



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

127/25

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

128/25

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

129/25

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

130/25

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

131/25

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

132/25

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

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

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

At 02:31 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

133/25

That Council reinstate the mobile library service that previously operated from 1 July.

Moved Councillor Thaler

Seconded Councillor Elliott

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.

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

At 02:50 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

134/25

That Council only spend the amount received in grants on bio-security services.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Thaler

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rose and Councillor Thaler.

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

At 03:03 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

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

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

135/25

That Council shut the Cooma Visitor Information Centre and redirect the funding to other more productive areas of tourism.

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

136/25

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

137/25

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

138/25

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

139/25

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

140/25

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	141/25
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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	142/25
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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	143/25
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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

144/25

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

145/25

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

146/25

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

147/25

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

Moved Councillor Thaler

LAPSED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

148/25

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.

Moved Councillor Thaler

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

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.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

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

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.

Confirmed