Richmond Valley Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 April 2026

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MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO
ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026

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 Robert Hayes, Cr Sandra Humphrys, Cr Lyndall Murray, 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), Ben Zeller (Director Infrastructure Services & Projects), Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor), Sebastian Scholl (IT Support Officer) & Koby Johnston (Trainee IT Support Officer).

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 210426/1

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Lyndall Murray

That the apology received from Cr Sam Cornish (absent due to unplanned family commitments) be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

4 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 210426/2

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 March 2026.

CARRIED

6 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Cr Hayes referred to Item 14.1 – Update on Airforce Beach Management Options; and enquired if a update on part two of the resolution has been received.

> *That Council Continues to pursue formal responses to the correspondence issued regarding the potential relocation of the 4WD beach access point to the northern edge of Evans Head, including investigation of Crown Land Lot 469 DP755625, which is not subject to National Park tenure or Native Title, and provides all correspondence and responses from Crown Lands to Councillors as they are received.The General Manager advised that we are awaiting a formal response and securing a licence over the proposed carpark works.*

The General Manager advised that discussions had taken place with Crown Lands representatives, however Council was still awaiting a formal response on both matters.

7 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Robert Hayes declared a non-pecuniary – significant conflict in relation to Item 14.2 Clause 4.6 Height Variation to the Richmond Valley LEP 2012 - 40 Richmond Street, Woodburn, due to being the applicant for the Development application and indicated that he would leave the meeting while this matter was being considered and determined.

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 MAYORAL ATTENDANCE REPORT 11 MARCH - 13 APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION 210426/3

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow
Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That Council receives and notes the Mayoral Attendance Report for the period 11 March – 13 April 2026.

CARRIED

10 DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil

11 MATTERS DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE

11.1 MATTERS TO BE DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION 210426/4

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 16.2 identified be determined without debate.

CARRIED

12 GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

13 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

14 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

14.1 DRAFT RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Work on the *draft Richmond Valley Council Flood Risk Management Study & Plan* (the Draft Plan) has now been completed and is presented for Council's consideration and endorsement for public exhibition. The Draft Plan represents Stages 3 & 4, in the NSW Government's Flood Risk Management Framework, and builds upon the Richmond Valley Flood Study 2023. It uses the latest available information and guidance to deliver informed contemporary recommendations to manage flood risk.

The project involved consultation with key stakeholders and the wider community via information sessions and a community questionnaire, and was provided with strategic oversight and guidance by a Flood Risk Management Committee (the Committee). The Committee included representation from Councillors, Richmond Valley Council, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water (DCCEEW), the NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA), State Emergency Services (SES), Rous County Council, and the community. It has held regular meetings since its inception in June 2025 and most recently voted to endorse the Draft Plan.

The Draft Plan has considered the consequences of flooding on the community; quantified economic cost of flooding; and incorporates a proportionate and risk-based approach to future development, changes in land use, and altered climate conditions. It aims to develop a range of appropriate flood management measures broadly grouped into:

- Flood Modification Options – physical engineering solutions that can change flood behaviour.
- Property Modification Options – such as planning controls and flood resilience measures.
- Response Modification Options – such as education and awareness, along with improved emergency services and early warning systems, aimed at helping the community respond to flood risk.

RESOLUTION 210426/5

Moved: Cr Robert Hayes
Seconded: Cr Lyndall Murray

That Council:

1. Endorses the *Draft Richmond Valley Council Flood Risk Management Study & Plan* for public exhibition for a minimum period of 30 days.

2. Prepares minor amendments to the Richmond Valley Development Control Plan 2021 for transitional flood planning provisions for exhibition concurrently with the *Draft Richmond Valley Council Flood Risk Management Study & Plan.*

CARRIED

At 6:21 pm, Cr Robert Hayes left the meeting.

14.2 CLAUSE 4.6 HEIGHT VARIATION TO THE RICHMOND VALLEY LEP 2012 - 40 RICHMOND STREET, WOODBURN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant has lodged a written request (DA2026/0173) for alterations and additions including the raising of a flood affected dwelling located at 40 Richmond Street, Woodburn (Lot 43 DP 828607). The proposal requires a variation to the maximum height of the building by more than 10% and therefore requires referral to Council, in accordance with the provisions of *Clause 4.6 Exceptions to Development Standards* of *Richmond Valley Local Environmental Plan (RVLEP) 2012*. The subject site is zoned R1 General Residential pursuant to the *RVLEP 2012*. The development is permissible with development consent.

RESOLUTION 210426/6

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Lyndall Murray

That Council, pursuant to Clause 4.6 of *Richmond Valley Local Environmental Plan 2012,* approves a variation in respect of Clause 4.3 Height of Buildings for DA2026/0173.

CARRIED

At 6:22 pm, Cr Robert Hayes returned to the meeting.

14.3 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE RICHMOND VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2021 - PRE EXHIBITION REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has undertaken a review of its Development Control Plan to correct minor administrative and spelling errors, inconsistency between chapters, achieve consistency with NSW legislation, the latest codes and guidelines, and the insertion of outcomes outlined in the *Richmond Valley Regional Job Precinct* Implementation Strategy.

The proposed amendments to the *Richmond Valley Development Control Plan 2021* are appended to this report with a proposal for it to be exhibited for a minimum 28 days. This report seeks Council's endorsement to undertake the community consultation process.

RESOLUTION 210426/7

Moved: Cr Robert Hayes
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council endorses the draft amendments to the Richmond Valley Development Control Plan 2021 for public exhibition.

CARRIED

15 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES & PROJECTS

15.1 TRANSFER OF COUNCIL'S INTEREST IN CASINO COMMUNITY HOUSING PROPERTIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council holds a 14.08% ownership share in the property at 51 East Street, Casino (Lot 1 DP 802516), and a 10% ownership share in the property at 100 North Street, Casino (Lot 61 DP 856967). The majority owner in both cases is the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (now Homes NSW). The ownership arrangement is formally documented in an executed deed.

Both properties are subject to leases issued to North Coast Community Housing Company Ltd (NCCH) and form part of the former Local Government and Community Housing Program. NCCH has continuously managed these dwellings as community housing. Council's minority ownership provides no financial benefit and imposes ongoing administrative responsibilities.

Homes NSW has asked Council to consider entering a new lease or to indicate if it wishes to exit the shared equity arrangement, noting that a buy-out of Council's share would be considered.

The option for a new lease includes Council being listed as a co-lessor but typically acts as a silent partner in the lease. Council would be exempt from day-to-day management but remain financially responsible for ownership share of any structural issues affecting the properties.

The buy-out option would include determining the market value of the property and then Homes NSW buying out Council's share of that market value.

The East Street property is currently classified as 'Community' land and Council would be required to reclassify the land as operational to dispose or transfer interests in the land. A reclassification of the North Street property was undertaken by Council in 1994.

RESOLUTION 210426/8

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Authorises the issue of formal written notice to Homes NSW (formerly NSW Land and Housing Corporation) and North Coast Community Housing Company Ltd in accordance with the Deed, offering the first option to purchase Council's share in 100 North Street, Casino (Lot 61 DP856967) at market value as determined by the Valuer General or another valuer agreed between the parties;
2. Authorises the General Manager to:
   (a) Negotiate and enter a contract for the sale of 100 North Street Casino, should an offer by either Homes NSW or North Coast Community Housing Company Ltd be accepted,
   (b) Execute all documents and take necessary steps to give effect to the above actions.
3. Endorses the process outlined in this report for sale of Council's share in 51 East Street, Casino (Lot 1 DP 802516) at market value as determined by the Valuer General or another valuer agreed between the parties.
4. Commences the reclassification of Lot 1 DP 802516 as operational land in accordance with Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 1993* via an LEP (Planning Proposal) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*
5. Authorises Council to lodge the planning proposal for the gateway with the Department of Planning.

CARRIED

15.2 CROWN LAND DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR OVERLAND FLOW (CASINO)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Casino's ageing stormwater network, built in the 1950s-60s, is no longer adequate for current rainfall patterns or the increased imperviousness of the urban area. Recent hydraulic modelling by Ardill Payne & Partners confirmed that several parts of Casino continue to experience localised flooding, and Council is now seeking grant funding to progress detailed design for the preferred piped upgrades to the main trunk system.

Investigations into extending an overland flow path from Warren Park to Barling Creek showed that while the concept could activate the trunk main's surcharge system, significant excavation and downstream constraints, particularly at Spring Grove Road and the Sewer Treatment Plant limit its feasibility.

Further flood assessment undertaken for the Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct identified major flow obstructions at Spring Grove Road and the Sewer Treatment Plant, which redirect floodwaters through the industrial area during large events. Two mitigation options were assessed, with the preferred option being a new broad channel through adjacent Crown land near Naughtons Gap Road. However, this land is subject to an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim, preventing any acquisition or construction.

Council cannot progress land acquisition until the claim is formally determined. To advance feasibility of the preferred overland flow option, Council must lodge a request with the NSW Aboriginal Land Claims Assessment Team for assessment of the outstanding claim.

RESOLUTION 210426/9

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council

1. Proceeds with investigations into the creation of a drainage easement over NSW Crown land.
2. Requests a priority desktop assessment of Aboriginal Land Claim 29512 over the Crown land parcels (Lot 7013 DP 92635 and Lots 310–317 DP 755727) to enable the creation of an overland flow pathway for stormwater and flood mitigation connecting Warren Park to Barling Creek.

CARRIED

15.3 CIVIC HALL MASTER PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council, with support from STEA Architecture consultants, prepared a draft Master Plan for the Casino Civic Hall. This work commenced in 2019 and included consultation with stakeholders and interested community members.

The draft Master Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the building's condition and identifies opportunities to restore its original art deco character while improving its functionality as a contemporary performing arts and community venue. It also addresses structural, compliance, and operational considerations, including theatre technologies and service upgrades.

The formal adoption of the draft Master Plan was delayed due to the impacts of COVID-19. Council recently placed the draft Master Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with submissions closing on 24 March 2026. No submissions were received.

A final draft Master Plan is now presented to Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION 210426/10

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council adopts the draft Civic Hall Master Plan.

CARRIED

16 ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

16.1 WATER PRICING REVIEW UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received a detailed report on water pricing at its 18 November 2025 meeting and resolved the following:

That Council:

1. *Receives and notes the results of the 2023 water pricing review and Council's commitment to further investigations in the Water for Life Strategy, Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program.*
2. *Continues to liaise with the Casino Food Company Ltd and other affected stakeholders on appropriate pricing structures that support Council's continued investment in water security and infrastructure and improve water pricing equity, while considering any potential impacts on the economic contribution of these businesses to the Richmond Valley.*
3. *Receives a further report on this matter in advance of the 2026/27 budget preparation process.*

Following this resolution staff have completed a detailed analysis of Council's cost of water production, this includes analysis on what it currently costs to both produce and reticulate water to all towns and villages in the Richmond Valley LGA. Council engaged Hydrology and Risk Consulting Pty Ltd (HARC), an independent industry specialist via a request for quote process to deliver an independent review of Council's water pricing analysis to:

- Evaluate the robustness and accuracy of Council's calculated cost of water production.
- Assess the methodology against industry best practice, relevant state guidelines, and applicable regulatory frameworks.
- Identify risks, gaps, and areas for improvement.
- Provide clear recommendations to ensure pricing is fair, evidence based, transparent, and able to withstand public and regulatory scrutiny.

The review provides valuable information to support preparation of the 2026/2027 budget process and is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

While the analysis and report focus on the financial sustainability of Council's Water Fund, it is recognised that the Casino Food Company Ltd (CFC) provides significant commercial and economic benefit to the Casino township and the broader Richmond Valley. CFC is a major regional employer and contributor to the local economy, and Council has historically supported the ongoing operation of the facility through access to town water supply under long-standing pricing arrangements under a water supply agreement between the CFC and Council from 2012.

At the same time, Council has an obligation to ensure that water pricing arrangements are transparent, equitable, financially sustainable and in line with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The analysis highlights that while Council can currently supply water to the CFC at a relatively lower unit cost, this outcome is dependent on substantial historic and ongoing investment by Council in water supply infrastructure, as set out in the *Water For Life 2050* strategy. This investment allows Council to manage operational and drought-related risks on behalf of all water users.

Council has had its agreement with CFC legally reviewed and the clear advice is that it is invalid and non-binding on Council, as a charge under the *Local Government Act 1993* cannot be agreed in perpetuity, as doing so is an unlawful fetter on the decision making of future Councils. Therefore, a new water supply charge will need to be determined by Council.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the water supply cost analysis findings and the independent review of Council's water pricing methodology;
2. Notes that the current water consumption charge applied to the Casino Food Company Ltd does not fully recover the cost of supply to it facilities and results in an ongoing financial loss to Council's Water Fund;
3. Notes that access to Council's town water supply provides the Casino Food Company Ltd with significant avoided costs, reduced commercial risk, and higher supply security, particularly during periods of drought, which are not reflected in current pricing;
4. Endorses discussions with the Casino Food Company Ltd to increase water consumption charges to Scenario 2 for 2026/27, as outlined in this report;
5. Requires that the General Manager completes an assessment to determine the long run marginal cost pricing framework, in line with regulatory best practice and reports the findings and recommendations back to Council by March 2027, to inform water pricing decisions for the 2027/28 financial year.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That Council:

1. Notes the findings of the independent review by Hydrology and Risk Consulting Pty Ltd (HARC), dated 2 April 2026 (V03), including:
   a. The confirmed cost of supply to Casino Food Company (CFC) of $1.48/kL in 2024/25 compared to the current charge of $1.27/kL;
   b. The resulting financial loss to Council of approximately $355,000 for the 2024/25 financial year;
   c. The absence of a Long Run Marginal Cost (LRMC) model and a compliant cost recovery framework.
2. Acknowledges that the current pricing methodology does not align with best practice regulatory pricing principles or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and creates ongoing financial risk to the Water Fund.
3. Resolves to adopt Scenario 3 as the basis for negotiation, subject to a structured transition arrangement of no more than 24 months from the date of any executed agreement, with the destination rate of $1.83/kL.
4. Directs the General Manager to:
   1. Commence formal negotiations with Casino Food Company under a defined framework, including clear parameters, milestones, and reporting obligations to Council;
      Provide a report to the August 2026 Ordinary Meeting outlining:
      I. A proposed compliant pricing model incorporating Long Run Marginal Cost (LRMC) and cost recovery principles;
      II. Transitional pricing options and associated economic impacts;
   2. A written record confirming that Casino Food Company Ltd has been formally notified of Council's resolved negotiating position.
   3. Ensure that any revised water supply agreement includes binding obligations on Casino Food Company Ltd to implement a Water Efficiency and Conservation Program, including:

I. Installation of sub-metering and real-time consumption monitoring at the company's expense within 12 months of agreement execution;

II. Preparation and submission to Council of an annual Water Efficiency Plan, identifying measurable reduction targets and capital investment in water-saving infrastructure;

III. Agreed consumption reduction benchmarks over the life of the agreement, with pricing incentives for performance above benchmark and financial penalties for material underperformance;

IV. A requirement that CFC's water efficiency performance be reported publicly as part of Council's annual Revenue Policy disclosure alongside any applicable CSO.

5. Requires that the level of any subsidy to CFC be transparently disclosed in Council's Revenue Policy as a Community Service Obligation (CSO).

The amendment was put to the vote and was **LOST**

In Favour: Cr Lyndall Murray

Against: Crs Robert Mustow, Stephen Morrissey, Robert Hayes, Sandra Humphrys and John Walker

LOST 1/5

The motion was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 210426/11

Moved: Cr Robert Mustow
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the water supply cost analysis findings and the independent review of Council's water pricing methodology;
2. Notes that the current water consumption charge applied to the Casino Food Company Ltd does not fully recover the cost of supply to it facilities and results in an ongoing financial loss to Council's Water Fund;
3. Notes that access to Council's town water supply provides the Casino Food Company Ltd with significant avoided costs, reduced commercial risk, and higher supply security, particularly during periods of drought, which are not reflected in current pricing;
4. Endorses discussions with the Casino Food Company Ltd to increase water consumption charges to Scenario 2 for 2026/27, as outlined in this report;
5. Requires that the General Manager completes an assessment to determine the long run marginal cost pricing framework, in line with regulatory best practice and reports the findings and recommendations back to Council by March 2027, to inform water pricing decisions for the 2027/28 financial year.

In Favour: Crs Robert Mustow, Stephen Morrissey, Robert Hayes, Sandra Humphrys and John Walker

Against: Cr Lyndall Murray

CARRIED 5/1

16.2 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status and performance of its cash and investment portfolio in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* s.625, Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 cl.212, Australian Accounting Standard (AASB 9) and Council's Investment Policy.

The value of Council's cash and investments as at 31 March 2026 is shown below:

Bank Accounts	Term Deposits	Floating Rate Notes	Fixed Rate Bonds	TCorp IM Funds	Total
$16,046,456	$42,000,000	$6,250,000	$3,000,000	$18,462,485	$85,758,941

The weighted average rate of return on Council's cash and investments at 31 March 2026 was negative (3.17%) which was below the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index for March of 3.81% (annualised), which is Council's benchmark.

RESOLUTION 210426/12

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council adopts the Financial Analysis Report detailing the performance of its cash and investments for the month of March 2026.

CARRIED

17 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

RESOLUTION 210426/13

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Recommended that the following reports submitted for information be received and noted.

CARRIED

17.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 210426/14

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the Development Applications report for the period 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.

CARRIED

17.2 GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION REPORT - MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 210426/15

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the Grant Application Information Report for the month of March 2026.

CARRIED

17.3 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 210426/16

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council receives and notes the Customer Service Report for the period 1 January – 31 March 2026.

CARRIED

17.4 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE OFF REARDONS LANE

RESOLUTION 210426/17

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained within the report on the proposed road closure adjoining Reardons Lane, Swan Bay; and
2. Notes that a future report will be presented to Council for determination of the proposed road closure following the consultation required under the *Roads Act 1993.*

CARRIED

17.5 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION OF BOUNDARY CREEK ROAD, BROADWATER

RESOLUTION 210426/18

Moved: Cr Lyndall Murray
Seconded: Cr Sandra Humphrys

That Council:

1. Considers the information contained within the report for the road reclassification of Boundary Creek Road, Broadwater; and
2. Notes that following consultation a future report will be presented to Council for determination.

CARRIED

18 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

19 MATTERS REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

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

19.1 Tender VP490321 - Heavy Rigid Truck Mobile Library

This matter relates to a (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 210426/19

Moved: Cr Stephen Morrissey
Seconded: Cr Robert Hayes

That:

1. Council enters Closed Council to consider the business identified in Item 19.1, 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 7.22pm

The open Council meeting resumed at 7.27pm

20 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL

The resolution of the Closed Council meeting was read by the Director Organisational Services (Item 19.1).

Tender VP490321 - Heavy Rigid Truck Mobile Library

That Council:

1. Declines all tenders for Tender VP490321 – Heavy Rigid Truck Mobile Library due to two submissions being outside the budget and one submission to have scope/design variations considered.
2. Applies Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to authorise the General Manager to enter direct negotiations with any suitably qualified contractors with a view to procure works that provide Council with the best outcome, both from a financial and delivery perspective, and to finalise terms of the contract or agreement and affixing the seal of Council where necessary.
3. Notes that the outcome of the negotiations will be reported to Council for information at a future meeting.

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON