



Central Coast Council  
Supplementary Business Paper  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
**29 April 2025**





# COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) FOR THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST DEFINES THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST BRINGS TOGETHER EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO SET KEY DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

One - Central Coast will shape and inform Council's business activities, future plans, services and expenditure. Where actions are the responsibility of other organisations, sectors and groups to deliver, Council will work with key partners to advocate on behalf of our community.

Ultimately, every one of us who live on the Central Coast has an opportunity and responsibility to create a sustainable future from which we can all benefit. Working together we can make a difference.

## RESPONSIBLE

**WE'RE A RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN ALL OUR INTERACTIONS.**

We value transparent and meaningful communication and use community feedback to drive strategic decision making and expenditure, particularly around the delivery of essential infrastructure projects that increase the safety, liveability and sustainability of our region. We're taking a strategic approach to ensure our planning and development processes are sustainable and accessible and are designed to preserve the unique character of the coast.

 **Good governance and great partnerships**

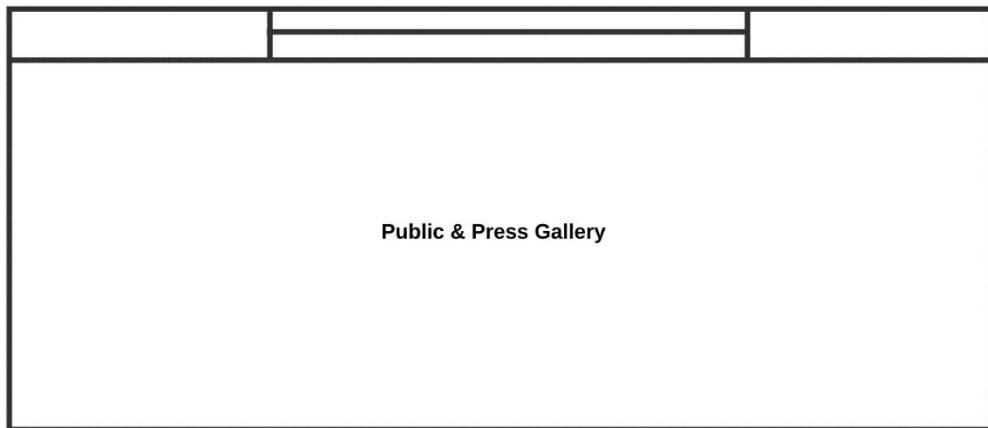
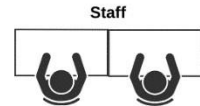
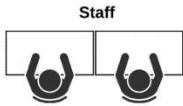
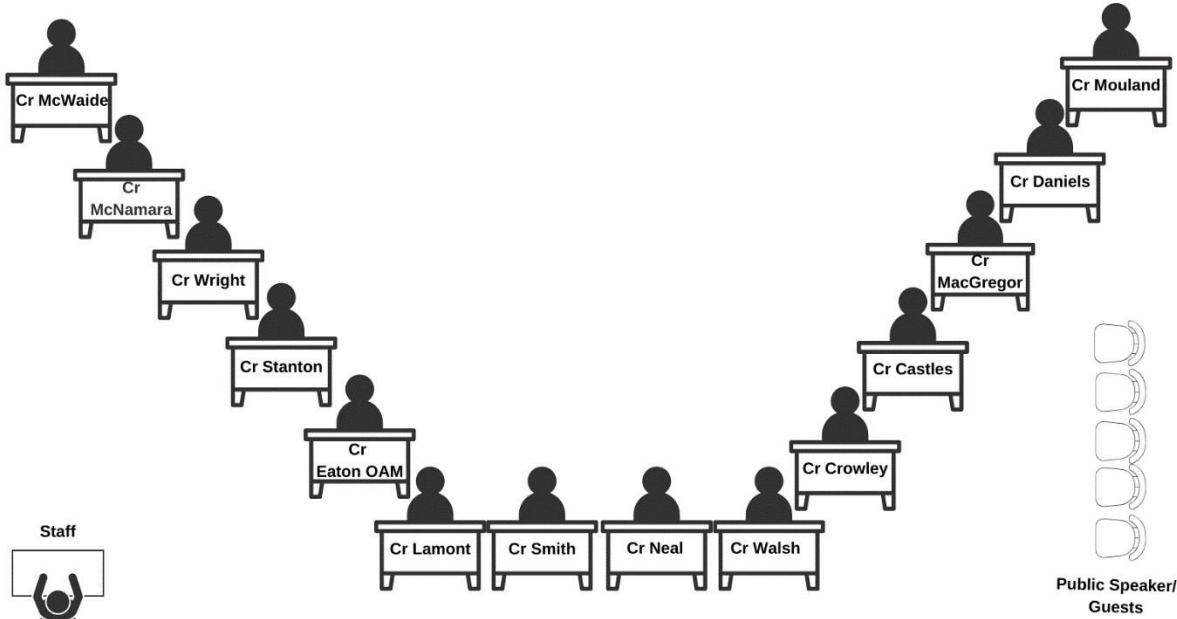
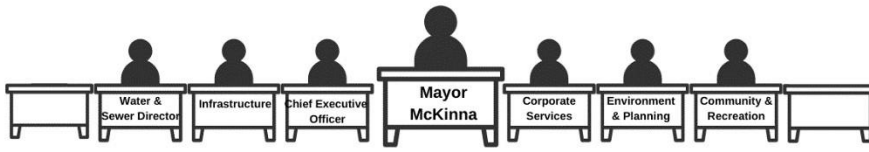
**G2** Engage and communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making

There are 5 themes, 12 focus areas and 48 objectives

### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028 FRAMEWORK

All council reports contained within the Business Paper are now aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Each report will contain a cross reference to a Theme, Focus Area and Objective within the framework of the Plan.





### **Oath or Affirmation of Office**

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office to undertake their duties in the best interests of the people of the Central Coast and Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities, and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993*, or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement. Councillors are also reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

### **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors are reminded of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to declare any conflict of interest in a matter considered by Council.

**Pecuniary interest:** A Councillor who has a **pecuniary interest** in any matter with which the Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting:

- a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or
- b) At any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**Non-Pecuniary conflict of interest:** A Councillor who has a **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.

**Significant Non-Pecuniary conflict of interest:** A Councillor who has a **significant** non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.

**Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest:** A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is **not significant** and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest it must also be explained why the conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

### **Recording**

In accordance with the *NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*, you are advised that all discussion held during the Open Council meeting is recorded for the purpose of livestreaming the public meeting and verifying the minutes. This will include any public discussion involving a councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

## **Meeting Notice**

**The Ordinary Council Meeting  
of Central Coast Council  
will be held in the Central Coast Council Chambers,  
2 Hely Street, Wyong  
on Tuesday 29 April 2025 at 6.30pm,  
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

**The Public Forum will commence at 6.00pm, subject to any  
registered speaker/s to items listed on this agenda.**

Further information and details on registration process:

[www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings-and-minutes/council-meetings](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings-and-minutes/council-meetings)

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER**

#### **5 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

- 5.2 Question with Notice - Probity Planning and the Wamberal Seawall Project..... 6

David Farmer  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**Item No:** 5.2  
**Title:** Question with Notice - Probity Planning and the Wamberal Seawall Project  
**Department:** Councillor

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Reference: F2025/00016 - D16803390  
Author: Councillor Corinne Lamont,

## **5.2 Question with Notice - Probity Planning and the Wamberal Seawall Project**

The following question was submitted by Councillor C Lamont:

*Council recently responded to a Councillor enquiry that "no probity risks were identified" during the initial phase of the Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection and Sand Nourishment project, which commenced in 2020. This position is inconsistent with Council's Probity Advice Policy, as well as with the governance expectations raised at the first meeting of the Wamberal Seawall Advisory Taskforce, where Council staff were tasked with developing a governance plan for the project.*

*The seawall project was, and remains, a complex, high-risk initiative involving multiple stakeholders, including private landowners, state government agencies, and Council in dual roles as both landowner and regulator. Notably, this occurred during a period when Council was under administration, with no Councillor or community oversight of the project. These circumstances are precisely those that elevate probity risks and, under Council's own policy, require early and proactive probity planning, regardless of whether risks had been formally recorded at the time.*

*Council's Probity Advice Policy specifically calls for the early consideration of probity in projects involving infrastructure delivery, reputational sensitivity, and public/private interface, all of which were present from the outset. Despite this, and despite the Taskforce explicitly identifying the need for probity planning in its first meeting in August 2020, a probity plan for the Wamberal Beach Seawall project was not adopted until February 2024, nearly four years after project commencement.*

*Given the requirements in Council's Probity Advice Policy for early probity planning, and given that the Wamberal Seawall Advisory Taskforce identified this need in its first meeting and assigned the development of a governance plan to Council staff, on what basis did Council determine that no probity risks existed at the commencement of the project, and who made that determination?*

**5.2 Question with Notice - Probity Planning and the Wamberal Seawall Project (cont'd)**

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**Response**

This question pertains to a matter which occurred approximately 5 years ago. Due to its complexity, additional time and resources are required to provide an appropriate response. As a result, it is not possible to provide a response for this Council Meeting. A response will be provided for inclusion in the Business Paper for the Council Meeting of 27 May 2025.

**Attachments**

*Nil.*