



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 20 May 2025

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

Date: Tuesday, 20 May 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 10.06am

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall, Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Craig Druitt, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Ken Bates, Cr Frank Schofield, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Shannon Sampson, Chief Executive Officer Jack Bond.

In Attendance: Director Infrastructure, Executive Assistant

Via Teams: Manager Finance

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

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 APRIL 2025

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Ken Bates

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/6.1

That Council receive and note the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 15 April 2025.

CARRIED

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Item 11.4 Cr Linda Fawns declared a Non-Pecuniary - Significant interest and will be absent from and not take part in any debate or voting on the issue.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**10.1. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2025/2005

That Council receives the draft minutes of the Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday 3rd April 2025 and notes the Committee's resolutions.

CARRIED

10.2. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONARGO HALL COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/10.2

That Council receives the minutes of the Conargo Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th April 2025, and endorses the recommendations from the Committee contained therein, specifically;

1. The acceptance of the quotation from Deni Civil & Construction for \$30,000.00 plus GST for the complete removal of the sheep yards, loading ramps and remediation of the site. This is to be funded by the Bob White Bequest fund, and
2. Considers the Committee's request for the Conargo Hall Committee to become an incorporated association.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**11.1. DA2025/0001 - EXPANSION OF EXISTING FEEDLOT FROM 999 HEAD TO 3,200 HEAD CATTLE - 58 BROUGHANS ROAD, PINE LODGE**

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/11.1

That Council:

1. **APPROVE** the development application **DA2025/0001** for the Expansion of Existing Feedlot from 999 head to 3,200 head of Cattle, on Lot 130 DP 756363 "High Claire", 58 Broughans Road , Pine Lodge, lodged on 13 January 2025, as shown on plans numbered F3-107-00-05, F3-107-00-06 and described in details accompanying the Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and subject to the following reasons:
 - a. The proposed development is permissible within the RU1 Primary Production zone under the *Conargo Local Environmental Plan 2013* and complies with the provisions of this environmental planning instrument;

- b. The existing facility and proposed development demonstrates capacity on site for the expansion of livestock numbers;
- c. The proposed development, subject to the imposition of conditions, is unlikely to have any unreasonable impact on the environment, and where an adverse impact has been identified, appropriate conditions have been imposed to mitigate the effects;
- d. The proposed development demonstrates compliance with the relevant Industry and best-practice Guidelines

2. Impose the following conditions as detailed in Attachment 1.

Division

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

CARRIED

11.2. DA2025/0019 - PROPOSED HANGAR (ANCILLARY TO AIRPORT) - LOT 43 DP 1189132, CEMETERY ROAD, DENILIKUIN

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/11.2

That Council:

1. APPROVE the development application DA2025/0019 for Aircraft Hangar ancillary to Airport Infrastructure zone, on Lot 43 DP 1189132, Cemetery Road, Deniliquin, lodged 06 March 2025, as shown in the attached Plan Set 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:
 - a. The proposed development is ancillary to the airport infrastructure zone under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013, and complies with the provisions of the environmental planning instrument,
 - b. The proposal is consistent with the desired character and Airport Masterplan;
 - c. The development will not have significant adverse impacts on the natural or built environment.

2. Impose the following conditions as detailed in Attachment 1

Division

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

CARRIED

11.3. AIRSTRIP IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL AND REMOTE NSW PROGRAM

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/11.3

That Council endorse the submission of a funding application to the Airstrips Improvements in Rural and Remote NSW Program up to an estimated project cost of \$4.575M.

CARRIED

11.4. CWA HALL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GENERAL REPORT

Cr Linda Fawns left the Council Chambers at 10.35am having declared an interest in the report.

Moved: Cr Craig Druitt

Seconded: Mayor Cr Ashley Hall

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with South West Music for the use of the CWA Hall for a period of up to two years from the Date of Agreement.

LOST

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

Alternate Motion

That Council defer the recommendation until further information is obtained. This will be brought back to the June Council Meeting.

LOST

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/11.4

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Leanne Mulham

That the lease of the CWA Hall be given to the Deni Youth Initiative with the initial option of a two year lease followed by two + two+ two.

CARRIED

Cr Linda Fawns returned to the Chambers at 10.48am.

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING**12.1. DRAFT ICT STRATEGY**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.1

That Council receive and note the ICT Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

12.2. HEALTH POSITION STATEMENT

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.2

That Council authorises the Mayor and CEO to use the adopted Position Statement in correspondence, meetings, funding submissions and public advocacy efforts relating to health infrastructure for Deniliquin.

CARRIED

12.3. ANNUAL RETURN OF INTEREST - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.3

That Council

1. Notes the designated persons' returns of interest for financial year 2024 to 2025
2. Notes the returns of interests will be published on Council's website in accordance with the requirements of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009* and guidelines issued by the NSW Information Commissioner.

CARRIED

12.4. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 3 JANUARY - MARCH 2025

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.4

That Council receive and note the quarterly Delivery Program report for the period January to March 2025.

CARRIED

12.5. FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE - APRIL 2025

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.5

That Council notes the funded projects report for April 2025.

CARRIED

12.6. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.6

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

CARRIED

12.7. MARCH 2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.7

That Council

1. Adopt the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) and the Responsible Accounting Officer's report on the financial position of the Council (Attachment 1).
2. Approve the revised budget for the 2024/25 financial year:
 - a. Council's budgeted operating result in surplus of \$6.78 million
 - b. Underlying net operating result after removing Capital Grants being deficit of \$0.29 million.
 - c. Capital expenditure of \$18.99 million

CARRIED

12.8. INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2025

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.8

That Council receive and note the Investment Report for April 2025

CARRIED

12.9. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL AS AT 12 MAY 2025

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/12.9

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 12 May 2025.

CARRIED

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Frank Schofield

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/15

That Council move into Confidential Business to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified as follows:-

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

At this stage, the time being 11.12am Council closed the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

15.1. C2025/17 BARHAM ROAD - PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS SUPPLY & DELIVERY

Moved: Cr Frank Schofield

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/15.1

That Council

1. Accepts the Schedule of Rates contract pricing amounting to \$125,000 + GST submitted by Civilcast Pty Ltd for Contract C2025/17 Barham Road – Precast Concrete Box Culverts Supply and Delivery,
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix Council's seal to the contract documentation for Contract C2025/17 Barham Road – Precast Concrete Box Culverts Supply and Delivery, and
3. Authorises the Contract Superintendent to approve variations to the purchase order up to a maximum value of 10%.
4. The CEO and Director will review the calculations with approval for an additional budget figure of \$25,000 if required.

CARRIED

15.2. CONTRACT C2025/09 TRICKETT STREET - CIVIL WORKS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/15.2

That Council

1. Accepts the quotation submitted by Deni Civil & Construction for Contract C2025/09 Trickett Street – Civil Work for the lump sum quotation price of \$220,140+GST,
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and attach Council's seal to the contract documentation for Contract C2025/09 Trickett Street – Civil Work,
3. Authorises the Contract Superintendent to approve variations on the Contract up to a maximum value of 10% of the contract sum, and
4. Reallocates \$265,000 from the Local Road Community Infrastructure Round 4 - Part A program to the Trickett Street - Civil Work project.

CARRIED

15.3. CONTRACT C2025/02 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BULK FUEL AND FUEL CARD SERVICES TO EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL

Moved: Cr Ken Bates

Seconded: Cr Craig Druitt

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/15.3

That Council:

1. Accepts the offer for Contract C2025.02 - Supply and delivery of Bulk Fuel and Fuel Card Services to Edward River Council, submitted by Ampol Australia Pty Ltd under Local Government Procurement's Contract NPN117-2 for an estimated annual amount of \$1,000,000,
2. Notes the term of the contract is an initial term of 2 years with an option to extend by a further year at the sole discretion of Council, and
3. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2025.02 - Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel and Fuel Card Services to Edward River Council.

15.4. CWA HALL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RECOMMENDATION

Council noted the confidential attachments as part of the public CWA Hall Expressions of Interest General Report.

CARRIED

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2025/2005/16

That Council moves out of Confidential Items at 11.39am and that the Chief Executive Officer read the resolutions.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.43am