



**SNOWY MONARO**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# **Minutes**

**Extraordinary Council Meeting**

**1 May 2025**



**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630  
ON THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025**

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2025  
COMMENCING AT 1.00**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Christopher Hanna  
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins  
Councillor Narelle Davis  
Councillor Nick Elliott  
Councillor Tanya Higgins  
Councillor John Rooney  
Councillor Reuben Rose  
Councillor Bob Stewart  
Councillor Lynda Summers  
Councillor Andrew Thaler  
Councillor Luke Williamson

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**Staff:**

Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer  
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer  
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer  
John Gargett, Acting Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer  
Tony Murray, Chief Community Services Officer  
Angela Sommerville, Chief People & Organisational Performance Officer  
Jennie Hall, EA to Chief Officers

## 1. OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00PM

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

## 3. COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

Procedural Motion

**MOTION**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**71/25**

That Council approve the remote attendance of Councillor Williamson at the meeting on 1 May 2025, via audio-visual link.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers, Councillor Thaler and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

## 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

## 6. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

*At 01:11 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.*

**MOTION**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**72/25**

That the attached income statement and cashflow statement replace the statements in the operational report on Page 128.

**Moved Councillor Summers**

**Seconded Councillor Davis**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor*

*Summers and Councillor Thaler.*  
*Councillors Against: Nil.*

*At 01:11 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.*

## 6.1 STRATEGY

### AMENDMENT

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

73/25

That the following amendments be accepted:

1. That Part A a) be amended to 2035.
2. Add a point S:
  1. COMMUNITY VISION - removing “welcoming, diverse and inclusive” and replace with: “The Snowy Monaro Region is a friendly community where everyone can belong, participate and work together.....
  2. THE FIVE BOXES
    - 2.1 OUR COMMUNITY – replace with “Health and wellbeing are recognised as important to our community and we desire services that support these, including aged care.”
    - 2.2 OUR ECONOMY – replace with “We have a varied economy that includes agriculture, energy, timber, services and tourism. We support regional growth and innovation.”
    - 2.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE - Replace with “Our infrastructure supports our economy and way of life. We want to enhance our roads and regional services to support our varied community.”
    - 2.4 OUR LEADERSHIP - Remove “contemporary leadership and governance”. Change to “We aspire to open and transparent leadership that is responsive to the local community.”

**Moved Councillor Rose**

**Seconded Councillor Elliott**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Thaler and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers*

### 6.1.1 POST EXHIBITION REPORT - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2042

Record No: I25/287

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

74/25

That Council:

A. Adopt the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2042 with the following amendments:

- a) Amend the CSP timeframe to Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2035
- b) Amend the vision to include Aboriginal heritage – vision to read:

“The Snowy Monaro Region is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community where everyone can belong, participate, and work together. Our natural environment, Aboriginal and cultural heritage are preserved and enhanced for future generations.
- c) Include “Provide” under Council’s role in relation to Strategic Objective 1 – Strategy 1.1. “Have in place (and accessible to everyone) quality aged, disability and health services that support our population through all stages of life”
- d) Remove all references to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- e) Amend strategic objective 1.1 Strategy ‘Facilities are in place to encourage health lifestyles’ to include local groups as partners.
- f) Add CSIRO to partners under strategy 6.2
- g) Amend Strategic objective 2.2 ‘Preserve and protect historically significant sites’ to include museums.
- h) Add the words “including from invasive species” to strategy 6.2
- i) Add Aboriginal heritage to Strategy 2.1
- j) Add Aboriginal community as partners to strategy 2.5
- k) Add Heritage NSW as partners to strategy 7.1
- l) Add Landcare as partners in strategies 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3
- m) Add Ngarigo community to our partners across all strategies
- n) Add community as a partner in objective 7 strategies
- o) Pg 30 - Amend CSP measure desired trend to ‘increase’
- p) Pg 31.- Amend plan to remove elected female councillors metric
- q) Pg 31. To correct 122.2m of road length per capita instead of km’s
- r) Amend infographic on page 9 to refer to percentages rather than the worded analogy of “if the Snowy Monaro region consisted of 100 people, there would be”.
- s) Change the community vision by removing “welcoming, diverse and inclusive” and replacing with: “The Snowy Monaro Region is a friendly community where everyone can belong, participate and work together.....
- t) Change the five boxes as follows:
  - 2.1 OUR COMMUNITY – replace with “Health and wellbeing are recognised as important to our community and we desire services that support these, including aged care.”
  - 2.2 OUR ECONOMY – replace with “We have a varied economy that includes agriculture, energy, timber, services and tourism. We support regional growth and innovation.”
  - 2.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE - Replace with “Our infrastructure supports our economy and way of life. We want to enhance our roads and regional services to support our varied community.”
  - 2.4 OUR LEADERSHIP - Remove “contemporary leadership and governance”. Change to

"We aspire to open and transparent leadership that is responsive to the local community."

B. Notify persons who made submission of Council's decision.

**Moved Councillor Davis      Seconded Councillor Summers      CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For:      Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against:      Councillor Higgins and Councillor Williamson.*

**6.1.2 SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DRAFT SUITE OF INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE PLACED ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Record No: I25/282

**Procedural Motion**

**INTO COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**75/25**

That Council move into committee.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Stewart**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For:      Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Thaler and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against:      Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.*

*At 02:26 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.*

*At 02:29 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**76/25**

That add to point B: That Council allocate resources of \$100,000 to develop projects identified in strategies to a shovel-ready state where grants can be sought.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**Seconded Councillor Davis**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**



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| <i>Councillors For:</i>     | <i>Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Thaler and Councillor Williamson.</i> |
| <i>Councillors Against:</i> | <i>Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.</i>              |

*At 02:31 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.*

**AMENDMENT**

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| <b>AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> | <b>77/25</b> |
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That Council reinstate the mobile library service that previously operated from 1 July.

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| <b>Moved Councillor Thaler</b> | <b>Seconded Councillor Elliott</b> | <b>LOST</b> |
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**Record of Voting**

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| <i>Councillors For:</i>     | <i>Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose and Councillor Thaler.</i>   |
| <i>Councillors Against:</i> | <i>Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.</i> |

*At 02:33 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.*

*At 02:50 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.*

**AMENDMENT**

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| <b>AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> | <b>78/25</b> |
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That Council only spend the amount received in grants on bio-security services.

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| <b>Moved Councillor Rose</b> | <b>Seconded Councillor Thaler</b> | <b>LOST</b> |
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**Record of Voting**

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| <i>Councillors For:</i>     | <i>Councillor Rose and Councillor Thaler.</i>   |
| <i>Councillors Against:</i> | <i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.</i> |

*At 03:03 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.*

*At 03:04 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.*

**AMENDMENT**

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| <b>AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> | <b>79/25</b> |
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That Council shut the Cooma Visitor Information Centre and redirect the funding to other more productive areas of tourism.

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**Moved Councillor Rose**

**Seconded Councillor Elliott**

**LOST**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Elliott and Councillor Rose.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**80/25**

That Council move back to a single bill.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Stewart**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**81/25**

That Council implement a system to better utilise volunteers to better assist in maintaining our areas.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**Seconded Councillor Thaler**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Rooney.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**82/25**

That Council seek community feedback on digitising Council's paper records.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Deputy Mayor Hopkins.*

#### Procedural Motion

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

83/25

That the Extraordinary Meeting be adjourned at 3:20pm for a break to resume 3:30pm.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

Meeting resumed at 3:30pm.

*At 03:31 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.*

*At 03:31 pm Councillor Stewart left the meeting.*

*At 03:33 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.*

*At 03:33 pm Councillor Stewart returned to the meeting.*

#### AMENDMENT

#### AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

84/25

That Council provide secretariat and staff attendance to 355 advisory committees.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**Seconded Mayor Hanna**

**LOST**

#### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.*

#### AMENDMENT

#### AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

85/25

That Council reduce service levels to not undertake social media monitoring.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Rose**

**LOST**

#### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.*

#### AMENDMENT

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**86/25**

That Council include a project to investigate divestment of saleyards to private enterprise.

**Moved Councillor Rooney**

**Seconded Councillor Higgins**

**LOST**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Thaler.*

*At 04:22 pm Councillor Rose left the meeting.*

*At 04:24 pm Councillor Rose returned to the meeting.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**87/25**

That Council include a project to consider options and advocate for the provision of traffic slowing devices or roundabout at the southern end of the entrance to Bombala CBD and Michelago.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Stewart**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**88/25**

That Council remove Acknowledgement of Country from all Council documents.

**Moved Councillor Rose**

**Seconded Councillor Thaler**

**LOST**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.*

**Procedural Motion**

**OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**89/25**

That Council move out of committee.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Thaler**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

**MOTION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**90/25**

That Council adopt all the approved amendments from Committee.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

**AMENDMENT**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**91/25**

That Council put the mobile library back into the Operational Plan.

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**LAPSED**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**92/25**

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- A. Place the Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Program, 2025-2026 Operational Plan, Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035, Draft Revenue Policy 2025-2026 and Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026 on public exhibition from 6 May to 3 June 2024.
- B. That the following adjustments be made to the draft documents before they are placed on public exhibition:
  - i. That Council allocate resources of \$100,000 to develop projects identified in strategies to a shovel-ready state where grants can be sought.

- ii. That Council move back to a single bill.
- iii. That Council implement a system to better utilise volunteers to better assist in maintaining our areas.
- iv. That Council seek community feedback on digitising Council's paper records.
- v. That Council include a project to consider options and advocate for the provision of traffic slowing devices or roundabout at the southern end of the entrance to Bombala CBD and Michelago.

C. Undertake the range of community engagement activities within the public exhibition period as referenced in the report.

D. After the close of the consultation period receive a further report to consider submissions prior to adoption of the final documents.

#### **Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Thaler.*

*Councillors Against: Councillor Rose.*

**Moved Councillor Thaler**

**Seconded Councillor Davis**

**CARRIED**

## **7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:59PM

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CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 1 May 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 15 May 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.