



**SNOWY MONARO**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# **Minutes**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**21 August 2025**



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630  
ON THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025**

**MINUTES**

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

**ON THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST 2025  
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Christopher Hanna  
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins  
Councillor Narelle Davis  
Councillor Nick Elliott  
Councillor Tanya Higgins  
Councillor John Rooney  
Councillor Reuben Rose  
Councillor Lynda Summers  
Councillor Luke Williamson – via audio-visual link

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Bob Stewart

**Staff:**

Noreen Vu, Chief Executive Officer  
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer  
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer  
Tony Lickiss, 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 1:00 PM

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

### Procedural Motion

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

270/25

That Council, at the meeting on 21 August 2025 approve the remote attendance via audio-visual of Councillor Williamson due to his concerns relating to safety and illness.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

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

### Procedural Motion

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

271/25

That the apology from Councillor Stewart be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### Procedural Motion

### ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC FORUM

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

272/25

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 1.02pm for public forum.

**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 and Councillor Summers.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

*At 1.02pm Councillor Williamson joined the meeting via audio visual.*

## RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting resumed at 1.42pm.

## 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

### 5.1 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS

Councillor Higgins declared an interest in Item 9.3.1 as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to “a friendship with Fiona Tollis”. Councillor Higgins will not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

## 6. MATTERS DEALT WITH BY EXCEPTION

### Items by Exception

The Mayor requested that Councillors nominate any items listed in Corporate Business and Confidential Business that they wished to discuss.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

273/25

A. That all items listed in corporate business both open and confidential be dealt with separately other than the following items which are moved by exception:

- 9.1.1: Section 138 Application Snowy Mountains Forests – Council Bridge Asset Replacement Proposal – Lot 11 DP 756840 Craigie
- 9.3.1: Michelago Hall and Tennis Courts Membership
- 10.1: Minutes from Management and Advisory Committees
- 10.2: Open Spaces and Recreation Committee

B. That the officer’s recommendations in the reports listed above are hereby adopted.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 17 JULY 2025

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

274/25

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July 2025 are confirmed.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Elliott**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 7.2 CLOSED SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 17 JULY 2025

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

275/25

That the minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July 2025 are confirmed.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**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 Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MATTERS

### 8.1 MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2024.80.2 - AMEND CONDITION PCC\_19 AND PCC\_20

Record No: I25/523

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

276/25

That

1. Council notes the reason for the decision is that the proposal complies with Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).
2. Council pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* Council grants consent to 10.2024.80.2 to amend PCC\_19 & PCC\_20 to include obligations on Lot 6 DP 880342, Lot 5 DP 880342, Lot 5 DP 248096, Lot 1 DP 236901 and Lot 3 DP 549281 Forest View Road JINDABYNE 2627 with conditions of consent attached to this report.
3. The CEO register this planning decision in line with s. 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 including the names of the Councillors who supported the decision and the names of any Councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.*

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

277/25

Councillor Williamson put the following question which was taken on notice:

Is the fund managed by NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust still accepting direct payments?



## 8.2 MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2023.392.2 - AMEND CONDITIONS PCC\_19 AND PCC\_20.

Record No: I25/528

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

278/25

That

1. Council notes the reason for the decision is that the proposal complies with Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).
2. Council pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended) Council grants consent to 10.2023.392.2 to amend PCC\_19 & PCC\_20 to include obligations on Lot 33 DP 1250345, Lot 1 DP 857067, Lot 71 DP 830752, Lot 2 DP 816051, Lot 2, 3, 4 DP 237197, Lot 1 DP 232814 & Lot 9 DP 1216028, Public Reserve Rainbow Drive EAST JINDABYNE with conditions of consent attached to this report.
3. The CEO register this planning decision in line with s. 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 including the names of the Councillors who supported the decision and the names of any Councillors who opposed (or are taken to have opposed) the decision.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.*

## 9. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 OPERATIONS

#### 9.1.1 SECTION 138 APPLICATION SNOWY MOUNTAINS FORESTS - COUNCIL BRIDGE ASSET REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL - LOT 11 DP 756840 CRAIGIE

Record No: I25/495

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

279/25

That Council:

1. Delegate the CEO to execute an Infrastructure Agreement between Snowy Monaro Regional Council and Snowy Mountains Forest Pty Limited to construct, maintain and renew the new bridge across Little Plains River within the gazetted public road reserve that traverses Lot 11 DP 756840 and Lot 23 DP 1102550 at no cost to Council.
2. Following execution of the Infrastructure Agreement by both parties delegate the CEO to approve a s. 138 Application under the *Roads Act 1993*.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.1.2 BOBEYAN ROAD UPGRADE - LAND ACQUISITIONS FOR ROAD ALIGNMENT

Record No: I25/325

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

280/25

That Council:

- A. Approves the acquisition of all land parcels surveyed as necessary to complete the Bobeyan Road Upgrade Project as annexed to this Council Report subject to final survey, either by agreement or by compulsory process if required, for the purpose of public road under section 177 of the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW), and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW).
- B. Authorises the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor of New South Wales for approval to acquire the required land parcels for the Bobeyan Road Upgrade Project, in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW).
- C. Acknowledges the intention to dedicate the acquired land as public road by notice published in the NSW Government Gazette, pursuant to section 10 of the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW), and confirms that all acquired land will be classified as operational land under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
- D. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate under delegated authority) to execute all necessary documentation to implement the land acquisitions and finalise the matter.
- E. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate) to determine and deliver compensation to affected landholders in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW) and the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW). Compensation may be provided through monetary payment, land exchange, works undertaken by Council, or a combination of these methods.
- F. Ensure that the total spend for all acquisitions does not exceed the residual value for grant funds currently held.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

#### QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

281/25

Councillor Hopkins put the following question which was taken on notice:

Is there a ballpark estimate of the anticipated costs for this item?

**9.1.3 8-12 WELLINGTON STREET, BOMBALA: ARTS & INNOVATION CENTRE PROJECT (LOT 11 DP 871424 & LOT 13 DP 871424)**

Record No: I25/501

**AMENDED MOTION**

**282/25**

That Council:

- A. Note the information contained in this report including the operational and financial impact on Council on retaining the property.
- B. Note that the Bombala Arts and Innovation Centre Project is cancelled due to lack of funding.
- C. Note that in conjunction with the work undertaken with the Snowy Monaro Arts Culture and Heritage Strategy 2026-29 and Draft Snowy Monaro Settlements Strategy 2025-45 through a structured consultation process led by the Bombala community, develop a feasible plan on 8-12 Wellington Street, Bombala within 6 months of the resolution. In the event no feasible plan can be developed, delegate the CEO to report to Council on options for the disposal of the asset.
- D. Request the Mayor to write to the SMRC Arts and Culture Committee and the Bombala Arts and Cultural Committee to thank them for their input and provide an outcome of this decision.

**Moved Councillor Rose**

**Seconded Councillor Elliott**

**LOST**

**Record of Voting**

*Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.*

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

**AMENDMENT**

**AMENDED MOTION**

**283/25**

That Council:

- A. Note the information contained in this report including the operational and financial impact on Council on retaining the property.
- B. Note that the Bombala Arts and Innovation Centre Project is cancelled due to lack of funding.
- C. Write to the NSW Government requesting the removal of the caveat requiring Council to hold the facility for a total of 15 years and to allow the community 6 months to develop a feasible plan for the facility.
- D. Request the Mayor to write to the SMRC Arts and Culture Committee and the Bombala Arts and Cultural Committee to thank them for their input and provide an outcome of this decision.
- E. Request the CEO to organise the land to be rezoned from community use to something more suitable.
- F. Request the CEO to investigate options for the building to be added to the Heritage Register.

**Moved Councillor Rooney**

**LAPSED**

## MOTION

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

284/25

That Council:

- A. Note the information contained in this report including the operational and financial impact on Council on retaining the property.
- B. Note that the Bombala Arts and Innovation Centre Project is cancelled due to lack of funding.
- C. Write to the NSW Government requesting the removal of the caveat requiring Council to hold the facility for a total of 15 years and to allow the community 6 months to develop a feasible plan for the facility.
- D. Request the Mayor to write to the SMRC Arts and Culture Committee and the Bombala Arts and Cultural Committee to thank them for their input and provide an outcome of this decision.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.*

## 9.2 FINANCE

### 9.2.1 CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2024/25 TO 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

Record No: I25/530

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

285/25

That Council

- A. Note the report containing carry forwards from 2024/25 to the 2025/26 financial year in accordance with Clause 211 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**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 Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 9.2.2 CASH RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVES POLICY

Record No: I25/538

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

286/25

That Council adopt the Cash Restrictions and Reserves Policy.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

287/25

Councillor Elliott put the following question which was taken on notice:

What is the status of the "Sister City" arrangement?

*At 03:07 pm Councillor Rose left the meeting.*

*At 03:08 pm Councillor Rose returned to the meeting.*

## 9.2.3 MONTHLY FUNDS MANAGEMENT REPORT - JULY 2025

Record No: I25/544

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

288/25

That Council receive the report indicating Council's cash and investments position as at 31 July 2025; and the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

289/25

Councillor Williamson put the following question which was taken on notice:

Where does the term "investment grade" come from and what is the source of that allocation of BBB- to investment grade classification is?

## 9.3 STRATEGY

### 9.3.1 MICHELAGO HALL AND TENNIS COURTS MEMBERSHIP

Record No: I25/454

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)</b>	<b>290/25</b>
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That Council appoint Fiona Tollis to the Michelago Hall and Tennis Courts Committee.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.3.2 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - 5TH REPORT (7 JUNE TO 6 JULY)

Record No: I25/493

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>291/25</b>
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That Council:

- A. Note the details on the report.
- B. Request the CEO to provide private confidential reports upon request to each individual Councillor relating to their own performance on the PIO.

**Moved Councillor Elliott**

**Seconded Councillor Rose**

**WITHDRAWN**

## MOTION

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	<b>292/25</b>
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That Council note the details on the report.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

**Record of Voting**

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.3.3 DRAFT SNOWY MONARO ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE STRATEGY 2026 - 2029, & DRAFT SMRC PUBLIC ART POLICY

Record No: I25/494

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

293/25

That Council:

- A. Endorse the draft *Snowy Monaro Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy 2026 - 2029* and draft *SMRC Public Art Policy* for the purposes of public exhibition;
- B. Place the draft Strategy and draft Policy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 6 weeks; and
- C. Receive a post exhibition report outlining the feedback of the public exhibition.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**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 Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.3.4 POLICY: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS

Record No: I25/553

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

294/25

That Council

- A. Place the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
- B. Adopt the policy at the completion of the required consultation process if no submissions are received during the exhibition period.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**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 Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.3.5 POLICY: COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Record No: I25/555

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

295/25

That Council:

- A. Make no changes to the current Code of Conduct following its review pending release of the revised model.
- B. Undertake another review of the Code of Conduct following the release of the revised Model Code of Conduct.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 9.3.6 DELEGATIONS OF MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Record No: I25/556

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

296/25

That Council defer the motion until the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting, with amendments to be included.

**Moved Councillor Rose**

**Seconded Councillor Elliott**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

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

#### Procedural Motion

#### ADJOURNMENT

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 3.55pm for a break.

297/25

**Mayoral ruling – Cr Hanna**

#### RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting resumed at 4.05pm.

### 9.4 COMMUNICATIONS

Nil



## 9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

### 9.5.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Record No: I25/519

#### AMENDMENT

##### AMENDED MOTION

298/25

That Council:

- A. Note that Snowy Monaro Regional Council has three (3) official voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held on 23 to 25 November 2025.
- B. Authorise the Mayor and Councillors Higgins and Davis as official voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. In the event that either delegate cannot make it that, that a substitute delegate is approved by the Mayor.
- C. Request any Councillors who wish to attend as non-official voting delegates to put a request to the CEO for authorisation.
- D. Note the date for any strategic motions that impact the broader local government sector to the LG NSW Annual Conference is due by 30 September 2025 and requires a Council Resolution to comply with submission rules.

**Moved Councillor Rooney**

**Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**LOST**

##### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Williamson.*

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

#### AMENDMENT

##### AMENDED MOTION

299/25

That Council:

- A. Note that Snowy Monaro Regional Council has three (3) official voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held on 23 to 25 November 2025.
- B. Authorise the Mayor and Councillors Williamson and Davis as official voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. In the event that either delegate cannot make it that, that a substitute delegate is approved by the Mayor.
- C. Request any Councillors who wish to attend as non-official voting delegates to put a request to the CEO for authorisation.
- D. Note the date for any strategic motions that impact the broader local government sector to the LG NSW Annual Conference is due by 30 September 2025 and requires a Council Resolution to comply with submission rules.

**Moved Councillor Williamson**

**Seconded Councillor Rose**

**LOST**

##### Record of Voting

*Councillors For: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.*

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

## MOTION

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

300/25

That Council:

- A. Note that Snowy Monaro Regional Council has three (3) official voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held on 23 to 25 November 2025.
- B. Authorise the Mayor and Councillors Higgins and Summers as official voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. In the event that either delegate cannot make it that, that a substitute delegate is approved by the Mayor.
- C. Request any Councillors who wish to attend as non-official voting delegates to put a request to the CEO for authorisation.
- D. Note the date for any strategic motions that impact the broader local government sector to the LG NSW Annual Conference is due by 30 September 2025 and requires a Council Resolution to comply with submission rules.

**Moved Councillor Summers**

**Seconded Councillor Davis**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.*

## 9.5.2 RESOLUTION ACTION SHEET UPDATES

Record No: I25/572

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

301/25

That Council note Resolution Action Sheet Updates and add to the next scheduled workshop for consideration of any questions.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins**

**Seconded Councillor Higgins**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 9.6 WORKFORCE

Nil

## 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 10.1 MINUTES FROM MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Record No: I25/452

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

302/25

That Council receive the minutes of the:

- i. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee - Meeting held 9 April 2025
- ii. Adaminaby Hall Management Committee - Meeting held 17 June 2025
- iii. Michelago Hall and Tennis Courts Committee - Meeting held 16 April 2025

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

### 10.2 OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Record No: I25/558

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

303/25

That Council:

- A. Note the minutes of the committee.
- B. Delegate the CEO to write to the Committee to thank them for raising the matter and to advise the Committee that:
  - (a) The works to determine the potential heritage listing of Memorial Driveway Park is not currently funded in the delivery program.
  - (b) The project will be added to the unfunded works listing for consideration of funding based on prioritisation.
  - (c) Council has no actions in the delivery program to look at changing the status of the land.
  - (d) As the Cooma Mountain Bike Club is aware of the preferred locations of trails that the Council will allow the Club to determine their own priorities.

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

### 11.1 AWNING SAFETY

Record No: I25/560

Councillor John Rooney has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 August 2025, he will move the following motion.

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>		<b>304/25</b>
That Council write to all building owners in the LGA that have infrastructure overhanging public spaces to remind them of their obligations to adequately maintain the structural integrity of their buildings, awnings and verandas, to ensure that public safety is preserved.		
<b>Moved Councillor Rooney</b>	<b>Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Record of Voting</b>		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Nil.</i>	

### 11.2 COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP FOR DRAFT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LANDS STRATEGY

Record No: I25/561

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 August 2025, he will move the following motion.

<b>MOTION</b>
That Council:
A. Reaffirm its commitment to Resolution 242/23 to establish a community reference group to support the development of land use strategies;
B. Note that the draft Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy is on public exhibition and feedback is being collected;
C. Consistent with Resolution 242/23, establish a community reference group related to the Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy, with representatives from the towns and villages to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review community feedback received;</li><li>• Identify key themes and concerns; and</li><li>• Advise on possible refinements to the draft Strategy;</li></ul>
D. Request that the CEO prepare the Terms of Reference for the group, including selection criteria and a process for reporting to the Council, within eight weeks.
<b>WITHDRAWN</b>

### 11.3 IMPROVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN STRATEGIC PLANNING

Record No: I25/562

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 August 2025, he will move the following motion.

#### MOTION

That Council:

- A. Notes that while the Snowy Monaro Community Engagement Strategy 2022–2026 outlines a broad range of engagement methods (p.17), it does not currently include deliberative panels or other representative deliberative processes.
- B. Acknowledges that despite alignment with IAP2 principles, community engagement with Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents remains limited, with feedback indicating that long and complex documents are a barrier to participation;
- C. Requests the CEO to report to Council by February 2026 on additional options to strengthen engagement with IP&R processes, including:
  - The possible use of deliberative panels, as trialled in other NSW councils such as the Inner West and mandated in Victoria;
  - Measures to improve the accessibility and simplicity of consultation materials;
- D. Requests that the 2026 review of the Community Engagement Strategy consider incorporating deliberative and representative methods alongside existing IAP2-aligned approaches.

**WITHDRAWN**

### 12. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

### 13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

## 14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

### Procedural Motion

#### MOTION

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

305/25

1. THAT pursuant to Section 10A subsections 2 & 3 and Section 10B of the Local Government Act, 1993 (as amended) the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

#### 14.1 Legal Action and Potential Claims Against SMRC

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(e) of the Local Government Act because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

2. The press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Council in Closed Session on the basis that these items are considered to be of a confidential nature.
3. That the Minutes and Business Papers including any reports, correspondence, documentation or information relating to such matter be treated as confidential and be withheld from access by the press and public, until such time as the Council resolves that the reason for confidentiality has passed or become irrelevant.
4. That the resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session be recorded in the Minutes of the Council Meeting.
5. That upon this recommendation being moved and seconded, the Chairperson invite representations from the public as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to consider the nominated item.

**Moved Councillor Summers**

**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 Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

#### Note 1: Invitation to Public

Upon the above motion being moved and seconded, the Mayor invited representations from the public as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to consider the nominated items. There were no requests by members of the public to make any representations.

#### Note 2: Confidential Session of Committee

At 5.02pm the meeting was closed to the press and public.

#### Note 3: Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

At 5.19pm the Closed Session ended and the Council meeting continued in Open Session.

## 15. REPORT FROM CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### MOTION

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

306/25

That Council note the information in the Legal Actions and Potential Claims Against SMRC report.

**Moved Councillor Davis**

**Seconded Councillor Summers**

**CARRIED**

#### Record of Voting

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

*Councillors Against: Nil.*

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.21pm.

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#### CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 21 August 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 18 September 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.