Richmond Valley Council

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

22 January 2026

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MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO
ON THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026 AT 4PM

Please note: these minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council Meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

PRESENT: Cr Robert Mustow (Mayor), Cr Stephen Morrissey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Cornish, Cr Robert Hayes, Cr Sandra Humphrys, Cr John Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Vaughan Macdonald (General Manager), Ryan Gaiter (Director Organisational Services), Jenna Hazelwood (Chief of Staff), Tina Kao (Director Planning and Sustainable Communities), Stacey Mills (Manager Invest and Live RV), Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor), Simon Breeze (IT Support Coordinator)

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

"Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future."

2 PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer by the General Manager.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 220126/1

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That the apology received from Cr Lyndall Murray (absent due to work commitments) be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 MATTERS REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

5.1 Richmond Valley - Residential Development Update

This matter relates (d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

The General Manager reported that no written representations had been received in respect of the items listed for consideration in Closed Council.

The Chair called for representations from the gallery.

There were no verbal representations from the gallery in respect of this item.

The Chair advised that under section 10A Local Government Act 1993, the media and public are to be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be discussed is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10(2) as outlined above.

RESOLUTION 220126/2

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That:

1. Council enters Closed Council to consider the business identified in Item 5.1, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis the business to be discussed is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10(2) as outlined above. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) Local Government Act 1993

CARRIED

Council closed its meeting at 4.05pm

The open Council meeting resumed at 4.26pm

6 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL

The resolution of the Closed Council meeting was read by the General Manager (Item 5.1)

5.1 Richmond Valley - Residential Development Update

That this item be deferred to the February Ordinary meeting, for the provision of further information.

The Meeting closed at 4.27pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Richmond Valley Council held on 17 February 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON