



Central Coast Council

Community & Culture Committee

Held Function Room 2
2 Hely Street, Wyong

09 September 2025

MINUTES

Attendance

Members

Cr Margot Castles, Chairperson	Present
Cr Trent McWaide, Deputy Chairperson	Apologies
Mayor Lawrie McKinna	Apologies
Cr Kyla Daniels, Member	Present (Remotely)
Cr John McNamara, Member	Present
Cr Sharon Walsh, Member	Present
Cr Kyle MacGregor, Member	Present (Remotely)
Cr Jane Smith	Present
Cr Belinda Neal	Present

Status

Councillor Guests

Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM	Present
Cr Helen Crowley	Present
Cr Jane Smith	Present

Status

Staff

Mel Smith, Director Community and Recreation Services	Present
Beth Burgess, Unit Manager	Present
Brett Sherar, Unit Manager Open Space and Recreation	Present
Phil Cantillon, Unit Manager Leisure Beach Safety and Community Facilities	Present
Madeleine Evans, Section Manager, Communications Engagement and Digital Marketing	Present
Molly Marsh, Social Planner Community and Recreation Services	Present (Remotely)
Briony Stiles, Team Leader Civic Support	Present
Tess McGown, Civic Support Officer	Present

Status

The Chairperson, Councillor Margot Castles, declared the meeting open at 5.01pm

REPORTS

1.1 Introduction: Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, and Apologies

5.01pm

The Chairperson gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chairperson noted the apology of Mayor McKinna and Councillor McWaide.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Castles and *SECONDED* by Councillor McNamara :

That in accordance with clause 6.20 of the code of meeting practice, remote attendance via audio visual link to the Community and Culture Committee meeting on 9 September 2025 be granted to Councillor Daniels and Councillor McGregor due to personal reasons.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor Walsh and *SECONDED* by Councillor McNamara :

That in the absence of Mayor McKinna and Councillor McWaide, Councillor Neal and Councillor Smith as alternative members, be provided voting rights for the Community and Culture Committee meeting on 9 September 2025 at 5:00pm.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.2 Disclosures of Interest

5:06pm

Councillor Neal disclosed a Non-Pecuniary - Non-Significant interest to *Item 1.8 Draft Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035 - Outcomes of Public Exhibition and Adoption*, as she has membership to one Peninsula Leisure Centre. She will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Neal disclosed a Non-Pecuniary – Significant interest to *Item 1.5 Draft Grants and Sponsorship Policies - For Public Exhibition – Deferred*, as she has a house in the area. She will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Daniels disclosed a Non-Pecuniary - Non-Significant interest to *Item 1.11 Rugby League World Cup 2026 - Request for Proposal Training Venue* as she is an acquaintance of the CEO of CCF Alex Burgin having been a team member of Team Central Coast. She will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Smith disclosed a Non-Pecuniary - Non-Significant interest to *Item 1.5 Draft Grants and Sponsorship Policies - For Public Exhibition - Deferred* as she is involved with a number of organisations that apply and/or receive grants. She will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on the item.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5:08pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

CCC17/25

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the previous Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2025.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.4 Items Resolved by Exception

5:09pm

No items were resolved en-masse.

1.5 Draft Grants and Sponsorship Policies - For Public Exhibition - Deferred

5:13pm

Director for Community and Recreation spoke to the report.

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:

CCC18/25

That the Committee:

- 1 Supports the draft Community Grants Policy and associated Guidelines, as set out in Attachments 1, 3, 4, and 5 to this report, for placement on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.***
- 2 Notes that following the exhibition period, a report will be presented to the Community and Culture Committee on the outcome of the exhibition seeking Council's adoption of the Community Grants Policy and associated Guidelines and Sponsorship Program.***
- 3 Recommends that Council:***
 - 1. Endorses the draft Community Grants Policy and associated Guidelines, as set out in Attachments 1, 3, 4, 5 to this report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.***

II. Supports and adopts the re-establishment of a Sponsorship Program commencing in 2026-27 financial year.

III. Supports and adopts the reduction of the Community Grants program budget by 15% and reallocate this money to the Sponsorship Program from the 2026-27 financial year.

IV. Supports the draft Sponsorship Program Policy as set out in Attachment 2 to this report and endorses that it be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.6 Australia Day Award Changes - For Adoption - Deferred

5:30pm

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1 *Adopts the proposed changes to the Awards and to the judging process and panel for the 2026 Award Ceremony and proceeding years.*
- 2 *Adopts the proposed changes to the format and to include the Mayor and Councillors in the 2026 Award Ceremony and proceeding years.*

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

CCC19/25

That the Committee defers the item to 11 November 2025 Community and Culture meeting so further options on the makeup of the judging panel are considered, with a view to independent community membership, and other categories that have merit.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.7 Social Media Policy – Effectiveness Review

5:38pm

Section Manager for Communications Engagement and Digital Marketing spoke to the report.

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

CCC20/25

That the Committee notes the Social Media Policy effectiveness review.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

**1.8 Draft Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035 -
Outcomes of Public Exhibition and Adoption**

5:51pm

Unit Manager for Leisure Beach Safety and Community Facilities spoke to the report.

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1 *Adopts the Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035 as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*
- 2 *Notes the outcomes of public exhibition as set out in Attachment 2 to this report.*
- 3 *Notifies those persons who lodged submissions of Council's decision.*

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

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1 *Adopts the Central Coast Council Leisure and Aquatic Strategy 2025-2035 as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*
- 2 *Notes the outcomes of public exhibition as set out in Attachment 2 to this report.*
- 3 *Notifies those persons who lodged submissions of Council's decision.*
- 4 *Writes to State representatives and MP's seeking their support, including financially for upgrade of Gosford Olympic Pool.*
- 5 *Amends the document as below:*
 - a) *To specify that the Wyong Pool at the end of its life be reconstructed in the same position that it is presently located.*
 - b) *Delete last sentence of 9.6, second paragraph.*
 - c) *Delete actions 7 and 8.*

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

That the item be deferred pending a Councillor workshop, prior to the next Community and Culture Meeting on 11 November 2025.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL and *SECONDED* by Councillor WALSH:

CCC21/25

That the matter be laid on the table.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

6:22pm

That the order of business be changed so the following items be brought forward and dealt with immediately, was MOVED by Councillor CASTLES:

- ***Item 1.11 Rugby League World Cup 2026 - Request for Proposal Training Venue***
- ***Item 1.12 Memorandum of Understanding - Ongoing Contribution to Football Facilities Upgrades - for CEO Signature***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

6:35PM

AN EXTENSION OF TIME OF 15 MINUTES WAS MOVED by Councillor WALSH and ***SECONDED*** by Councillor MCNAMARA:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.9 Memorials in Public Places Policy - For Public Exhibition

6:36pm

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

CCC22/25

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- I. Endorses the draft Memorials in Public Places Policy, as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 42 days.***
- II. Notes that a further report will be provided to the Community and Culture Committee on the outcomes of the community consultation following the period of public exhibition.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.10 Community Engagement Report - Outcomes of the Connecting with Community Groups and Organisations Expressions of Interest (EOI)

6:43pm

Section Manager for Communications Engagement and Digital Marketing spoke to the report.

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

CCC23/25

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- I. Notes the outcomes, insights and analysis of the Connecting with Community Groups and Organisations Expressions of Interest (EOI).***
- II. Endorses the nine (9) 'actions' as outlined within this report.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.11 Rugby League World Cup 2026 - Request for Proposal Training Venue

6:22pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:

CCC24/25

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- I. Endorses the submission of a formal proposal to host a Base Training Camp, at the Central Coast Regional Sporting and Recreation Complex in Tuggerah, for international teams participating in the Rugby League World Cup 2026.***
- II. Considers the options for financial contribution and supports the recommendation of a \$31,246.05 (50%) fee reduction as outlined in Option B of the 'Rugby League World Cup 2026 - Request for Proposal Training Venue' report.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.12 Memorandum of Understanding - Ongoing Contribution to Football Facilities Upgrades - for CEO Signature

6:23pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Councillor DANIELS:

CCC25/25

That the Committee recommends that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer executes the Memorandum of Understanding in Attachment 1 between Central Coast Council and Central Coast Football.

FOR: CRS WALSH, CASTLES, DANIELS, MCNAMARA, SMITH AND NEAL
AGAINST: CR MACGREGOR

CARRIED

The next meeting is to be held at 5:00pm on Tuesday 11 November 2025.

The Meeting concluded at 6:53pm.

The following item 1.13 'Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy – update' was not discussed and will be deferred to the next meeting.

1.13 Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy - update

That the Committee recommends to Council

- 1 *That Council notes the updated report on the Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy actions.*
- 2 *That Council endorses the removal of 11 Margaret Street, Wyong from the list of identified sites for Affordable and Alternate Housing, noting that it is required for operational use.*