



Central Coast Council

Review Committee – Current Library Building

Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

07 August 2025

MINUTES

Attendance

Members

Councillor Trent McWaide
Councillor Margot Castles (Chair)
Councillor Jane Smith
Councillor Kyle MacGregor
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Rachel Stanton

Status

Present (remotely)
Present
Present
Present
Present
Present

Councillor Guests

Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Corrine Lamont
Councillor Belinda Neal
Councillor Sharon Walsh

Status

Present (remotely)
Present
Present (remotely)
Present
Present

Staff

Melanie Smith, Director Community and Recreation Services
Boris Bolgoff, Director Infrastructure
Samantha Cummins, Unit Manager Libraries and Education
Kylie Blakely, Civic Support Officer
Briony Stiles, Civic Support Team Leader

Status

Present

Present
Present
Present
Present

5.02pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR and *SECONDED* by Councillor DANIELS:

That the Committee elect Councillor Margot Castles to be the presiding Chairperson for the Review Committee - Current Library Building meeting, held at 5:00pm of 7 August 2025.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

NOTES

Councillor Castles took the seat of Chairperson for the meeting and declared the meeting open at 5:04pm.

REPORTS

1.1 Introduction: Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, and Apologies

5.06:pm

A MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:
That the Committee approves the request by Councillor McWaide to attend the Review Panel, Current Library Building meeting on Thursday 7 August 2025 by audio-visual link, as he is unable to attend in person for personal reasons.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.2 Disclosures of Interest

5:07pm

Councillor Castles declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in this item under the Local Government Act as many individuals and groups have contacted her previously and since the completion of the Community Consultation via both email and telephone providing insights. She will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Smith declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in this item under the Local Government Act as her place of work is mentioned in the report. She will participate in the meeting discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Walsh declared a non pecuniary, non significant interest in this item under the Local Government Act as many individuals and groups have contacted her previously and since the completion of the Community Consultation via both email and telephone providing insights. She will participate in the meeting discussion as an non voting Councillor.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5:10pm

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

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That the Committee confirms the minutes of the previous Review Committee – Current Library Building meetings held on 12 February 2025 and 27 February 2025.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

1.4 Gosford Library - Consultation Outcomes

5:11pm

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

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That the Committee:

- 1 Notes the outcomes of the community consultation regarding the future use of the existing library – 118 Donnison Street, Gosford.***
- 2 Endorses the escalation of the matter to Council for a decision 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'.
- 3 Recommends that Council rescinds any decision to demolish the existing Gosford library building.***
- 4 Recommends that Council applies for Heritage Protection of the building.***
- 5 Recommends that Council explore options of making the existing building available for appropriate community use, e.g. meetings as soon as possible.***
- 6 Recommends that Council continues this committee or establish another group of councillors to consider the long term usage of the building.***
- 7 Recommends that Council approves that the funding allocated for the demolition of the Library building be retained or restricted for capital works on the existing Library building.***
- 8 Recommends that Council supports the future of the Parkhouse building being considered by the Review Committee, Current Library Building, or it's replacement, subject to funding being identified and community consultation occurring.***

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

The Meeting concluded at 6:03pm.

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