

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2025,
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor D Watton (in the Chair) and Councillors Dixon, Grine, Harrington (via AV Link), Hill, Jurd, King, Lea, Madden (via AV Link), Mason, Palmowski, Pascoe and Hawkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Interim General Manager (Director Planning and Environment)
Acting Director Planning and Environment (Development Services Manager)
Director Corporate and Community Services
Director Works and Infrastructure
People and Culture Manager
Chief Financial Officer
Acting Development Services Manager (Development Services Coordinator)
Development Engineering Coordinator
Communications & Engagement Manager
Community Engagement Officer
Help Desk Support Officer
Senior Business Support Officer – Council Services

The Acknowledgement of Country was presented by Mayor Watton

The Prayer was presented by Pastor Amanda Francis

**ATTENDANCE BY
AV LINK**

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Hill
Seconded: Councillor Mason

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RESOLVED that Council permit Councillor Madden and Councillor Harrington to attend the 17 September 2025 Ordinary Council meeting by audio-visual link.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea
Total (13)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea
 Seconded: Councillor Pascoe

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RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 August 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI9/2025

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

PE25/2025 – DA 8/2024/530/1 proposing the erection of a dwelling and ancillary swimming pool – Councillor Harrington declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that a relative owns a property in close proximity to the building envelope of the proposed development. Councillor Harrington advised that she would remain in the chamber and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict does not influence her in carrying out her public duties because she is committed to acting in the best interest of the community, and she makes decisions based solely on the merits of the matter and in accordance with Council's policies, procedures and statutory obligations.

WI9/2025 – Draft Waste Management Policy - Councillor Jurd declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that family work at the waste depot. Councillor Jurd advised that she would remain in the chamber and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict will not influence her in carrying out her public duties because while her family work there, the Draft Waste Management Policy has nothing to do with their role.

PE24/2025 – DA 8/2024/533/1 Dwelling, Tourist & Visitor Accommodation, Function Centre, Restaurant or Café, and Ancillary Wellness Centre, Infrastructure Works, Signage and Landscaping – Councillor Pascoe declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that she believes one of the applicants may own a business that is a member of the Business Chamber of which she is the President. Councillor Pascoe advised she would remain in the chamber and take part in discussion and voting as this will not affect her ability to make judgement in relation to the DA.

PETITIONS

Nil

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

Speakers	For/Against Recommendation	Report	Page No.	Duration
David Landsberry	Against	PE24/2025 - DA 8/2024/533/1 Dwelling, Tourist & Visitor Accommodation, Function Centre, Restaurant or Café, and Ancillary Wellness Centre, Infrastructure Works, Signage and Landscaping	35	3 mins

EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved:

Councillor Lea

Seconded:

Councillor Hawkins

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RESOLVED

That an extension of time of one minute be granted to David Landsberry to complete his presentation.

FOR

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea
Total (13)

AGAINST

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXTENSION OF TIME**Moved:**
Seconded:Councillor Jurd
Councillor Palmowski

230

RESOLVED

That a further extension of time of one minute be granted to David Landsberry to complete his presentation.

FOR**AGAINST**

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea
Total (13)

Total (0)**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Justin Hamilton	For	PE24/2025 - DA 8/2024/533/1 Dwelling, Tourist & Visitor Accommodation, Function Centre, Restaurant or Café, and Ancillary Wellness Centre, Infrastructure Works, Signage and Landscaping	35	3 mins
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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE24/2025

SUBJECT: DA 8/2024/533/1 DWELLING, TOURIST & VISITOR ACCOMMODATION, FUNCTION CENTRE, RESTAURANT OR CAFÉ, AND ANCILLARY WELLNESS CENTRE, INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS, SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING

Councillor Pascoe declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that she believes one of the applicants may own a business that is a member of the Business Chamber of which she is the President. Councillor Pascoe remained in the chamber and took part in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Pascoe
231
RESOLVED

1. That:

- (i) Development Application No. 8/2024/533/1 proposing construction of a dwelling (to be used as a manager's residence), tourist and visitor accommodation, function centre, restaurant or café, and ancillary wellness centre, infrastructure works, signage and landscaping at 509 De Beyers Road Pokolbin be approved pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* subject to the conditions contained in Enclosure 2.**
- (ii) The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), and consideration of community views are as follows:**

 - The proposed development, subject to the recommended conditions, is consistent with the objectives of the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 (CLEP 2011)*.**
 - The proposed development is, subject to the recommended conditions, consistent with the objectives of the *Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP 2010)*; any variations to prescribed standards within this Plan have been adequately addressed.**
 - The proposed development is considered to be of an appropriate scale and form for the site.**
 - The proposed development, subject to the recommended conditions, will not result in unacceptable adverse impacts upon the natural or built environments.**
 - Any issues raised in submissions have been taken into account in the assessment report and where appropriate, conditions of consent have been imposed to reasonably mitigate potential impacts. Council**

has given due consideration to community views when making the decision to determine the application.

- (iii) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

2. That Council notifies in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Hill	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (11)	Total (2)

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ALL REPORTS BY ENGLOBO OR INDIVIDUALLY WITH NOMINATED EXCEPTIONS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
232

RESOLVED

That having read and considered the reports in the agenda related to items

OFFICERS REPORTS

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Council adopt the recommendations as printed in the business papers for those items.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM9/2025

SUBJECT: REGIONAL MOTIONS FOR 2025 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Watton
233

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the regional motions prepared by the Hunter Joint Organisation (JO) and their lodgement to the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference (23-25 November 2025).
2. That Council directly lodge endorsed regional motions to Local Government NSW by the closing date of 30 September 2025.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM10/2025

SUBJECT: WASTE LEVY REVIEW

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Watton
234

RESOLVED

That Council write to the NSW Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, the Member for Cessnock, Mr Clayton Barr MP, the member for Upper Hunter, Mr Dave Layzell MP, and the member for Maitland, The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, seeking that Cessnock City Council be reclassified from a Metropolitan Levy Area (MLA) to a Regional Levy Area (RLA).

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM11/2025

SUBJECT: HUNTER TRANSMISSION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Councillor Lea left the meeting, the time being 07.32 pm

Councillor Lea returned to the meeting, the time being 07.34 pm

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Watton
235

RESOLVED

1. That Council note that staff are preparing and will lodge a submission on the Hunter Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the due date of 24 September 2025.
2. That Council acknowledge the community's concerns, which have been listened to and incorporated into Council's submission.
3. That Council request that a copy of the final submission be circulated to Councillors once lodged.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU9/2025

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU2/2025

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

MOTION

236

Moved: Councillor Lea

Seconded: Councillor Hill

RESOLVED

1. That following review and consultation with the Interim General Manager, Council has determined that the existing three (3) directorate organisational structure under the General Manager will remain.
2. That the senior staff positions within Council remain unchanged being the General Manager, Director of Corporate and Community Services, Director of Planning and Environment and the Director of Works and Infrastructure.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE25/2025

SUBJECT: DA 8/2024/530/1 PROPOSING THE ERECTION OF A DWELLING AND ANCILLARY SWIMMING POOL

Councillor Harrington declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that a relative owns a property in close proximity to the building envelope of the proposed development. Councillor Harrington remained in the chamber and took part in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Hawkins
237
RESOLVED

1. That:

- (i) **Development Application No. 8/2024/530/1 proposing the erection of a dwelling and ancillary swimming pool on Lot 136 DP No. 1243665 William Street Paxton be approved pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* subject to the conditions contained within Enclosure 2 and the following additional condition which is to be inserted under the heading 'Before Issue of an Occupation Certificate for the Dwelling'**

'Prior to the issue of an OC for the dwelling, the Private Certifier>> is to be provided with evidence that an application for house numbering has been approved by Council ensuring that the dwelling is addressed to the street frontage of which access is proposed for emergency and service providers'.

- (ii) **The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), are as follows:**

- **The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the C2 Environmental Conservation zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*;**
- **The proposal is consistent with the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies;**
- **The proposal is compliant with the relevant provisions under the *Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010*;**
- **The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development does not result in any adverse impacts on the natural and built environment;**

- The site is considered suitable for the proposed development; and
 - The development proposal is considered to be in the public interest.
- (iii) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Hill	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (11)	Total (2)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC54/2025

SUBJECT: DRAFT CESSNOCK CITY LIBRARY STRATEGY 2025-35

MOTION

238

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Lea

RESOLVED

That Council place the Draft Cessnock City Library Strategy 2025-35 and the Draft Cessnock City Library Strategy Summary 2025-35 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC55/2025

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
1 AUGUST 2025**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Palmowski
239
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting held 1 August 2025 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Hill	Councillor King
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (10)	Total (3)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC56/2025

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - 2025/2026

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor King **Seconded:** Councillor Mason
240
RESOLVED

1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for a term of office of 12 months and notes the annual fee applicable to the term of the appointment was set at \$1,200.
2. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor by Open Voting.

The Director Corporate & Community advised the meeting that two nominations had been received those being Councillors Harrington and Hill.

Voting was conducted between Councillors Harrington and Hill by way of a show of hands.

The result of the vote is as follows:

For Councillor Harrington – Councillors Dixon, Jurd, King, Mason, Pascoe, Watton and Harrington

For Councillor Hill – Councillors Grine, Hill, Lea, Palmowski, Hawkins and Madden

3. That Council note the declaration of the Returning Officer that Councillor Harrington is elected as Deputy Mayor for the term of office 17 September 2025 to the day prior to the Ordinary Council meeting in September 2026.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea

Total (13)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC57/2025

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES FOLLOWING CASUAL VACANCY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor King **Seconded:** Councillor Jurd
241
RESOLVED

1. That Council appoints Councillor King as member and Mayor Watton as alternate member to the Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee for the current Council term.
2. That Council appoints Councillor King to the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel as an alternate member for the current Council term.
3. That Council appoints Councillor Jurd to the Council Initiated Awards Committee as an alternate member for the current Council term.
4. That Council notes the dissolution of the Local Traffic Committee following changes to the Transport for NSW delegation to councils.

Councillor Hawkins left the meeting, the time being 08.04 pm

Councillor Hawkins returned to the meeting, the time being 08.06 pm

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea
Total (13)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC58/2025

SUBJECT: DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 24/25FY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
242
RESOLVED

1. That Council formally refer the draft Financial Statements to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, to provide an opinion and report to Council.
2. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
3. That Council fix the date of 19 November 2025 as the date for the public meeting to present the audited Financial Statements and the Audit Reports for the year ended 30 June 2025, and that Council's external auditor be requested to be present to answer questions.
4. That the Interim General Manager be delegated authority to seek an extension of time for lodgment of the Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government should the need arise during finalisation of the audit.

FOR

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor King
Councillor Madden
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea
Total (12)

AGAINST

Councillor Jurd

Total (1)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC59/2025

SUBJECT: MEDIA POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
243

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the revised Media Policy.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC60/2025

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Grine **Seconded:** Councillor Lea
244
RESOLVED

That Council receives the report and notes the information in the Resolutions Tracking Report.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC61/2025

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2025

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
245
RESOLVED

That Council receives the Investment Report for August 2025 and notes that:

- **Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, which is in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order.**
- **Council's month end cash and investments balance was \$98,167,716.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC62/2025

SUBJECT: PUBLIC EXHIBITION - REVISED CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
246

RESOLVED

1. That Council places the revised Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of 28 calendar days.
2. That Council adopts the revised Code of Meeting Practice the day after the public submission period of 42 days concludes, if no unresolved submissions are received.
3. That Council rescinds the Code of Meeting Practice 2024 and adopts the Code of Meeting Practice 2025 with effect from 31 December 2025.

FOR

Councillor Grine
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Harrington
Councillor Hill
Councillor Jurd
Councillor King
Councillor Mason
Councillor Palmowski
Councillor Pascoe
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Watton
Councillor Lea

Total (12)

AGAINST

Councillor Madden

Total (1)

CARRIED

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI9/2025

SUBJECT: DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Councillor Jurd declared a Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant Conflict for the reason that family work at the waste depot. Councillor Jurd remained in the chamber and took part in discussion and voting

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Grine **Seconded:** Councillor Dixon
247

RESOLVED

1. That Council places the draft Waste Management Policy 2025 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That, if no relevant submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the draft Waste Management Policy 2025 be considered final and adopted.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI10/2025

SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW NETBALL FACILITY AT BOOTH PARK, KURRI KURRI

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
248
RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the proposed naming of the new netball facility within Booth Park, Kurri Kurri, adopting the name “Molly Worthington Netball Facility”.
2. In line with the Geographic Names Board Place Naming Policy, the Board be notified of the Netball Facility name to ensure the name, position and origin is recorded in the Spatial Services’ Digital Topographic Database and the name shown on maps, where relevant.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN12/2025

SUBJECT: **MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THE LAND KNOWN AS BRANXTON RV CAMP**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Lea **Seconded:** Councillor King
249

RESOLVED

1. **That Council engage in open communication with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) (and other parties as required including but not limited to neighbouring residents) to explore potential management and land use opportunities for the area known as the Branxton RV Park.**
2. **That the General Manager present a report to Councillors at a future meeting outlining the outcomes of these discussions and recommended next step.**

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Grine	
Councillor Dixon	
Councillor Harrington	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor King	
Councillor Madden	
Councillor Mason	
Councillor Palmowski	
Councillor Pascoe	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Lea	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor King – Foodbank Fresh Food Pop-Up

On Thursday 11 September, despite the rainy weather, I attended the Foodbank Fresh Food Pop-Up held in Kurri Kurri and delivered by Joblink Plus. From my best judgement, around 6.5 tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables were made available free of charge to members of our community.

It was a bittersweet experience. On one hand, I am very grateful to Joblink Plus for bringing such generosity to our community and it was heartening to see a strong turnout of people taking advantage of the opportunity. On the other hand, it is also a sobering reminder of how tough times currently are for many local families.

I wish to sincerely thank everyone who played a part in organising and delivering this initiative. Their efforts made a real difference to those in need and demonstrated the strength of compassion and support within our community.

Mayor Watton - MAYORAL SUMMARY – 21 August to 17 September 2025

20 August	Cessnock Men's Probus Club
22 August	2CHR Interview
26 August	Cessnock Business Chamber Networking Event
27 August	Meet the Mayor event at Wollombi
	Cessnock Hospital Re-development update
	Korreil Wonnai Aboriginal Education Consultative group - 2025 Kurraburra Awards
28 August	RFBI Kurri Kurri Masonic Village - 30 Year Celebration – Speech
30 August	STOMP Festival – Official Welcome
31 August	Cessnock Hockey Turf Opening
4 September	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting
5 September	Jenny Aitchison - meeting with Mayor & Councillors
11 September	Aboriginal Students Wiyala Public Speaking Competition - Guest Judge
11 September	Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting
14 September	28th Annual Memorial Day Service - MEU – Wreath
17 September	Citizenship Ceremony – this was the largest Citizenship Ceremony ever held for Cessnock with 55 new Citizens

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 08.51.pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 15 October 2025

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**