincentia Connections Community Wellbeing Day (Mental Health Month)	\$2,400.00
Apex Club of Ulladulla	Milton	Milton Ulladulla Community Kindness Initiative	\$5,000.00
Shoalhaven Singers Inc	Lydian	Shoalhaven Lydians "Sing Gloria" Christmas December Concerts	\$3,200.00
Mission Australia		Youth Beat Outreach Program	\$5,386.00
CareSouth Ltd		Aunties & Uncles Program	\$5,850.00
Growing Together South Coast		Food for Thought - fostering community wellbeing through participation in sustainable food production	\$6,500.00
South Coast & Country Community Law		2025 Shoalhaven Koori Touch Football Competition	\$2,500.00
Noah's Inclusion Services		Noah's Challenge 2025	\$4,000.00
The Lions Club of Bomaderry Nowra		Joint SCC and Bomaderry Nowra Lions Carols in the Park Carols in Harry Sawkins Park, Nowra	\$10,000.00
Community Connect South Shoalhaven		South Shoalhaven Community Expo	\$10,000.00
Sanctuary Community Pride	Point	Spring Into Sanctuary Point Fair	\$650.00
Meet the Makers Festival Inc		Meet the Makers Festival	\$6,000.00
Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival		Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival 2026	\$5,000.00
Friends of Callala Seniors Group		Friends of Callala - A Seniors Group	\$952.00
Albatross Musical Theatre Company		Albatross Musical Theatre Company Rental Subsidy	\$8,000.00
Tomerong School of Arts		Tomerong School of Arts Rates Subsidy	\$2,000.00
Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc		Rental support for Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc	\$12,000.00
Sussex Inlet District Chamber of Commerce		Community Rent Assistance - Ellmoos Centre Usage	\$6,000.00
Wandandian Association Inc	Progress	Rates Reimbursement for Joint Wandandian Community/SCC Emergency Support Project	\$1,880.00
CWA Berry Branch		CWA Hall, 79 Victoria St, Berry - rate subsidy	\$2,500.00

Shoalhaven City Concert Band	Hire of Rehearsal Venue and Assistance for Summer Sounds Workshop	\$5,006.00
Berry RSL sub-Branch	Berry RSL Rates Donation Equivalent	\$3,300.00
Shoalhaven Historical Society	Rental Subsidy - Nowra Museum	\$1,300.00
Cambewarra School of Arts	Subsidies Council Rates	\$2,259.26
Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra	Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra	\$8,000.00
Five Villages Community Garden Inc	Five Villages Community Garden	\$1,150.00

3. Suspend approval of payment of Treading Lightly and SafeWaters Community Care, being a total of \$22,725.00, for a Councillor Briefing before being reported back.
4. Award the following further allocations totalling \$21,000.00:
 - a. The Ulladulla Blessing of the Fleet Festival Inc be allocated \$18,000 for the 2026 Ulladulla Blessing of the Fleet Festival.
 - b. Water Fest Shoalhaven Inc be allocated \$2,000 for the Water Fest Festival.
 - c. Soldier On be allocated \$1,000 for A Postie Ride for Defence and Veterans Suicide Prevention.
5. Advise the remaining applicants that their application for the Community Wellbeing Grants Program have been unsuccessful.
6. At the conclusion of the Community Wellbeing Grants Program, return the remaining budget to Council's General Fund

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot and Clr Boyd

AGAINST: Clr Tribe, Clr Norris and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION – INCLUSION OF FORESHADOWED MOTIONS (Clr Tribe)

That the Foreshadowed Motions, moved by Clr Tribe and Clr Norris, be included in the minutes.

CARRIED

Foreshadowed Motion - Clr Tribe

That Council

1. Note the information in the report outlining the process followed for the 2025 Community Wellbeing Grants Program, including the applications received.
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Vincentia Incorporated	Vincentia Connections Community Wellbeing Day (Mental Health Month)	\$2,400.00
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Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival	Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival 2026	\$5,000.00
Friends of Callala Seniors Group	Friends of Callala - A Seniors Group	\$952.00
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Tomerong School of Arts	Tomerong School of Arts Rates Subsidy	\$2,000.00
Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc	Rental support for Sussex Inlet Foundation for Community Development Inc	\$12,000.00
Sussex Inlet District Chamber of Commerce	Community Rent Assistance - Ellmoos Centre Usage	\$6,000.00

Wandandian Association Inc	Progress	Rates	Reimbursement for Joint	\$1,880.00
		Wandandian Community/SCC	Emergency Support Project	
CWA Berry Branch		CWA Hall, 79 Victoria St, Berry	- rate subsidy	\$2,500.00
Shoalhaven City Concert Band		Hire of Rehearsal Venue and Assistance for Summer Sounds Workshop		\$5,006.00
Berry RSL sub-Branch		Berry RSL Rates Donation Equivalent		\$3,300.00
Treading Lightly Inc		Rental support for the Treading Lightly Hub, Milton		\$18,000.00
Shoalhaven Society	Historical	Rental Subsidy - Nowra Museum		\$1,300.00
Cambewarra Arts	School of	Subsidies Council Rates		\$2,259.26
Shoalhaven Orchestra	Youth	Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra		\$8,000.00
Five Villages Garden Inc	Community	Five Villages Community Garden		\$1,150.00

3. Award the following further allocations totalling \$21,000.00:
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 - c. Soldier On be allocated \$1,000 for A Postie Ride for Defence and Veterans Suicide Prevention.
4. Advise the remaining applicants that their application for the Community Wellbeing Grants Program have been unsuccessful.
5. At the conclusion of the Community Wellbeing Grants Program, return the remaining budget to Council's General Fund.

Foreshadowed Motion - Clr Norris

That Council defer this matter to a Councillor briefing.

Items marked with an * were resolved 'en bloc'.

CL25.263 Ongoing Register of Pecuniary Interest Returns - July 2025

HPERM Ref: D25/325087

RESOLVED* (Clr Norris / Clr Dunn)

MIN25.411

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the Ongoing Register of Pecuniary Interest Returns lodged for the period of 1 July 2025 to 31 July 2025 be received for information.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.264 Investment Report - July 2025

**HPERM Ref:
D25/354729**

Recommendation

That Council receive the Record of Investments for the period to 31 July 2025.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Wilkins)

MIN25.412

That Council receive the Record of Investments for the period to 31 July 2025.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.265 Proposed Licence Renewal - Shoalhaven City Turf Club Ltd - 96 Albatross Road, South Nowra

**HPERM Ref:
D25/282588**

Note: A deputation was received on this item.

Councillor Proudfoot declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant interest declaration on this item for the reason that he is the president of St Georges Basin Country Club, which sponsors Shoalhaven City Turf Club. Councillor Proudfoot remained in the room and took part in discussion and voting on the matter.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Enter a five-year Licence with Shoalhaven City Turf Club Ltd at part Lot 4 DP1265268, 96 Albatross Road, South Nowra.
2. Establish new Licence rental of \$25,875 (excluding GST) per annum with annual rent increases with the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Sydney).
3. Establish that the licensee to be responsible for operating costs of the licensed premises including proportional building insurance, water and sewer rates, and fire compliance at an estimated cost of \$7,395 (GST inclusive) per annum.
4. Authorise the Common Seal of the Council of the City of Shoalhaven to be affixed to any document required to be sealed and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or Delegate to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Krikstolaitis)

MIN25.413

That Council defer this matter to a Councillor briefing.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.266 Proposed Lease - 69 Princes Highway Milton - Milton Theatre

**HPERM Ref:
D25/286029**

Note: Clr Norris left the Chambers, the time being 7:31pm.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Enter a new five-year lease with Milton Theatre Committee Incorporated (ABN 15 613 578 294) over Council Operational land known as 69 Princes Highway, Milton (Part Lot 1 DP 736273 & Part Lot 1 DP325570).
2. Establish commencement new lease rental of \$5,478.50 (excluding GST) per annum with annual rent increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Sydney).
3. Lessee to be responsible for operating costs of the leased premises totalling \$14,000 (excluding GST) per annum, which includes building insurance, water rates, waste and compliance costs.
4. Authorise the Common Seal of the Council of the City of Shoalhaven to be affixed to any document required to be sealed and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or delegated officer to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

RESOLVED (Clr Kemp / Clr Cox)

MIN25.414

That Council:

1. Enter a new five-year lease with Milton Theatre Committee Incorporated (ABN 15 613 578 294) over Council Operational land known as 69 Princes Highway, Milton (Part Lot 1 DP 736273 & Part Lot 1 DP325570).
2. Establish commencement new lease rental of \$5,478.50 (excluding GST) per annum with annual rent increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (All Groups Sydney).
3. Lessee to be responsible for operating costs of the leased premises totalling \$14,000 (excluding GST) per annum, which includes building insurance, water rates, waste and compliance costs.
4. Authorise the Common Seal of the Council of the City of Shoalhaven to be affixed to any document required to be sealed and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or delegated officer to sign any documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.267 Response to Notice of Motion - Mens Shed Organisations

HPERM Ref:
D25/213531

Note: Clr Norris returned to the Chambers, the time being 7:34pm.

Recommendation

That Council receive for information the report on Men's Shed organisations and historical report of past five years.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Casmiri)

MIN25.415

That Council receive for information the report on Men's Shed organisations and historical report of past five years.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

**CL25.268 New Land Use Planning Scheme - Strategic Planning
Work Program - Continued Focus**

**HPERM Ref:
D25/312411**

Recommendation

That Council

1. Continue to focus its Strategic Land Use Planning Work Program on the delivery of a new Land Use Planning Scheme for the City via a staged approach.
2. Continue with and complete the following new Land Use Planning Scheme Stage 1 projects:
 - a. Berry Development Controls & Heritage Conservation Area/Items
 - b. Local Infrastructure Contributions Framework development and delivery
3. Make representations to the NSW Government requesting the timely release of the foreshadowed Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) policy response to enable Council to consider its possible approach in this regard and receive a briefing from staff when appropriate to enable a position to be considered.
4. Commit to the focussed delivery, as outlined in the report, of the following project components of an adjusted new Land Use Planning Scheme Stage 2 during this term of Council:
 - a. Housing and Employment Land Strategy - focussing on residential housing, related supporting outcomes or needs (commercial/business) and not including rural residential rezoning opportunities.
 - b. New Local Environmental Plan - involving review and retention/adjustment of the current LEP provisions, inclusion of relevant outcomes from the new Strategy (e.g. new residential zoned land) and also any consequential resulting amendments to the Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan arising from new zoned areas.
 - c. Local Infrastructure Framework – completion of a new Contributions Plan during 2026 and continued work as necessary/appropriate.
 - d. Nowra Projects – complete the range of regionally significant projects that are underway as outlined in the report and that require a continued focus.
 - e. Affordable Housing Strategy implementation – work with Councils new Affordable Housing Action Taskforce to progress the actions in the recently adopted Strategy.
5. Undertake a shorter term housekeeping review Planning Proposal to resolve key more pressing issues that have arisen with the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and that cannot necessarily wait for the overall project, some of which are outlined in the report.
6. Continue with the relevant other continuing projects or work that are outlined in the section of the report headed 'Other Current Projects/Work' as resourcing and time permits.
7. Note that the review of the Development Control Plan (DCP) will not be undertaken as part of the resolved approach and as such the work foreshadowed in MIN24.648 Tourist Cabins Review, MIN25.297 Local Character Planning and MIN25.330 Shoalhaven Residential Style Guide will not occur at this point and may ultimately require a specific budget allocation to enable it.
8. Commit to not adding other one-off additional projects to the Strategic Planning Work Program, unless they are urgent, to enable the required focus to be given to the resolved strategic approach
9. Utilise the Strategic Planning Working Party (or possible replacement Planning & Development Committee) to provide necessary input and guidance as work progresses on the new Land

Use Planning Scheme Stage 2 work.

RESOLVED (Clr Casmiri / Clr Kemp)

MIN25.416

That Council defer this matter to a Councillor workshop.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins and Clr Proudfoot

AGAINST: Clr Dunn, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

**CL25.269 RD25/1000– 73 Sanctuary Point Rd Sanctuary Point –
Lot 419 DP 16557**

**HPERM Ref:
D25/327491**

Recommendation

That the Review of Development Application RD25/1000 (DA2024/1885) for change of use of the existing secondary dwelling, to a dwelling, thereby creating a dual occupancy arrangement at 73 Sanctuary Point Rd Sanctuary Point, Lot 419 DP 16557 be determined by way of approval subject to the recommended draft conditions of consent (Attachment 4) to this report.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Casmiri)

MIN25.417

That the Review of Development Application RD25/1000 (DA2024/1885) for change of use of the existing secondary dwelling, to a dwelling, thereby creating a dual occupancy arrangement at 73 Sanctuary Point Rd Sanctuary Point, Lot 419 DP 16557 be determined by way of approval subject to the recommended draft conditions of consent (Attachment 4) to this report.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

**CL25.270 Position on Unplanned Residential Development - Rural
Area Adjoining Berry**

**HPERM Ref:
D25/331145**

Note: A deputation was received on this item.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Receive this report for information.
2. Reaffirm Council's current policy position set by the Shoalhaven Local Strategic Planning Statement to "retain and manage existing rural land, avoiding the rezoning of such land for other uses including rural-residential and residential outcomes, unless identified in a relevant strategy."

MOTION (Clr Casmiri / Clr Kemp)

That Council defer this matter to a Councillor workshop.

FOR: Clr Kemp and Clr Proudfoot

AGAINST: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

LOST

RESOLVED: (Clr Norris / Clr Tribe)

MIN25.418

That Council

1. Receive this report for information.
2. Reaffirm Council's current policy position set by the Shoalhaven Local Strategic Planning Statement to "retain and manage existing rural land, avoiding the rezoning of such land for other uses including rural-residential and residential outcomes, unless identified in a relevant strategy."

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Note: A rescission motion was received on this item.

CL25.271 Request from the Insurance Industry to Access Council's Flood Data

**HPERM Ref:
D25/253427**

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Provide flood data to the insurance industry upon request.
2. Charge for the preparation of that data at \$209/hour (base on the 25/26 Floodplain Engineer hourly charge).

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Kemp)

MIN25.419

That Council:

1. Provide flood data to the insurance industry upon request.
2. Charge for the preparation of that data at \$209/hour (base on the 25/26 Floodplain Engineer hourly charge).

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Clr Kemp

CARRIED

CL25.272 Adoption of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program

**HPERM Ref:
D25/314665**

Note: A deputation was received on this item.

Recommendation

That

1. That Council adopt the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program (CMP) and the CMP be submitted to the relevant NSW Government Minister for certification.
2. Note the resourcing requirements encompassed by the plan and its actions (Stage 5 implementation), with capital and operational allocations to be determined via budget processes, and the reliance on grant funding for delivery.
3. Note that the Northern CMP Advisory Committee have requested that Council consider, through the implementation of the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP, additional sites for water testing where available resources and funding can be identified.

RESOLVED (Mayor White / Clr Krikstolaitis)

MIN25.420

That

1. The following items be considered in conjunction CL25.272 (Adoption of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program) and CL25.273 (Adoption of the Shoalhaven River Entrance Management Policy).
2. Both items CL25.272 and CL25.273 be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting at which time the Council will consider a further report with respect to the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program and the Shoalhaven River Entrance Management Policy in light of the information provided in email correspondence from Liza Butler MP, Member for South Coast dated 26 August 2025.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Clr Clancy

CARRIED

CL25.273 Adoption of the Shoalhaven River Entrance Management Policy

HPERM Ref: D25/339039

Note: This item was dealt with in conjunction with CL25.272 -Adoption of the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program, see MIN25.420.

CL25.274 Adoption of the Lake Conjola Entrance Management Policy

HPERM Ref: D25/339260

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopt the Lake Conjola Entrance Management Policy (EMP);
2. Submit the EMP and supporting Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to NSW Crown Lands to obtain a NSW Crown Lands licence.

RESOLVED (Mayor White / Clr Proudfoot)

MIN25.421

That this item be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting at which time the Council will consider a further report with respect to the adoption of the Lake Conjola Entrance Management Policy in light of the information provided in *email correspondence from Liza Butler MP, Member for South Coast* dated 26 August 2025.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Items marked with an * were resolved 'en bloc'.

CL25.275 Adoption of the Swan Lake Entrance Management Policy

HPERM Ref: D25/339283

RESOLVED* (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Cox)

MIN25.422

That Council:

1. Adopt the Swan Lake Entrance Management Policy (EMP);

2. Submit the EMP and supporting Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to NSW Crown Lands to obtain an NSW Crown Lands licence.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.276 Lake Conjola Voluntary House Raising Scheme**HPERM Ref:**
D25/339336

Note: Clr Dunn left Chambers, the time being 8:12pm.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve targeted engagement with eligible property owners for voluntary house raising in Lake Conjola to understand their interest in being part of a Voluntary House Raising Scheme.
2. Undertake broader community engagement that highlights how a range of Council projects form part of a strategic roadmap to reduce flood risk to the Lake Conjola community, in the short, medium, and long-term.

RESOLVED (Clr Kemp / Clr Casmiri)

MIN25.423

That Council defer this matter to a Councillor briefing.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins and Clr Proudfoot

AGAINST: Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

CL25.277 Central Shoalhaven Mobile Pre-School - Council Vehicle Use Arrangements**HPERM Ref:**
D25/38334

Note: Clr Dunn was absent from the Chambers during this item.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Cease to fund and provide two vans and a trailer for the Central Shoalhaven Mobile Pre-School (CSMP) after the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. Delegate to the CEO the sale of the vehicles and trailer to the CSMP at a fair market rate subject to agreement between the parties and compliance with any legal requirements. If agreement cannot be reached dispose of the vehicles and trailer in the normal manner.
3. Thank and acknowledge the CSMP for the work they do providing early childhood education to families across the Shoalhaven LGA.

RESOLVED (Clr Tribe / Clr Krikstolaitis)

MIN25.424

That Council:

1. Cease to fund and provide two vans and a trailer for the Central Shoalhaven Mobile Pre-School (CSMP) after the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. Delegate to the CEO the sale of the vehicles and trailer to the CSMP at a fair market rate subject to agreement between the parties and compliance with any legal requirements. If agreement cannot be reached dispose of the vehicles and trailer in the normal manner.

3. Thank and acknowledge the CSMP for the work they do providing early childhood education to families across the Shoalhaven LGA.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

CL25.278 Adoption of Shoalhaven Water's Development Servicing Plan Following Public Exhibition

**HPERM Ref:
D25/341784**

Note: Clr Dunn returned to the Chambers, the time being 8:15pm.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Adopt Shoalhaven Water's Development Servicing Plan as exhibited, with minor amendments made in response to industry feedback and commence the new DSP on the 1st January 2026.
2. Publish the final DSP on Shoalhaven Water's website and make it available to developers and the public.
3. Register the finalised DSP with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
4. Rescind Water and Sewerage Headworks Charges (Section 64 Contributions) – Assistance for Developments Policy.

RESOLVED (Clr Proudfoot / Mayor White)

MIN25.425

That Council

1. Adopt Shoalhaven Water's Development Servicing Plan as exhibited, with minor amendments made in response to industry feedback and commence the new DSP on the 1st January 2026.
2. Publish the final DSP on Shoalhaven Water's website and make it available to developers and the public.
3. Register the finalised DSP with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
4. Rescind Water and Sewerage Headworks Charges (Section 64 Contributions) – Assistance for Developments Policy.

FOR: Mayor White, Clr Clancy, Clr Kemp, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe, Clr Norris, Clr Boyd and Clr Krikstolaitis

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

ADDENDUM REPORTS

MM25.19 Offer of Road Crew Assistance - Mid Coast Council - Natural Disasters

**HPERM REF:
D25/372619**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting see MIN25.403

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 8.20pm.

The Mayor, Cllr White
CHAIRPERSON

Note: A Rescission Motion was received after the meeting in relation to *CL25.270 - Position on Unplanned Residential Development - Rural Area Adjoining Berry* signed by Cllr Kemp, Cllr Casmiri and Cllr Proudfoot. This will be considered at the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday, 9 September 2025 in the Council Chambers.