



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 15 July 2025

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 15 July 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

**Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building Cressy Street
Deniliquin**

**Jack Bond
Chief Executive Officer**

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1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 10.00am

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Ken Bates, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Shannon Sampson, Chief Executive Officer

In Attendance: Executive Assistant

Apologies: Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Craig Druitt

Gallery: One

3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Edward River Council wishes to advise members of the public that Council Meetings will be recorded and will be available after each meeting on Council's website [Councils Website](#). All care will be taken to maintain the privacy of those in attendance, however As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining In the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given in the event your image is broadcast. This includes any filming by television cameras if attendance is approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples - and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. The Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

1. That the application for a leave of absence by Cr Linda Fawns and Cr Craig Druitt be accepted.
2. Note that Mayor Cr Ashley Hall will be on leave from Thursday 31 July 2025 to Friday 15 August 2025 inclusive.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 JUNE 2025**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/6.1

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 17 June 2025.

CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Item 11.1 Cr Shirlee Burge declared a Non-Pecuniary-Less than significant Conflict of Interest.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. SUPPLEMENTRY REPORT - RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FUNDING**9.1. RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FUNDING**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/9.1

That Council approve the expenditure of \$250,000 received from EnergyCo under the Letter of Agreement for Council activities associated with the South West Renewable Energy Zone.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**10.1. DRAFT MINUTES AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 22 MAY 2025**

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.1

That Council receive the draft minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting, held 22 May 2025 with those in attendance to include Mayor Cr Ashley Hall and Manager Customer Experience.

CARRIED

10.2. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.2

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee meeting, held Tuesday 24 June 2025

CARRIED

10.3. DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MAYRUNG VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.3

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Mayrung Village Committee AGM meeting held Thursday 26th June 2025 and notes the Committee's resolutions.

CARRIED

10.4. DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEMORIAL PARK USERS GROUP 4 JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/10.4

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Memorial Park User Group meeting held Wednesday 4 June 2025 and notes the Committee's recommendations.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

11.1. NAMING OF THE NORTH DENI REST STOP

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.1

That Council:

1. Endorse the name 'Legends Rest Area' for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street,
2. Call for submissions from the public regarding the proposed name 'Legends Rest Area' for a period of not less than 28 days, and
3. If no submissions are received, submit the name 'Legends Rest Area' to the Geographic Names Board of NSW for the area of the North Deniliquin Reserve adjacent to Davidson Street.

4. Develop a policy for the naming of parks and facilities.

CARRIED

11.2. DA2025/0038 - CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL CIVIC PRECINCT

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.2

That Council resolves to: -

1. APPROVE the development application DA2025/0038 for the consolidation and two (2) lot subdivision of the Edward River Council Civic Precinct, on Lot 1 DP1173376, Lot 9 DP662508, Lot X DP410447, Lot Y DP410447, Lot 6 DP667946 and Lot 6 DP668426, at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin, dated 29/05/2025 as shown on plan numbered 11539-21-22 Existing Titles and 11539-21-22/1009 Deniliquin Civic Place and described in details accompanying the Development Application, in accordance with section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and subject to the following reasons:
 - The development seeks to rectify the encroachment of the Town Hall verandah on Council-owned land.
 - The application generally complied with the applicable planning controls and has demonstrated to have a satisfactory effect on the environment.
 - The application is generally compliant with the key planning provisions contained within the ERLEP 2013 and the Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016.
 - The proposal is consistent with the zone and desired future character of the area.
 - The proposal is appropriate on the site given the existing character of the area.
 - The development will have no significant adverse impacts on the heritage, natural or built environments.
2. Impose the following conditions on DA2025/0038 within Attachment 1.

Division

Councillor	For	Against
Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley	X	
Cr Leanne Mulham	X	
Cr Shirlee Burge	X	
Cr Ken Bates	X	
Cr Frank Schofield	X	
Cr Shannon Sampson	X	
Mayor Cr Ashley Hall	X	

CARRIED

11.3. PUBLIC LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AND COUNTRY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME GRANT

Moved: Cr Leanne Mulham

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.3

That Council approve expenditure of grant funds for the following successful funding applications;

1. Library Infrastructure Improvements under the Public Library Infrastructure Grant 2024-25 for the value of \$185,000, and
2. New and Upgrade Bus Shelters under the Country Public Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme for the value of \$93,500.
3. Further discussion to come to Council regarding the location of the Bus Shelters.

11.4. CONFERENCES/COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/11.4

That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors/Chief Executive Officer at three important Local Government Conferences:-

1. ALGWA NSW Conference 2025 - Griffith 'Taste the Inspiration' - Griffith NSW Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th September 2025 Cr Leanne Mulham.
2. The Regions Rising National Summit 2025 Canberra 7 October to 8 October 2025 Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Shirlee Burge and Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley
3. 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November 2025 Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Shannon Sampson and the Chief Executive Officer.
4. Note that motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference are open and remain open until 26 October 2025.
5. That Edward River Council's voting delegate at the LGNSW Annual Conference will be the Mayor, if unavailable will be Deputy Mayor or if unavailable will be a Councillor as delegated by the Mayor.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING**12.1. MEDIA POLICY**

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the reviewed and updated Edward River Council Media Policy.

2. Note current compliance requirements for Council employees and Councillors.
3. Note that the Media Policy is now presented on Council's updated template.

CARRIED

12.2. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the reviewed and updated Edward River Council Social Media Policy.
2. Note current compliance requirements for Council employees and Councillors.
3. Note that the Social Media Policy is now presented on Council's updated template.

CARRIED

12.3. CEO PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.3

That Council:

1. Notes Cr Craig Druitt's withdrawal from the CEO Performance Review Committee
2. Endorses the appointment of the Councillor nominated member of the CEO Performance Review Committee as Cr Frank Schofield.

CARRIED

12.4. INVESTMENT REPORT - JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.4

1. That Council receive and note the Investment Report for June 2025

CARRIED

12.5. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - JUNE 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.5

That Council notes the funded projects report for June 2025.

CARRIED

12.6. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.6

That Council receive and note the Development Services Report for June 2025.

CARRIED

12.7. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 6 JULY 2025

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/1507/12.7

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 6 July 2025.

CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 10.43am