



Central Coast Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

26 August 2025

MINUTES

Present

Mayor Lawrie McKinna
Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM
Councillor Margot Castles
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Corinne Lamont (remotely)
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
Luke Nicholls	Director Environment and Planning
Krystie Bryant	Acting Director Water and Sewer
Marissa Racomelara	Director Corporate Services
Melanie Smith	Director Community and Recreation Services

Notes

Mayor Lawrie McKinna declared the meeting open at 6:30pm and requested a motion to adjourn the Ordinary Meeting.

That Council adjourn the Ordinary Meeting at 6:30pm to hear from the remaining public Forum speakers WAS MOVED by Councillor Mouland and SECONDED by Councillor MacGregor.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

The public forum closed at 6.45pm. The Mayor noted that the Ordinary Meeting will recommence after a 5 minute adjournment.

That the meeting resume at 6:50pm, WAS MOVED by Councillor MacGregor and SECONDED by Councillor Mouland :

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

Mayor Lawrie McKinna declared the meeting re-opened at 6.50pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Mayor gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor MacGregor and SECONDED by Councillor Mouland:

That Council approves the request by Councillor Corinne Lamont to attend the Council Meeting on 26 August 2025 at 6:30pm by audio-visual link as she is unable to attend in person due to personal reasons.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

6:52pm

Deputy Mayor Eaton OAM disclosed a non-pecuniary, significant interest on item 5.7 *Community Support Grant Program - June 2025 Part 1d*, because Coast and Country Primary care are a major tenant in premises owned by CCGT of which he is the Chair. He will leave the chamber during discussion and will not participate in discussions and voting on the item.

Councillor Neal disclosed a pecuniary interest on item 5.7 *Community Support Grant Program - June 2025 Part 1d*, as her spouse is a board member of CCPC. She will leave the chamber during discussion and will not participate in discussions and voting on the item

Councillor Neal disclosed significant pecuniary interest in item 7.1 *Recission Motion - Council Owned Land within the Gosford CBD*, due to her spouses interest.

Cr Lamont noted for transparency that with regard to *Item 6.6- Notice of Motion - Reconstruction Authority Responding to Coastal Erosion Emergency* - that she is a member of the SOS FaceBook community group, and declared that under Clause 5.3 of the Code of Conduct, this does not constitute a conflict of interest. She also declared she has no private interest in the matter or close personal relationship with anyone who has a private interest in the matter. She will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on this item.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6:56pm

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

747/25

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 July 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.

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

That Council:

- 1 *Confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 July 2025 as read and a true record of the Meeting.*
- 2 *Notes the profanity that was made by Deputy Mayor Eaton OAM.*

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 LOST and debate resumed on the original motion

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, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

1.3 Items Resolved by Exception

7:04pm

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

748/25

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

- a) Item 5.3 - Draft Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice, and Public Forum Policy - For Adoption.***
- b) Item 5.4 - Statistical Reporting for Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 - 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025.***
- c) Item 5.5 - Draft Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy - For Adoption.***
- d) Item 5.6 - Councillor Expenses and Facilities Report - 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025.***

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

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

AGAINST: CR WALSH

7:00pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Mayor MCKINNA AND *SECONDED* by Councillor MCGREGOR :

That Council suspend standing orders and consider the following items first, and then the remaining items in agenda sequence:

- a) Item 4.1 Review Committee – Current Library Building – Minutes and Recommendations – August 2025.***
- b) Item 6.6 – Notice of Motion – Reconstruction Authority Responding to Coastal Erosion Emergency.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

DEFERRED ITEMS

2.1 Community Participation Plan - For Adoption

749/25

That Council defer the consideration of item 2.1 Community Participation Plan – For Adoption to the Environment and Planning Ordinary meeting to be held on 2 September 2025 was MOVED by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and SECONDED by Councillor MOULAND:

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

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

AGAINST: CR NEAL

FINANCIAL ITEMS

3.1 Monthly Investment Report July 2025

8.37pm

A MOTION was *MOVED by Councillor WRIGHT and SECONDED by Councillor NEAL*

750/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the Investment Report for July 2025.***
- 2 Notes that the July 2025 unrestricted funds deficit in the Drainage Fund is offset by the unrestricted funds available in the General Fund.***
- 3 Notes the July 2025 restrictions have not been finalised due to ongoing 2024-25 year end processes and audit, and reporting will resume from the next Investment Report to Council.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

3.2 2024-25 Financial Year Results

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Councillor NEAL

751/25

That Council:

- 1 *Notes the 2024-25 FY draft financial result and the end of financial year process status.***
- 2 *Notes the funding associated with projects continuing into the 2025-26 FY and the associated internal restriction of funds.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1 Review Committee - Current Library Building - Minutes and Recommendations - August 2025

7:08pm

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

752/25

That Council adopts the reports and recommendations of the Review Committee Current Library Building meeting of 7 August 2025 as outlined below:

- 1 *Receives and notes the minutes of the Review Committee – Current Library Building meeting held 7 August 2025.***
- 2 *Adopts the recommendations of the Review Committee - Current Library Building in the below resolution.***

RCCLB7/25

That Council:

- 1 *Decides on the future of the building, noting the recommendation of the committee below:***

'To pursue a commercial or community use for the building and revise the Kibble Park Place Plan. To retain the Library building while determining the feasibility and funding sources to repurpose the building'.
- c) *Rescinds any decision to demolish the existing Gosford Library building.***

- d) Applies for Local, and investigates State Heritage Protection of the building.*
- e) Continues with this committee with the addition of any other interested Councillors.*
- f) Any future commercial or community lease to include the negotiation of outgoings, maintenance and capital work responsibilities by the lessee, following the submission of an Expression of Interest.*
- g) Approves allocated funding from the demolition to contribute to ensuring the building is at an acceptable standard for commercial and community use. At such time when the building is at an acceptable standard for commercial and community use Council explores options to make the building available for appropriate community use as soon as possible.*
- h) That Council demolishes the Parkhouse Building with the view to enhancing the available open space within Kibble Park.*

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.2 Infrastructure and Assets Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - August 2025

8:42pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor STANTON and *SECONDED* by Councillor WALSH:

753/25

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Infrastructure and Assets Committee meeting held in August 2025.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.3 Governance and Finance Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - August 2025

8:43pm

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

754/25

That Council:

- 1** *Receives and notes the minutes of the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held in August 2025.*
- 2** *Adopts the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee in the*

below resolutions:

GFC13/25

That Council adopts the Agency Information Guide (AIG) attached to this report.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

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

755/25

GFC16/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the past 3 years.***
- 2 Approves the provision of a report to the November Governance and Finance Committee meeting, with estimates as to the approximate costs of local government cost shifting on Central Coast Council. The findings are to be broken down by the overall cost to Council, and the allocation to the areas and the average cost it equates to per rate payer.***
- 3 Notes when this item is reviewed Councillors they will review the relevant information and discuss the course of action appropriate and its findings.***
- 4 Within 2 ordinary Governance and Finance Committee meetings a report be presented covering the total costs of cost shifting from the period 2013-14 to 2023-24 and it include a comparison of the state average and the impact on the Central Coast.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4.4 Environment and Planning Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - August 2025

8.58pm

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

756/25

That Council:

- 1 Receives and notes the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held 5 August 2025.***
- 2 Adopts the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee in the below resolutions.***

EPC45/25

That Council endorses the draft Tuggerah Lakes Flood Study Review be placed on public exhibition for a period of four (4) weeks.

EPC48/25

That Council revokes the Temporary Food Premises Policy.

EPC49/25

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the delegation issued by the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure for RZ/1/2023 or, if required, requests 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.

EPC52/25

That Council:

- 1 Endorses the 2025-26 Draft Central Coast Regulatory Priorities Statement at Attachment 1.***
- 2 Notes that during the public exhibition period for the Central Coast Council Regulatory Priorities Statement, feedback was invited from the community.***
- 3 Confirms that the illegal tree clearing be added as an additional priority to the 2025-26 Draft Central Coast Regulatory Priorities.***

EPC57/25 That Council notes that the Committee determined the following Community Representatives be appointment to the Coastal, Estuary and Floodplain Risk Management Sub-Committee in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference for that Sub-Committee:

- a) Carla Sbrocchi,***
- b) Mark Elsley,***
- c) Mark Ellis.***

EPC60/25

That Council endorses the draft Gosford Memorial Park and Rotary Park Conservation Management Plan, as per Attachment 1 and 2, to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

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

757/25

EPC47/25

That Council:

- 1 Endorses public exhibition of the Draft Open Pile Burning Policy at Attachment 1 for a period of no less than 28 days.**
- 2 Confirms that the draft includes reference to the key threatening processes, removal of woody debris with some explanation to discourage unnecessary removal of timber through the Pile Burning Policy.**

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

That part 4 of the policy, Conditions of Consent, includes the below amendment:

- 4.1. Open pile burning of dry and dead vegetation should NOT be seen as the best method for disposing of dry and dead vegetation. The smoke produced by open pile burning contains harmful fine particulates and other air pollutants. Alternative means of disposal such as through Council's kerbside collection service or waste management facility, or by chipping or mulching and composting, should be thoroughly investigated and are the preferred disposal methods.*
- 4.2. Parcels of land must be either:*
 - 4.2.1. Greater than 4,000m² in area; and*
 - 4.2.2. zoned E2 Environmental Conservation, E3 Environmental Management, E4 Environmental Living, RE2 Private Recreation, R5 Large Lot Residential, RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, RU5 Village, or RU6 Transition under the Central Coast Local Environment Plan 2022 (CCLEP), and*
 - 4.2.3. a) not serviced by Council's garden vegetable bin service, or*
b) Less than 4,000m² in area, located in Hawkesbury River Communities (where there is boat-only access to properties), and zoned C2 Environmental Conservation under the CCLEP.
- 4.17. Burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 8am and 5pm.*
Or
4.17. Burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 7am and 10pm, EXCEPT for land in valleys and low-lying areas subject to temperature inversion events, where burning must only be undertaken between the hours of 8am and 5pm.
- 4.18. All fires must be completely extinguished between the hours of 5pm and 8am.*
Or
4.18. All fires must be completely extinguished between the hours of 10pm and 7am, EXCEPT for land in valleys and low-lying areas subject to temperature inversion events, where all fire must be completely extinguished between the hours of 5pm and 8am.
- 4.23. Where required by Council, persons intending to undertake open pile burning must complete and submit an Open Burning Self-Assessment Declaration Form up to 3 days prior to burning. This form is designed to ensure that residents are aware of and agree to comply with all relevant conditions of consent under this Policy.*

The form will include:

- *Confirmation of property zoning and land size eligibility*
- *A checklist of conditions to be met (e.g., weather, pile size, notification to neighbours)*
- *A declaration acknowledging personal responsibility for safe and compliant burning*

The amendment was LOST and debate resumed on the original motion

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, 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, CROWLEY, WALSH, SMITH, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS NEAL AND LAMONT

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

758/25

EPC50/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the outcomes of the formal consultation process for the draft Development Application Submissions Policy, notes the submissions received, and matters raised therein.***
- 2 Adopts the draft Development Application Submissions Policy, included as Attachment 1.***
- 3 Requests that the Chief Executive Officer provide the adopted Development Application Submissions Policy to the Secretary of the Department of Planning Housing & Infrastructure for approval, as is required by the Ministerial Directions titled 'Local Planning Panels Direction – Development Applications and Applications to Modify Development Consents' (dated 6 May 2024).***
- 4 Provides written correspondence to all those that made a submission to the draft Policy, noting the outcome of the consultation process and the adoption of the Policy.***

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, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

4.5 Economic Development Committee - Minutes and Recommendations - August 2025

9:41pm

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

759/25

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held in August 2025.

COUNCILLOR MACGREGOR LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:41PM

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

COUNCILLOR MACGREGOR RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 9:43 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING ON THIS ITEM.

REPORTS

5.1 Shark Management Program 2025-26 – Trial removal of nets at one beach location

8:26pm

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

760/25

That Council:

- 1 Supports the use of available technology such as drones, drumlines, and listening stations as the preferred shark mitigation measures, as an alternative to shark nets.***
- 2 Accepts the invitation to participate in a trial program.***
- 3 Notes research that shows that shark nets not effective in reducing risk of injury to humans from sharks.***
- 4 Calls on the NSW government to remove shark nets from all beaches and allocate resources to increased technology measures including additional drones, drumlines and listening stations to enhance public safety, while protecting marine life.***
- 5 Recommends that if the trial only allows nets to be removed from only one beach location, that the selection of the beach be referred to Department of Primary Industries (DPI) who are responsible for the management, evaluation, and implementation of the Shark Management Program.***

- 6 Recommends that any beach selection considers the current data from the DPI program, current technology in place, gaps in coverage, target and non-target marine life captured in nets, beach visitation and any additional risk factors.**
- 7 Ensures that new technologies are made available and fully operational before any shark nets are removed.**
- 8 Provides a report back to Councillors at the end of the trial, noting the effectiveness and any areas of improvement.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

5.2 Water and Sewer Security of Critical Infrastructure - Annual Report 2025

9.43pm

761/25

That Council defer the consideration of Item 5.2 – Water and Sewer Security of Critical Infrastructure – Annual Report 2025 - to the ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 September after Councillors have been provided a briefing was MOVED by Councillor SMITH and SECONDED by Councillor LAMONT:

COUNCILLOR MCNAMARA AND COUNCILLOR DANIELS LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:43PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING ON THIS ITEM.

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, SMITH, LAMONT, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE AND WRIGHT

AGAINST: NEAL

COUNCILLOR MCNAMARA RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 9:45PM

5.3 Draft Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice, and Public Forum Policy - For Adoption

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

762/25

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice as per Attachments 1 and 2, as placed on public exhibition and without further amendment.***
- 2 Adopts the Public Forum Policy, which has been amended to respond to public submissions, as per Attachment 3.***

5.4 Statistical Reporting for Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 - 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025

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

763/25

That Council notes the statistical reporting and annual reporting process of the formal Government Information (Public Access) applications within this report.

5.5 Draft Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy - For Adoption

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

764/25

That Council adopts the draft Water and Sewer Concessions and Rebate Policy.

5.6 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Report - 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025

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

765/25

That Council notes the Councillors Expenses and Facilities report for the period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025.

5.7 Community Support Grant Program - June 2025

9.45pm

A MOTION was MOVED by Councillor MOULAND and SECONDED by Councillor SMITH

766/25

That Council:

- 1 Allocates \$46,607.15 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2025-26 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program for the month of June as outlined below and in Attachment 1.***

a) Central Coast Family History Society Incorporated - Premises Running and Maintenance Costs Subsidy including Rates Subsidy - \$1,941.81.

b) Jopuka Productions Incorporated - Getting Jopuka back to performing again - Relaunch Sequence - \$5,000.00.

c) Davistown Progress Association Incorporated - Rates Subsidy - \$1,190.88.

d) Coast & Country Primary Care Limited - Mental Health Art Works - \$4,000.00.

- e) *The Girl Guides Association of New South Wales - Archery Equipment - \$5,000.00.*
- f) *Central Coast Basketball Incorporated - Enhancing Game-Day Operations through iPad Technology - \$4,996.00.*
- g) *Central Coast Bonsai Club Incorporated - Assistance with Hall Rental for Classes and Workshops - \$2,300.00.*
- h) *Uniting (NSW ACT) - Kids Disco - \$1,754.00.*
- i) *SparkCC Incorporated - Makerspace Rent Subsidy - \$5,000.00.*
- j) *Lions Club of Gwandalan Lioness Incorporated - Defibrillator Maintenance - \$3,048.00.*
- k) *Surf Life Saving Central Coast Incorporated - Beach Ready Program - Swim School Engagement - \$4,895.00.*
- l) *Hardy's Bay Club Limited - Arts and Culture - \$1,519.99.*
- m) *Central Coast Kids in Need Incorporated - Adam (Molch) Hillier Surf Classic - \$1,510.00.*
- n) *New South Wales Flying Disc Association Incorporated - 2025 NSW Mixed Ultimate State Championships - \$4,451.47.*

2 Declines the following applications, for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1:

- a) *Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Corporation - Keep Moving with Aunty Di - insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.*
- b) *Five-O-Plus Public Radio Association Incorporated - Tools and Equipment for Volunteer-Based Community Enterprise - application is ineligible.*
- c) *Central Coast Cycling Club Incorporated - Velodrome Training & Racing - application is ineligible.*
- d) *Sailability NSW Incorporated - Volunteer Assistance – more suitable grant program has been identified.*
- e) *Central Coast Highland Dancing Incorporated - The International Highland Dancing Championships - project is ineligible.*
- f) *The Trustee for Link To Us - Healing Hub: Weekly Drop-In Therapeutic Clinics for the Central Coast Community – applicant is ineligible.*
- g) *Australian Breastfeeding Association (NSW Branch) - Breastfeeding Support for the Central Coast - insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.*
- h) *Sohier Park Community Hall Incorporated - Sohier Park Community Hall Cool Room Upgrade – project is ineligible.*
- i) *Footprints Erina Limited - Tool and IT Equipment – application is ineligible.*

3 Advises the unsuccessful applicants in point 2 (above) and direct them to alternate funding sources if relevant.

DEPUTY MAYOR EATON OAM AND COUNCILLOR NEAL LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:45PM DUE TO DECLARED INTEREST IN PART 1D ITEM 5.7 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM – JUNE 2025 AND DID NOT TAKE PART IN VOTING ON THIS MATTER.

COUNCILLOR DANIELS RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 9:46PM AND PARTICIPATED IN VOTING ON THIS ITEM.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

DEPUTY MAYOR EATON OAM AND COUNCILLOR NEAL RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 9:46PM

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

6.1 Notice of Motion - Deputy Mayor - Extension of Term

9:47pm

Councillor McNamara withdrew the Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor – Extension of Term

That Council alters resolution 363/24 brought before Council on 8 October 2024 to extend the term of the elected Deputy Mayor to 8 October 2026.

6.2 Notice of Motion - Reform of Council Meeting Structure and Frequency, and Dissolution of Standing Committees

9.47pm

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

That Council:

- 1 *Dissolves all existing Standing Committees of Council, including:*
 - a) *Economic Development Committee,*
 - b) *Environment and Planning Committee,*
 - c) *Community and Culture Committee,*
 - d) *Infrastructure and assets Committee,*
 - e) *Governance and Finance Committee.*
- 2 *Adopts a new Council meeting structure comprising:*
 - a) *Two Ordinary Council Meetings per month, with attendance and full voting rights for all Councillors.*
 - b) *The first meeting to be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, dedicated to matters previously considered by:*
 - i. *the Environment and Planning Committee*
 - ii. *the Economic Development Committee; and*
 - iii. *on a rotating basis, either:*
 - I) *the Community and Culture portfolio,*
 - II) *the Infrastructure and Assets portfolio, or*
 - III) *the Governance and Finance portfolio.*
 - c) *The second meeting to be held on the last Tuesday of each month, to remain as the existing Ordinary Council Meeting.*
 - d) *Both meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers and conducted as Ordinary Meetings of Council.*

- 3 *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Code of Meeting Practice, meeting schedule, and administrative processes to reflect this new structure commencing from the next available monthly cycle.*
- 4 *Directs the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that all Council business formerly dealt with in committees is now fully integrated into the business papers of the relevant monthly Council meetings, with clear and accessible itemisation to support community understanding.*
- 5 *Resolves that any existing or future Advisory Committees, Panels, or Sub-Committees are to become freestanding committees that report directly to full Council, with their minutes and recommendations to be submitted to Ordinary Meetings for consideration and decision.*
- 6 *Notes that other comparable NSW councils operate efficiently with two Council meetings per month, rather than multiple committee layers, and that Central Coast Council should adopt a similarly reformative and transparent approach to better serve its community.*

COUNCILLOR STANTON LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:47PM

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

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

The Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor

COUNCILLOR STANTON RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 9:57PM AND AS A RESULT DID NOT TAKE PART IN VOTING ON THIS ITEM

6.3 Notice of Motion - Establishment of a Mobile Food Vendor Registration and Booking System

9.57pm

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

767/25

That Council:

- 1 Investigates and develops an online registration system to be added to Council's official website, enabling mobile food vendors to register their interest in operating within the local government area.***
- 2 Implements an annual registration fee for local mobile food vendors, providing access to an online calendar booking system.***
- 3 Ensures that all registrations require the submission of appropriate documentation, including but not limited to, a valid Australian Business Number (ABN), current food business licences, and up-to-date public liability***

insurance.

- 4 Provides an additional option for non-local mobile food vendors to pay a one-off fee to access the booking system for short-term or single-day operations.**
- 5 Develops clear terms and conditions for the use of designated trading locations and booking system, ensuring fair access and compliance with Council regulations and relevant legislation.**
- 6 Finalises the local approvals policy to allow mobile food vans to trade from council land and road reserves**
- 7 Receives a report to the Economic Development Committee outlining the feasibility, estimated costs, required resources, timeframe for implementation, and any necessary policy amendments to deliver this initiative.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

9:57pm

An extension of time for 30 minutes was *MOVED* by Mayor MCKINNA:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

6.4 Notice of Motion - Rocky Point Residents Cycleway Petition

10.05pm

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

768/25

That Council:

- 1 Receives the petition 'Revise the Rocky Point Cycle Way Plan to Protect Seabirds and Seagrass Habitat'.**
- 2 Includes this petition as part of its community consultation report when the Tuggerawong Pathway Stage 5 report is presented to council for its consideration.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

6.5 Notice of Motion - Improving Pedestrian Safety at Copacabana Primary School

10:07pm

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

769/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes that an investigation of traffic and pedestrian conditions outside Copacabana Primary School will be undertaken focusing on short term traffic and safety improvements within approximately six (6) months.**
- 2 Notes improvements to the existing kiss and drop zone, parking signage and the practicality of the current bus zones will be considered as part of a further review and investigation, and notes there are no current plans for a pedestrian crossing along Pueblo Street.**
- 3 Notes nominations for the grant funding will be identified and submitted in accordance with the New South Wales Governments timeframes for lodgement of submissions under the 'Get NSW Active' program. It is anticipated that the 'Get NSW Active' grant funding program will be open for submissions in October 2025 for 2026-27 financial year.**
- 4 Notes that the mechanism to provide feedback on improving pedestrian safety at Copacabana Public School as part of the Walking and Cycling Strategy will be through consultation with the school, school community, Department of Education and interested parties. Community consultation will take place later this year.**

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

6.6 Notice of Motion - Reconstruction Authority Responding to Coastal Erosion Emergency

7:33pm

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

That Council:

- 1 Notes that Council is able to request a Ministerial Authorisation, pursuant to Section 68, NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022, for development works via the Reconstruction Authority, in the circumstance where a Reconstruction Area has been declared.**
 - a. Reaffirms its position that while this is the relevant process, Council does not see further temporary works as being appropriate for Wamberal Beach and is instead focusing its efforts on medium-long term solutions.**
- 2 Notes that a Ministerial Authorisation was granted for temporary emergency coastal protection works at The Entrance North, following an application from Council to the**

NSW Reconstruction Authority on the expectation that Council would complete its Coastal Management Programs expeditiously.

- 3 Notes, in regard to coastal protection works at Wamberal, Council's [insert name] consultant engineers have advised Council, only a terminal protective structure correctly designed in accordance with Council's Engineering Design Requirements can provide an acceptable level of further risk reduction to dwellings while improving and sustaining public beach amenity and public safety.*
- 4 Notes, a Development Application for a Seawall solution at Wamberal is currently under consideration by the Regional Planning Panel and is yet to be determined.*
- 5 Notes, that Council's draft "Open Coast Coastal Management Program" was placed on exhibition on 14 July until 25 August 2025 and is the appropriate framework through which permanent protection works should be considered*
- 6 Directs the Chief Executive Officer to engage appropriately qualified consultants to develop, in consultation with private landowners, an alternative design for a medium/long term remediation works including sand nourishment underpinned with a rock revetment at Wamberal. This design should be in accordance with Council's Engineering Design Requirement and should offer protection from moderate-severe storm events. Work is to be funded from available funds in the Strategic Priorities Restrictions.*
 - a. Consult with the community by way of a statistically valid survey to gauge community views on a sand covered revetment along Wamberal Beach to protect it against coastal erosion. The survey to be undertaken during the design phase.*
 - b. Results of the survey be considered in the development of the design and that the survey results be reported back to Council .*
- 7 Upon completion of the design (to be jointly approved by impacted landowners), directs the Chief Executive Officer to lodge a request for a Ministerial Authorisation for such works via a request to the Reconstruction Authority. Implementation of any approved works is to be undertaken at the expense of impacted landowners and in accordance with any conditions of consent.*
- 8 Notes this design should be in accordance with Council's Engineering Design Requirement, the Coastal Management Framework and should offer protection from moderate-severe storm events. Work is to be funded from available funds in the Strategic Priorities Restrictions.*
- 9 Directs the Chief Executive Officer as a priority to identify and include a long-term solution for Wamberal as part of the draft Coastal Management Program. Any identified solution should go through an appropriate period of public consultation before being submitted to the Minister for the Environment for certification.*

An extension of debate time was MOVED by Councillor MACGREGOR and SECONDED by

Councillor WRIGHT:

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

AGAINST: CR MCNAMARA

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

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 Notes that Council is able to request a Ministerial Authorisation, pursuant to Section 68, NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022, for development works via the Reconstruction Authority, in the circumstance where a Reconstruction Area has been declared.*
- 2 Notes that a Ministerial Authorisation was granted for temporary emergency coastal protection works at The Entrance North, following an application from Council to the NSW Reconstruction Authority on the expectation that Council would complete its Coastal Management Programs expeditiously.*
- 3 Notes, in regard to coastal protection works at Wamberal, Council's consultant engineers [list name] have advised Council, only a terminal protective structure correctly designed in accordance with Council's Engineering Design Requirements can provide an acceptable level of further risk reduction to dwellings while improving and sustaining public beach amenity and public safety.*
- 4 Notes, a Development Application for a Seawall solution at Wamberal is currently under consideration by the Regional Planning Panel and is yet to be determined.*
- 5 Notes, that Council's draft "Open Coast Coastal Management Program" was placed on exhibition on 14 July until 25 August 2025 and is the appropriate framework through which permanent protection works should be considered.*
- 6 Directs the Chief Executive Officer to engage appropriately qualified coastal engineers to develop, in consultation with all landowners, an alternative design for a temporary protection works at Wamberal. Work is to be funded from available funds in the Strategic Priorities Restrictions.*
- 7 Upon completion of the design and costings (to be approved by all impacted landowners), directs the Chief Executive Officer to request for a Ministerial Authorisation for temporary protection works via a request to the NSW Reconstruction Authority. Implementation of any approved works is to be undertaken at the expense of impacted landowners and in accordance with any conditions of consent, temporary in nature until such time as council adopts an approved coastal management program.*
- 8 Directs the Chief Executive Officer as a priority to identify and include a long-term solution for Wamberal as part of the draft Coastal Management Program. Any identified solution should go through an appropriate period of public consultation*

before being submitted to the Minister for the Environment for certification.

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 LOST and debate resumed on the original motion

The Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST

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

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

At 8:19pm the Ordinary Meeting of Council was adjourned briefly to allow members of the public gallery who wished to leave the chamber to do so.

The meeting resumed at 8:25pm.

That the order of business be changed so Item 5.1 Shark Management Program 2025-26 – Trial Removal of Nets at One Beach Location - be brought forward and dealt with immediately WAS MOVED by Councillor MACGREGOR and SECONDED by Councillor MOULAND:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

RESCISSION MOTIONS

7.1 Rescission Motion - Council Owned Land within the Gosford CBD

10.15pm

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

"That the following resolutions carried at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 July 2024 be rescinded:

250/24

That the land included in the sale ("the Gosford CBD sites") to the Minister administering the TAFE Commission Act 1990 be reconfirmed as:

(b) 49-51 Mann Street Gosford (Lot 1 DP 251476 & Lot 1 DP 564021)

253/24

That, if the contract of sale with the Minister administering the TAFE Commission Act 1990 is for any reason rescinded by either party before 31 July 2025, the CEO be authorised to invite open market offers for any or all of the Gosford CBD sites (via expression of Interest or via tender) in accord with Council's Land Transactions Policy.

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DURING DISCUSSION COUNCILLOR NEAL DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THIS TIME DUE TO HER SPOUSE'S INTEREST AND LEFT THE MEETING AT 10.21PM AND AS A RESULT DID NOT TAKE PART IN VOTING ON THIS ITEM.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST

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

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

The Meeting closed at 10.28pm.