



Central Coast Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

27 May 2025

MINUTES

Present

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

In Attendance

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Shannon Turkington	Acting Director Environment and Planning
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer
Marissa Racamelara	Director Corporate Services
Melanie Smith	Director Community and Recreation Services

Notes

The Mayor, Lawrie McKinna, declared the meeting open at 6:31pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

6.32:pm

Mayor McKinna declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025, (Part 1, (d), The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's Pat Farmer QUICKSAND Run for SOKS)*, under the Local Government Act as The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's grant is named in honour of the person I know, Pat Farmer. He confirmed that this conflict will not affect his decision making on this item, and he will remain in the chamber and participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Mayor McKinna declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.4 Draft Sportsground Allocation Policy - for Adoption*, under the Local Government Act regarding a relationship with Alex Burgin, as he was the Mariners Coach for many years and had a relationship with Central Coast Football, additionally, Alex Burgin was on the Team Central Coast ticket at the last Local Government election.

Councillor Mouland declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025, (Part 1, (d), The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's Pat Farmer QUICKSAND Run for SOKS)*, under the Local Government Act as the person undertaking the run is known to him. He will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Daniels declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025, (Part 1, (d), The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's Pat Farmer QUICKSAND Run for SOKS)*, under the Local Government Act as Pat Farmer is an associate and a member of Team Central Coast in the recent election. She will personally manage my conflict and will remain in the chamber. She will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Castles declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025, (Part 2, (a), The Bay Rugby Club Incorporated - Fundraising Equipment)*, under the Local Government Act as an applicant for a grant (unsuccessful) is Bay Rugby Club, and a family member plays for the club. She will personally manage my conflict and will remain in the chamber. She will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor MacGregor declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.4 - Draft Sportsground Allocation Policy - for Adoption*, under the Local Government Act as he plays club and community sport. He will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Crowley declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.3 - Proposed lease for aviation purposes at Central Coast Airport - outcome of negotiations and next steps*, under the Local Government Act as her brother occasionally uses the Airport. She will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Neal declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in *Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025, (Part 1, (d), The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's Pat Farmer QUICKSAND Run for SOKS)*, under the Local Government Act, regarding a relationship with Pat Farmer as he was a former political colleague and supported fellow Labor Party member, and candidate for Robertson, Gordon Reid, in the recent election.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.37:pm

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 April 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.*
- 2 Confirms the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 6 May 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.*
- 3 Confirms the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 May 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.*

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH :

671/25

That Council considers the adoption of minutes in seriatim as three (3) individual motions.

A MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

672/25

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 April 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

A MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCWAIDE:

That Council:

- 1 *Confirms the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 6 May 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting with the below amendment.*
- 2 *That the minutes be amended to reflect:*

*'An Amendment was moved by Councillor STANTON – relates to Item 2
Cr Stanton proposed an amendment extending the motions of 'Central Coast' beaches,
Cr Stanton also proposed the inclusion of a new point 4 which reads*

"Calls on the Minister for Emergency Services to issue a Natural Disaster Declaration in respect of the Tuggerah lakes flooding of May 2025".

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

673/25

That Council:

- 1 ***Notes the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 6 May 2025, and that the minutes be corrected to reflect.***
 - a) ***"Councillor Stanton proposed an amendment extending the motions of 'Central Coast' beaches", and***
 - b) ***"Councillor Stanton also proposed the inclusion of a new point 4 which reads 'Calls on the Minister for Emergency Services to issue a Natural Disaster Declaration in respect of the Tuggerah lakes flooding of May 2025'."***
- 2 ***Notes the failure of the Acting Chair to recognise a seconder on the motion moved.***
- 3 ***Notes that the Acting Chair of the meeting was in breach of section 11.5 of the Code of Meeting Practice as adopted by Council, and that he had a duty to put any lawful motion.***

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

The Amendment was put to the vote, and the Chair declared it **CARRIED**, and became the Motion.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

A MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor LAMONT and *SECONDED* by Councillor NEAL:

674/25

That Council confirms the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 May 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.3 Items Resolved by Exception

7:00pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

675/25

That Council determines the following items on Council's Agenda that will be adopted without debate.

- a) Item 1.4 - Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in a Confidential Session***
- b) Item 4.10 - Community Support Grant Program March 2025***
- c) Item 4.11 - Disclosure of Interests Return***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.4 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in a Confidential Session

RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

676/25

- 1** ***That the Council resolve that the following matters be dealt with in closed session, pursuant to s. 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reasons:***

Item: 7.1

Title: Investment in Digital Transformation – Request for procurement exemption to commence negotiation.

Reason for considering in closed session: The report is confidential in accordance with section 10A (2) (c) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND the report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

- 2** ***That the Council request the CEO to report on this matter in open session of Council so that any resolutions of Council may be made publicly available.***

MAYORAL MINUTE

1.5 Additional Waste Services for Flood Impacted Residents

7:06pm

A MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor MCKINNA and *SECONDED* by Councillor NEAL:

677/25

- 1 That flood affected residents be allowed an additional 8 bulk waste kerb side collections in the current collection year.**
- 2 That the Chief Executive Officer determines how flood waste and flood affected residents are identified to best implement this concession.**

COUNCILLOR MACGREGOR LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:11PM DURING CONSIDERATION, AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

FINANCIAL ITEMS

2.1 Monthly Investment Report April 2025

7:12pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

COUNCILLOR MACGREGOR RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7:13PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM

678/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the Investment Report for April 2025**
- 2 Notes that the April 2025 unrestricted funds deficit in the Drainage Fund is offset by the unrestricted funds available in the General Fund**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

2.2 Monthly Finance Report April 2025

7:16pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Councillor EATON OAM:

679/25

That Council receives the Monthly Financial Report – April 2025

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

3.1 Economic Development Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - May 2025

7:19pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor MOULAND:

680/25

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held in May 2025.***
- 2 Adopts the recommendation EDC9/25 of the Economic Development Committee as follows:***
 - I. That Council endorses the draft Central Coast Employment Land Strategy (Attachment 1) and Background Report (Attachment 2) to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days.***
- 3 Requests the Chief Executive Officer to develop a probity strategy and protocol regarding the operation of the Committees and bring back to the June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.***

COUNCILLOR CROWLEY LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:22 PM DUE TO AN INJURY SUSTAINED EARLIER IN THE DAY, AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor LAMONT:

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held in May 2025.***

- 2 *Adopts the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee in resolution EDC9/25 as detailed in this report.*
- 3 *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to develop a probity strategy and protocol regarding the operation of the Committees.*
- 4 *That Council resolves to:*
 - a) *Expands the membership of the Economic Development Standing Committee to include all Councillors.*
 - b) *Delegate decision making functions to the newly constituted Economic Development Standing Committee.*
 - c) *Schedule future meetings to be held on the 2nd Tuesday, in keeping the current frequency of meetings.*

The Amendment was put the vote, declared LOST, and debate resumed on the original motion.

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CR LAMONT

3.2 Environment and Planning Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - May 2025

7:36pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WALSH and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

681/25

That Council:

- 1 ***Receives and notes the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held in May 2025.***
- 2 ***Adopts the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee in resolutions as follows:***
 - a) ***EPC2/25, That Council:***
 - I. ***Endorses finalisation of the Planning Proposal for 126 Somersby Falls Road, Somersby (RZ/1/2024).***
 - II. ***Requests the Chief Executive Officer to exercise delegation issued by the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure for RZ/1/2024 or, if required, request the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to proceed with the steps for drafting and making of the amendment to the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan 2022.***

- III. Notifies those who made submissions during the public exhibition of Council's decision.**

- b) EPC4/25, That Council:**
 - I. Endorses the adoption of the Central Coast Thematic History (Attachment 1).**
 - II. Endorses publishing on Council's website the 'Closing the Loop' Statement (Attachment 2).**
 - III. Supersedes the following Thematic Histories for the former Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council Local Government Areas:**
 - a. Wyong Shire-Wide Heritage Review Thematic History (2010)**
 - b. A Thematic History of the City of Gosford (2016)**

- c) EPC5/25, That Council:**
 - I. Resolves to place the Draft 1A Jaques Street Masterplan on public exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days.**
 - II. Notifies those people who made submissions during the initial consultation period that the Draft 1A Jaques Street Masterplan is on public exhibition.**
 - III. Considers a further report on the outcome of public exhibition.**

- d) EPC6/25, That Council endorses the draft Burns Place Heritage Conservation Management Plan, as per Attachment 1, to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.**

- e) EPC8/25, That Council:**
 - I. Endorses the Planning Proposal provided in Attachment 1 in relation to Lot 1 DP 996521 – 32 Caroline Street, Lot 2 DP 518926 – 30 Caroline Street and Lot 1 DP 518926 – 2A Melbourne Street, East Gosford, to amend the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2022 to:**
 - a) Rezone the sites to R1 General Residential.**
 - b) Apply a floor space ratio of 0:5:1.**
 - c) Include the land in 'Area 1' on the Floor Space Ratio Additional Controls Map.**
 - II. Forwards the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in accordance with Section 3.35(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requesting a Gateway Determination, pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.**
 - III. Undertakes community and public authority consultation in accordance with the Gateway Determination requirements.**

f) EPC10/25, That Council:

- I. Endorses the draft Central Coast Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2024 for public exhibition (see Attachment 1).**
- II. Repeals the following contribution plans in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000:**
 - a. Contribution Plan No 47A - Terrigal – Local Open Space, Pedestrian Footpaths, Town Centre Improvements, Cycleways, Stormwater and Flood Mitigation**
 - b. Contribution Plan No 9 - Budgewoi District**
 - c. Contribution Plan No 5 - Ourimbah District**
- III. Provides public notice of Council's decision to repeal the contribution plans, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000.**
- IV. Redirects any outstanding funds from the proposed repeal of Local Infrastructure Contribution Plans as nominated in Attachment 2.**
- V. Notes that a further report will be provided following the public exhibition period.**
- VI. Provides a workshop for all Councillors to be held on the Contributions Plans whilst it is out on exhibition.**

g) EPC11/25, That Council endorses public exhibition of the Draft Central Coast Regulatory Priorities Statement (Attachment 1) for a period of not less than 28 days.

3 That Council convenes an Extraordinary Meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee to determine it's position at 7:00pm on 10 June 2025, via Teams or in Person.

4 Council delegates to the committee, the authority to determine the EPC9/25 – MacMasters Beach Temporary Coastal Protection Works matter, in relation to the acceptance or dismissal of NSW Government Grant funding.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CR CASTLES AND MACGREGOR

A MATTER ARISING WAS MOVED by Councillor SMITH and SECONDED by Councillor WALSH:

682/25

That:

- 1 Council convenes a workshop on heritage strategy to be held by the end of July 2025 .**
- 2 The purpose of the workshop is to consider Council's approach to heritage including strategies, priorities and actions over the next 5 years.**

- 3 An independent facilitator be engaged for the workshop (expected 2-3 hours) with the program to include:**
- a) Council's role and responsibilities regarding heritage,**
 - b) Previous and current activities related to heritage,**
 - c) Priorities going forward with input from workshop participants,**
 - d) An analysis of priorities that will contribute to a strategy and action plan.**
- 4 Workshop participants should include, but not be limited to:**
- a) Interested Councillors,**
 - b) Relevant Council staff,**
 - c) Former members of Council heritage advisory committees (since 2017),**
 - d) Organisations and individuals involved with heritage and history (identified through consultation with staff and interested Councillors).**
- 5 That a further report come back to the Environment and Planning Committee in August 2025.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

3.3 Governance and Finance Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - May 2025

8:07pm

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held in May 2025.*
- 2 Adopts the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee in resolutions as follows:*
 - a) GFC3/25,*
 - b) GFC4/25,*
 - c) GFC5/25,*
 - d) GFC6/25,*
 - e) GFC7/25,*
 - f) GFC8/25, and*
 - g) GFC9/25.*

A MOTION was MOVED by Councillor LAMONT and SECONDED by Councillor SMITH:

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held in May 2025.*
- 2 Adopts the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee in resolutions as follows:*
 - a) GFC3/25,*
 - b) GFC5/25,*
 - c) GFC6/25,*

- d) GFC7/25,
 - e) GFC8/25, and
 - f) GFC9/25.
- 3 *At Resolution GFC4/25 - Draft Code of Meeting Practice - for Public Exhibition*
- a) *Amends Clause 5.14 of the Draft Code of Meeting Practice to allow Councillors to submit more than one Notice of Motion per meeting, with a maximum of 15 NoMs to be accepted per Ordinary Council Meeting, in accordance with the process outlined below, before the document is placed on public exhibition.*
 - a) *Accepts the proposed Amendment to Clause 5.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice: Amend Clause 5.14 as follows:*
"Councillors may submit more than one Notice of Motion (NoM) per Ordinary Council Meeting, provided all NoMs comply with the applicable submission deadlines, formatting, and governance requirements."
 - c) *If the total number of valid NoMs submitted by all Councillors for an Ordinary Council Meeting exceeds 15, the following process will apply:*
 - i. *The first NoM submitted by each Councillor (based on submission timestamp) will be accepted onto the business paper, ensuring that each Councillor is afforded the opportunity to bring forward one item.*
 - ii. *Remaining available slots (up to the total cap of 15) will be filled by additional NoMs, accepted in order of submission time.*
 - iii. *Any NoMs not accepted due to the meeting cap may be resubmitted for inclusion at subsequent Ordinary Council Meetings.*
 - iv. *The General Manager (or their delegate) will ensure the order of receipt is documented and transparent.*

AN AMENDMENT TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

683/25

That Council:

- 1 *Receives and notes the minutes of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held in May 2025.***
- 2 *Adopts the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee in resolutions as follows:***
 - a) *GFC3/25, That Council endorses the Code of Conduct provided as Attachment 1 to this report to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with a further report to be presented after the public exhibition period.***
 - b) *GFC4/25, That Council endorses the Draft Code of Meeting Practice provided as Attachment 1 to this report to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, allowing submissions from the public up to 42 days, with a further report to be presented after the exhibition period.***
 - c) *GFC5/25, That Council endorses the draft Public Forum Policy as amended at Attachment 1 to this report to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days with a further report to be presented after the exhibition period.***

- d) **GFC6/25, That Council adopts the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy at Attachment 1.**
- e) **GFC7/25, That Council:**
- I. **Confirms that the reviewed Investments Management Policy at Attachment 1 to be referred to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, and then submitted to Council for adoption.**
 - II. **Confirms That the draft Borrowings Policy at Attachment 2 to be referred to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, and then submitted to Council for adoption.**
- f) **GFC8/25, That Council adopts the reviewed Procurement Policy at Attachment 1.**
- g) **GFC9/25, That Council confirms that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute a lease and licence for surf lifesaving purposes for a period of up to twenty (20) years over land at 46 North Avoca Parade, North Avoca (being part of Lot 1 DP543153 and Part Lot 2 DP543153) with North Avoca Surf Life Saving Club.**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

The Amendment was put to the vote, declared **CARRIED**, and became the Motion

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, NEAL, SMITH, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH AND LAMONT

3.4 Community and Culture Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - May 2025

8:21pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor CASTLES, *SECONDED* BY COUNCILLOR MCNAMARA

684/25

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held in May 2025.**
- 2 Adopts the recommendations of the Community and Culture Committee in resolutions as follows:**
 - a) **CCC1/25, That Council:**
 - I. **Revokes the Art Collection Policy (Attachment 1).**
 - II. **Revokes the Policy for Art Purchases (Attachment 2).**

b) CCC3/25, That Council:

- I. Confirms that the draft Public Art Policy Attachment 1 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days with a further report to be presented after the public exhibition period.**
- II. Confirms that the draft Central Coast Public Art Plan (Attachment 2) be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days with a further report to be presented after the public exhibition period.**

c) CCC4/25, That Council adopts the draft policy, noting that as this Policy does not represent a significant change to existing service delivery or community impact, public exhibition is not required.

d) CCC5/25, That Council:

- I. Adopts the Draft Flag and Street Banner Policy, noting that as this Policy does not represent a significant change to existing service delivery or community impact, public exhibition is not required.**
- II. Revokes the existing Flying of Flags Policy, as it has been consolidated into the Flag and Street Banner Policy.**

e) CCC6/25, That Council:

- I. Confirms the draft Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
- II. Notes that following the exhibition period, a report will be presented to Council on the outcome of the exhibition seeking Council's adoption of the Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035.**

f) CCC7/25, That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to formalise the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Council and University of Newcastle Attachment.

g) CCC8/25, That Council confirms that the existing Policy for Memorials, Naming of Council Facilities and Donations of Park Furniture and Trees be revoked.

h) CCC9/25, That Council:

- I. Confirms that the draft Roadside Tribute Policy, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
- II. Notes that following the exhibition period, a report will be presented to Council on the outcome of the exhibition seeking Council's adoption of the Roadside Tribute Policy.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

REPORTS

4.1 Q3 (March 2025) Operational Plan and Budget Review

8:27 pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Councillor MOULAND:

685/25

That Council:

- 1 *Adopts the Q3 (March 2025) Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review as outlined in this report and Attachments to this report.***
- 2 *Adopts the changes to the 2024-25 capital works program in Attachment 3 and notes the impact of these changes on the indicative program in the outer years.***
- 3 *Notes that the subject of this report will be presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee at their meeting on 5 June 2025, for the Committee's information.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.2 Community Land Plan of Management 2025 - for Adoption

8:42pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Councillor MOULAND:

That Council:

- 1 *Notes that, after a program of early engagement with community representatives and internal stakeholders, a draft update of the Central Coast Community Land Plan of Management 2023 (the Community Land POM) was placed on public exhibition from 24 September 2024 to 25 November 2024 (a period of at least 28 days) as required under the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act.***
- 2 *Further notes:***
 - a) *34 written submissions about the draft update were received during the exhibition period and were considered in preparing and finalising the update for adoption by Council.***
 - b) *feedback via written submissions has been documented in a Community Consultation Outcomes Summary which is included with this report at Attachment 1.***
 - c) *all lots in the draft update were able to be commented on at public hearings conducted by an independent person at Wyong (14 November) and Wamberal (18 November) and Gosford (21 November).***
 - d) *feedback via public hearings is recorded in the public hearing report that is published on Council's website and summarised in the body of this report.***

- 3 *Acknowledges and thanks Central Coast residents and community organisations for their interest in the future management of community land as demonstrated via the early engagement program and the formal consultation processes.*
- 4 *Notes minor editorial amendments that have been made for consistency in the operative provisions of the Community Land POM and also minor changes that have been made for clarity to the associated schedule of maps and considers that these amendments are not substantial.*
- 5 *Adopts the updated POM as included with this report at Attachment 2 (Operative Provisions) and Attachment 3 (Schedule of Included Land) and Attachment 4 (Schedule of Maps).*
- 6 *Designates the updated POM as the 2025 Central Coast Community Land Plan of Management.*
- 7 *Revokes the 2023 Central Coast Community Land Plan of Management.*
- 8 *Gives notice that the 2025 Central Coast Community Land Plan of Management will take effect on 17 June 2025, which is 21 days after the date of this meeting.*
- 9 *Reaffirms that the Copacabana beachfront (including the sand dunes) is community land. It cannot be bought or sold.*

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR *SECONDED* BY Councillor NEAL:

686/25

That the matter be laid on the table.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.3 Proposed lease for aviation purposes at Central Coast Airport - outcome of negotiations and next steps

8:51pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor MOULAND:

687/25

That Council:

- 1 ***Notes the outcome of the due diligence undertaken as part of negotiations for a lease for aviation purposes over part of Central Coast Airport.***

- 2 *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to conduct an Expression of Interest and negotiate, finalise, and enter into a suitable long-term lease arrangement over part of Central Coast Airport.***
- 3 *Requires that, prior to entering into the long-term lease agreement, the Chief Executive Officer provide a briefing to councillors as to proposed lessee and lease terms on a commercial-in-confidence basis for information.***

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Councillor CASTLES and *SECONDED* by Councillor WALSH:

That Council:

- 1 Notes the outcome of the due diligence undertaken as part of negotiations for a lease for aviation purposes over part of Central Coast Airport.*
- 2 Requires the Chief Executive Officer to provide details of the proposed duration of any long-term lease to the June 2025 Council Meeting*
- 3 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to conduct an Expression of Interest and negotiate, finalise, and enter into a suitable long-term lease arrangement over part of Central Coast Airport.*
- 4 Requires that, prior to entering into a long-term lease, the Chief Executive Officer provides a briefing/workshop to Councillors as to the proposed lessee and lease terms at least 21 days prior to signing off on such a lease on a commercial-in-confidence basis.*

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, SMITH, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

The Amendment was put the vote, declared LOST, and debate resumed on the original motion

4.4 Draft Sportsground Allocation Policy - for Adoption

9:10pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor MOULAND:

688/25

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the Sportsground Allocation Policy as set out in Attachment 1 of this report.***
- 2 That the Sporting Facilities Strategy be bought back to Council by December 2025 and if not complete an update be provided.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.5 Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy - for Public Exhibition

9:28pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

689/25

That Council:

- 1 Endorses the draft Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy for public exhibition.***
- 2 Endorses the revocation of the three (3) previous policies:***
 - a) Connection to Sewerage System Financial Assistance Policy***
 - b) Water Usage Charges Concessions for Home Dialysis Policy***
 - c) Concealed Leaks Policy.***
- 3 Considers a further report on the outcome of the exhibition and adoption of the Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.6 Mountain Bike Infrastructure in Open Space - for information

9:33pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCWAIDE and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

690/25

That Council notes this report which responds to the resolution adopted by Council at the 10 December 2024 Council Meeting, relating to the adoption of the Central Coast Open Space Strategy 2024 – 2031, and additional actions regarding mountain bike infrastructure on the Central Coast.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

9:47pm

AN EXTENSION OF TIME, TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY 30 MINUTES, AND ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR A SHORT PERIOD was *MOVED* by Councillor MCKINNA:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

THAT THE MEETING RESUME AT 9:55PM was *MOVED* by Councillor MOULAND and *SECONDED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.7 Central Coast Arts Ltd (The Art House) - appointment of board member

9:55pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WALSH and *SECONDED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

691/25

That Council appoints Councillor Castles as a Director of Central Coast Arts Limited (The Art House) for a term of three (3) years.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.8 Protection of the Environment Trust - information on establishment of a Trust Management Committee

9.56:pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:

692/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the background information regarding the establishment of the Protection of the Environment Trust, including information on the Trust Deed (Attachment 1).***
- 2 Notes the information provided regarding the establishment of a Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee and its current Terms of Reference (Attachment 2)***
- 3 Adopts Option 3 in this report.***

- 4** *That the resolutions of Council (2020-2025) regarding the POET Committee be referred to the ARIC committee for their review and comment. That the financial statements for the POET committee be audited, and also referred to ARIC committee for review and comment. That the ARIC committee provide a recommendation on preferred or best practise model of operation for the POET Trust to Council. Funding for the audit will be provided by the office of the Chief Executive Office.*

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.9 Advisory Committee meetings held in 3rd Qtr 2024-25 - Minutes

10:03pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

693/25

That Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 6 March 2025.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.10 Community Support Grant Program March 2025

RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

694/25

That Council:

- 1** *Allocates \$13,399.00 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2024-25 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program for the month of March as outlined below and in Attachment 1.*
- a) Terrigal Trotters Incorporated - 2025 GNW Trail Running Festival - \$4,632.00*
 - b) Special Olympics Australia - Special Olympics Interclub Basketball Competition-Venue Hire - \$2,847.00*
 - c) Gosford Showground Land Manager - Cleaning Costs Gosford Regional Show 2025 - \$3,000.00*
 - d) The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - Central Coast's Pat Farmer QUICKSAND Run for SOKS - \$2,920.00*

- 2 Declines the following applications, for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1:**
- a) The Bay Rugby Club Incorporated – Fundraising Equipment - project is ineligible.**
 - b) The Rotary Club of Terrigal Incorporated - Room Hire - project is ineligible.**
 - c) Sohier Park Community Hall Incorporated - Sohier Park Community Hall Cool Room Upgrade – project is not supported.**
 - d) Toukley Neighbourhood Centre - Toukley Neighbourhood Centre Signage Replacement and Installation – project is ineligible.**
 - e) Lions Club of Gwandalan Lioness Incorporated - Support for Art and Craft Expo – project is ineligible.**
 - f) Gosford Rugby Club Incorporated - Water Tanks – insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.**
 - g) ASCTA NSW - Essential Swimming & Drowning Prevention Workshops for the Central Coast - project is ineligible.**
 - h) Country Women's Association of NSW - Hire of Kulnura Hall – insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.**
- 3 Advises the unsuccessful applicants in point 2 (above) and direct them to alternate funding sources if relevant.**

4.11 Disclosure of Interests Return

RESOLVED by EXCEPTION on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and SECONDED by Councillor MCNAMARA:

695/25

That Council notes the tabling of a 'Disclosure of Interests' return made by Councillor Neal.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

5.1 Notice of Motion - Implementation of a Petition Policy for Central Coast Council/NoM

10:06pm

A MOTION was MOVED by Councillor LAMONT and SECONDED by Councillor SMITH:

That Council:

- 1 Develop and implement a formal Petition Policy for the receipt, processing, and consideration of petitions submitted by the community.**
- 2 Developing the policy, ensuring that it aligns with relevant legislation and best practices.**

- 3 *Include provisions within the policy to specify:*
- a. *The format and requirements for petitions, including minimum details such as petitioners' names, addresses, and signatures.*
 - b. *Clear submission procedures, including the option for both physical and electronic petitions.*
 - c. *Guidelines for acknowledging receipt of petitions and outlining the process for consideration by Council.*
 - d. *The way in which Council will respond to petitions, including timelines and reporting mechanisms.*
 - e. *Transparency measures, ensuring that petitions and Council responses are accessible to the public.*
 - f. *Request that the CEO prepares a draft Petition Policy and presents it to Council for consideration within 3 months.*
 - g. *Undertake community exhibition to ensure public input into the development of the Petition Policy.*

COUNCILLOR STANTON LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:22PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION THAT THE MOTION BE PUT was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

That the Motion be put was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **LOST**

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY 30 MINUTES was *MOVED* by Mayor MCKINNA:

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES AND WALSH

THAT THE MEETING MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION was *MOVED* by Councillor MOULAND and *SECONDED* by Councillor DANIELS:

The Mayor asked the Chief Executive Officer if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that there have not been any submissions.

The Mayor asked if any persons present wanted to make any submissions.

There were no submissions.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, SMITH, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, WALSH, NEAL AND LAMONT

At this stage of the meeting being 10:29pm the meeting moved into Confidential Session to discuss *Item 7.1 Investment in Digital Transformation - Request for procurement exemption to commence negotiations*, 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 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

7.1 Investment in Digital Transformation - Request for procurement exemption to commence negotiations

10:30pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

696/25

That Council:

- 1 In accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate directly with Technology One for the provision of an integrated software solution on a Software as a Service platform (as outlined in this report) for the following extenuating circumstances:***
 - a) lack of other local government integrated software solutions with Council's existing core systems.***
 - b) the cost and time burden of proceeding to tender to make a similar assessment for a similar or inferior financial outcome.***
- 2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to appoint a qualified independent probity advisor to oversee the negotiations.***
- 3 Further, that a report be provided back to Council on the outcomes of the negotiations. Noting that any new contract would be beyond the CEO's financial delegations and consequently a decision whether to enter in a contract will be a decision of Council.***

- 4 If negotiations are successful, then a report to Council identifies gateways to come back to council for decisions during the implementation process.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

THAT THE MEETING RESUME AT 10:59PM was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

At this stage of the meeting being 10:59pm, the Chief Executive Officer read the resolution of the closed session.

The Meeting closed at 11:01pm.