



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

18 September 2025

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN JINDABYNE MEMORIAL HALL, THREDBO TERRACE, JINDABYNE
ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN JINDABYNE MEMORIAL HALL, THREDBO TERRACE, JINDABYNE**

**ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Nick Elliott
Councillor Tanya Higgins – Via Audio-Visual
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor Reuben Rose
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers
Councillor Luke Williamson – Via Audio-Visual

APOLOGIES: Nil

Staff: Noreen Vu, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Simon Rennie, Chief Financial Officer
Tony Murray, Chief of Community Services – Via Audio-Visual
Tony Lickiss, Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer
Angela Sommerville, Chief People & Organisational Performance Officer
Jennie Hall, EA to Chief Officers
John Gargett, Manager of Built and Natural Environment
Sarah Brown, Coordinator Development Assessment
Gregory Thompson, Manager Corporate Projects

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

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

307/25

That Council, at the meeting on 18 September 2025 approve the remote attendance via audio visual of the following Councillors and accept their reasons for being unable to attend in person:

- Councillor Higgins due to carers commitments; and
- Councillor Williamson due to work commitments.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

308/25

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 1:03pm for public forum.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting be resumed at 1:39pm.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 COUNCILLOR SUMMERS

Councillor Summers declared an interest in Item 8.3 as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to:

1. being a client of the architect nominated in the development application; and
2. owning, via a self-managed super fund, commercial property/premises in Commissioner Street.

Councillor Summers will vote on this item as the interest is non-pecuniary and non-significant.

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

309/25

- 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:
- 7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 2025
 - 7.2 Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 2025
 - 9.1.2 Hatchery Bay Road Alignment - Land Acquisition and Exchange for Public Road Purposes – Jindabyne
 - 9.3.2 Performance Improvement Order - 6th Report (7 July to 6 August)
 - 9.3.4 Feedback on Code of Meeting Practice
 - 10.1 Minutes from Management and Advisory Committees

- B. That the Officer's Recommendations in the reports listed above are hereby adopted.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 21 AUGUST 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

310/25

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 2025 are confirmed.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7.2 CLOSED SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 21 AUGUST 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

311/25

That the minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 August 2025 are confirmed.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MATTERS

8.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2024.221.1 - FREIGHT TRANSPORT FACILITY

Record No: I25/306

WITHDRAWN

RECOMMENDATION

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 10.2024.221.1 for a Freight Transport Facility on Lot 307 and Lot 308 DP 750535 Carlaminda Road Cooma 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.

8.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2021.60.1 - EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY - MIDDLE FLAT ROAD

Record No: I24/154

MOTION

312/25

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 DA 10.2021.60.1 for Extractive Industry, on Lot 20 DP 727634 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 Rooney

Seconded Councillor Davis

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rooney.

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

Foreshadowed Motion

MOTION

It was Foreshadowed by Councillor Rose

That Council refuse this application on the following:

1. Significant variation with DCP 5.2.3 – new extractive industries are not permitted within 500 metres of a non-associated dwelling; nearest dwelling is approximately 130 metres.
2. To ensure that Council is acting consistently in its planning decisions when applying the development control plan.

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

313/25

That Council refuse this application on the following:

1. Significant variation with DCP 5.2.3 – new extractive industries are not permitted within 500 metres of a non-associated dwelling; nearest dwelling is approximately 130 metres.
2. To ensure that Council is acting consistently in its planning decisions when applying the development control plan.

Moved Councillor Rose

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 Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2025.24.1 - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Record No: I25/367

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

314/25

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 DA10.2025.24.1 for Shop top Housing - Mixed Use Development consisting of Hotel, Gym, Laundromat, Café and 60 Residential Apartments on Lot 1 DP 537182, 94-98 Commissioner Street Cooma 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 Summers

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8.4 DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL - 415-417 BARRY WAY, JINDABYNE

Record No: I25/274

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

315/25

That Council:

- A. Endorse the draft planning proposal, 330.2024.1.1 for Lot 111 DP 756686, 415-417 Barry Way, Jindabyne for rezoning and amendments to the *Snowy River Local Environmental Plan 2013* to submit to the Minister of Planning for gateway determination pursuant to Division 3.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- B. Advise the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that Council wishes to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.
- C. Subject to receiving a favourable response from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, proceed to public exhibition of the planning proposal and the draft development control plan amendment in accordance with the conditions of the gateway determination.
- D. Endorse the draft *Jindabyne Development Control Plan 2024* amendments for the purposes of public exhibition, subject to the draft planning proposal proceeding to public exhibition.
- E. In the event that the draft planning proposal does not receive gateway approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, notify the proponent that the planning proposal will not proceed.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8.5 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING SNOWY MONARO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

Record No: I25/468

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

316/25

That Council:

1. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft amended Community Participation Plan as described in and attached to this report for a period of 28 days in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
2. Receive a post exhibition report outlining the feedback of the public exhibition.

Moved Councillor Summers

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

Councillors Against: *Nil.*

8.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - 10.2025.95.1 - USE OF PART OF LAND FOR DEPOT

Record No: I25/576

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

317/25

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 10.2025.95.1 for Depot on Lot 27 DP851663, at 297 Abington Park Road Moonbah, 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 Rooney

Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: *Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.*

Councillors Against: *Councillor Elliott, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.*

Chair's Casting Vote

Upon the vote being put there was an equity of votes in favour and against the motion. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting practice, the Chair exercised his casting vote and voted **FOR** the motion.

At 03:25 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 03:27 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 03:28 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 03:32 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

8.7 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - 10.2025.111.1 - GARAGE WITH LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Record No: I25/609

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

318/25

That:

1. Council notes the reason for the decision is that the proposal does not comply with Section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).
2. Council, pursuant to section 4.16(1)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended) **refuse** 10.2025.111.1 for garage with laundry facilities on Lot: 21 DP: 1251996 at 25 Heysen Drive East Jindabyne for the following reasons:
 - a) The design of the proposed development is not suitable for the site and does not meet the objective of Zone RU5 of the Snowy River LEP 2013, being *"To protect and conserve the historical significance, character and scenic quality of rural village settings"*
 - b) The proposed development and design does not meet the site suitability and public interest tests of 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
 - c) The development as presented in the application does not adequately meet the development standards of the Jindabyne DCP 2024, including Chapter B1 Design.
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 Summers

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

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, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

319/25

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned at 3:37pm for a break.

Mayoral ruling – Councillor Hanna

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting resumed at 3:48pm

At 03:48 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 03:49 pm Councillor Elliott left the meeting.

At 03:49 pm Councillor Stewart left the meeting.

At 03:50 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

At 03:50 pm Councillor Stewart returned to the meeting.

At 03:50 pm Councillor Elliott returned to the meeting.

9. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 OPERATIONS

9.1.1 JINDABYNE WASTE FACILITY - OPTIONS ANALYSIS

Record No: I25/603

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

320/25

That Council:

- A. **Note** that 5 options have been considered for the Jindabyne Waste Facility.
- B. **Note** that interim works were undertaken at the waste facility to continue waste services to the community.
- C. **Endorse** Option 1, and actively seek external funding partners to deliver the Jindabyne Waste Transfer station for a design and construct.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.*

Councillors Against: *Nil.*

**9.1.2 HATCHERY BAY ROAD ALIGNMENT - LAND ACQUISITION AND EXCHANGE FOR PUBLIC ROAD
PURPOSES - JINDABYNE**

Record No: I25/617

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

321/25

That Council

- A. Close the portions of Council road corridor identified as Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the plan attached (JAS618-Concept Plan Rev A), with these parcels to then be transferred in exchange for land acquired for public road at Hatchery Bay.
- B. Agree to the proposed acquisition and exchange of land by agreement, for Public Road purposes as shown in the attached plan (JAS618-Concept Plan Rev A); with the land exchange comprised as follows:
1. Transfer **Lot 1 (2,880m²)** from Private Landowner to Council for dedication as Public Road
 2. For information and context only - Transfer Lot 2 (160m²) from Private Landowner to Developer for their future use.
 3. Transfer Lot 3 (2,045m²) from Council to Developer in exchange for land acquired.
 4. Transfer Lot 4 (5,810m²) from Council to Private Landowner in exchange for land acquired.
 5. For information and context only - Transfer Lot 5 (6,795m²) from Developer to Private Landowner
 6. Transfer **Lot 6 (5,200m²)** from Developer to Council for dedication as a Public Road, over the constructed road.
 7. For information and context only - The two lots referenced as 'R' in the attached plan will remain as Public Road in status.
- C. Note that all land transfer costs are to be borne by the Developer, as detailed in this report.
- D. Classify all land acquired for the Hatchery Bay Road alignment as Operational Land in accordance with s. 31(2) of *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).
- E. Authorise the CEO (or Delegate) to execute all documents necessary to complete the Hatchery Bay Road alignment matter and the associated land transfers.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.1.3 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS PROGRAM 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Record No: I25/645

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

322/25

That Council receive and note the planned Infrastructure Works Program for the 2025/2026 financial year.

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, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.1.4 EOI FOR SURVEY OF BOMBALA WATER SUPPLY USERS

Record No: I25/646

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

323/25

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Requests that Council undertake the survey as resolved in resolution 208/25.

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

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

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

At 04:36 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

9.2 FINANCE

9.2.1 MONTHLY FUNDS MANAGEMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2025

Record No: I25/624

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

324/25

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

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Rooney

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 Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 04:42 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

9.3 STRATEGY

9.3.1 DRAFT CHARTER - SNOWY MONARO DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Record No: I25/529

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

325/25

That Council:

- A. Establish the Snowy Monaro Disability Inclusion Action Advisory Committee, with the attached charter and amend the charter section 11.2 to remove the sentence "ideally this support will be provided by one of the members of the committee".
- B. Appoint Councillors Davis and Higgins to the committee with Councillor Hopkins as an alternate.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3.2 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - 6TH REPORT (7 JULY TO 6 AUGUST)

Record No: I25/580

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

326/25

That Council note the details on the report.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 04:58 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

9.3.3 DELEGATIONS OF MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Record No: I25/605

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

327/25

That Council delegates, pursuant to Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following powers to the person holding the position of:

- A. Mayor; Day-to-day oversight, management and liaison with the Chief Executive Officer.
- B. Deputy Mayor; The powers, functions, duties and authorities of the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.
- C. Chief Executive Officer; The exercise of Council's powers, functions, duties and authorities arising from the Act and all other acts, regulations and Council policies in effect at that time, subject to the limitation specified in Section 377 (1) of the Local Government Act.

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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3.4 FEEDBACK ON CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Record No: I25/670

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

328/25

That Council adopt the code of meeting practice as placed on public exhibition with the removal of the note following clause 5.35.

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

9.5.1 REVIEWING THE POLICY TO GOVERN THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Record No: I25/612

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

329/25

That Council adopt that where the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is unavailable on leave or the role is vacant, and no person has been otherwise appointed to the position for that period:

A. Appoint the holder of the following positions to act in the position of CEO:

- (a) The Chief Strategy Officer and if that person is not available,
- (b) The Chief Financial Officer and if that person is not available
- (c) The Chief of Community Services and if that person is not available,
- (d) The Chief of Infrastructure and Projects and if that person is not available,
- (e) The Chief People and Organisational Performance.

B. If the above process does not allow for the appointment of an acting CEO, that the Mayor is empowered to appoint a person temporarily to the role of CEO until such time as the governing body can make an appointment to the role.

Moved Councillor Davis

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 and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 05:12 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 05:13 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 05:14 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins left the meeting.

At 05:16 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins returned to the meeting.

At 05:16 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

9.5.2 RESOLUTION ACTION SHEET UPDATES

Record No: I25/642

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

330/25

That Council note Resolution Action Sheet Updates.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Rooney

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Nil.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

331/25

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

Resolution 55/22- Bombala Showground Lot Consolidation:

Provide information on the reason for the consolidation of the lots being required.

9.6 WORKFORCE

9.6.1 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE REVIEW

Record No: I25/639

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

332/25

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.
2. Notes the proposed organisational structure, as presented in alignment with s. 332 and s. 333 of the Local Government Act 1993, with the directorates of:
 - a. Chief Executive Officer Office
 - b. Community Services
 - c. Finance
 - d. Infrastructure and Projects
 - e. People and Organisational Performance
 - f. Strategy.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose and Councillor Stewart.

At 05:42 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1 MINUTES FROM MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Record No: I25/584

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

333/25

That Council receive the minutes of the:

- i. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee - Meeting held 14 May 2025
- ii. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee - Meeting held 9 July 2025
- iii. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee – Annual General Meeting held 14 August 2025
- iv. Snowy Monaro Region Biosecurity (Weeds) Advisory Committee – Meeting held 22 May 2025

Moved Mayor Hanna

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Record No: I25/625

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 September 2025, he will move the following motion.

Procedural Motion

PUT MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	334/25
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That the motion be put without further debate.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Elliott and Councillor Rose.

MOTION	335/25
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That Council requests, once staff have collated and considered community feedback from the draft Residential, Commercial and Industrial Lands Strategy, a summary of the proposed changes to the draft Strategy be provided to local community groups (such as Chambers of Commerce, hall committees, progress associations and other relevant bodies) for information and comment. This is part of “closing the loop” prior to the final report being presented to Council. This final report should indicate any further suggestions from community groups.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

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

EXTENSION OF TIME

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

336/25

That as per Clause 18.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice:

18.2 - If the business of the meeting is unfinished five hours after the opening of the meeting, the council or the committee may, by resolution, extend the time of the meeting.

That the time of the meeting be extended to consider the remaining business before council.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Rooney

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.

At 06:05 pm Councillor Elliott left the meeting.

At 06:06 pm Councillor Elliott returned to the meeting.

11.2 RV FRIENDLY TOWN

Record No: I25/634

Councillor Tricia Hopkins has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 September 2025, she will move the following motion.

Procedural Motion

PUT MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

337/25

That the motion/amendment be put without further debate.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Summers

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Rooney.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

338/25

That Council:

- A. Note that Cooma meets almost all criteria to be recognised as an RV Friendly Town by the Caravan & Motorhome Club of Australia
- B. To explore a pathway to designate an area in Cooma and Bombala as an RV friendly stop over

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Rooney

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Elliott.

12. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

339/25

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 Mayor Hanna

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

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 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 6:24pm the meeting was closed to the press and public.

Note 3: Resumption of Open Committee Meeting

At 6:40pm the Closed Session ended and the Council meeting continued in Open Session.

15. REPORT FROM CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

14.1 LEGAL ACTION AND POTENTIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SMRC

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

340/25

That Council note the information in the legal actions and potential claims against SMRC report.

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:41pm.



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 18 September 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 16 October 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.