



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 June 2025

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025

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Confirmed

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

**ON THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2025
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Christopher Hanna
Deputy Mayor Tricia Hopkins (via Audio-visual – Part 2)
Councillor Narelle Davis
Councillor Nick Elliott
Councillor Tanya Higgins (via Audio-visual – Part 1)
Councillor John Rooney
Councillor Reuben Rose
Councillor Bob Stewart
Councillor Lynda Summers (via Audio-visual – Part 1)
Councillor Luke Williamson

APOLOGIES:

Nil

Staff:

Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer
David Rawlings, Chief Strategy Officer
Tony Lickiss, Chief Infrastructure & Projects Officer
Tony Murray, Chief Community Services Officer
Angela Sommerville, Chief People and Organisational Development Officer
Patricia Swain, Secretary Council and Committees
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

184/25

That Council, at the meeting on 19 June 2025 approve the remote attendance via Audio visual of the following Councillors and accept their reasons for being unable to attend in person:

- A. Councillor Tanya Higgins due to carers responsibilities, and
- B. Councillor Lynda Summers due to being ill.

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.

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

185/25

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

Moved Mayor Hanna 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.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting be resumed at 1.41pm.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 COUNCILLOR SUMMERS

Councillor Summers declared a significant interest in Item 8.1 - Development Application 10.2025.105.1 – Construct a new Studio and Shed, demolish old fibro shed, as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to “being a co-owner” and managing this by leaving the meeting. Councillor Summers left the meeting at 1.47pm and returned at 1.49pm Councillor Summers did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

5.2 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS

Councillor Higgins declared a less than significant interest in Item 8.1 - Development Application 10.2025.105.1 – Construct a new Studio and Shed, demolish old fibro shed, as she has a conflict of interest in this item due to being a friend and colleague of the applicant and will remain in the room and participate in the 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

186/25

- 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:
- i. 7.1 Adoption of Minutes from previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025.
 - ii. 7.2 Adoption of Minutes of the closed session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025.
 - iii. 9.1.3 Update on New Rural Fire Services Headquarters - Council Resolution 75/25.
 - iv. 9.2.2 Investment Policy.
 - v. 9.2.4 Monthly Funds Management Report - May 2025.
 - vi. 9.5.1 Resolution Acton Sheet Updates.
 - vii. 9.5.2 Settlement of Claims – Snowy Reservoir Collapse – Status Report.
 - viii. 10.1 Minutes from Management and Advisory Committees
 - ix. 14 Confidential Matters
 - x. 14.1 Cooma Pool upgrade Project update
 - xi. 14.2 Legal Action and Potential Claims Against SMRC
 - xii. 14.3 Write off rates and Sundry Debtors for 2024/25

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

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 MAY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

187/25

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

7.2 CLOSED SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 MAY 2025

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

188/25

That the minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MATTERS

Councillor Summers left the meeting at 1.47pm and returned at 1.49pm Councillor Summers did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.

At 01.47 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

8.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2025.105.1 - CONSTRUCT NEW STUDIO AND SHED, DEMOLISH OLD FIBRO SHED.

Record No: I25/326

Applicant Number:	10.2025.105.1
Applicant:	Hugh Gordon
Owner:	M Smith and L Summers
DA Lodged:	30/04/2025
Property Description:	25 Myalla Road Cooma
Property Number:	Lot 29 DP 1131550
Zone:	RU1 – Primary Production

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Current Use:	Residential
Proposed Use:	Residential – Ancillary structures
Permitted in Zone:	Permitted with Consent
Recommendation:	Approval subject to conditions

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

189/25

That pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* Council grants consent to DA10.2025.105.1 for a studio and attached shed and demolition of old fibro shed on 25 Myalla Road, Cooma being Lot 29 DP 1131550 subject to conditions of consent attached to this report.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Williamson

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 Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

At 01.49 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

8.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2024.224.1 - INSTALLATION OF 5 MANUFACTURED HOMES INCLUDING MANAGER'S RESIDENCE FOR ECO-TOURIST FACILITY & CONSTRUCTION OF SHED - STAGED DEVELOPMENT

Record No: I25/318

Applicant Number:	10.2024.224.1
Applicant:	H M Cooper
Owner:	H M Cooper & Suzanne Cooper
DA Lodged:	25/09/2024
Property Description:	7704 Snowy River Way JINDABYNE Lot 2 DP 873034 Ph Beloka
Area:	19.2277 HA
Zone:	RU1 Primary Production
Current Use:	Vacant Land
Proposed Use:	Eco-Tourist Facility
Permitted in Zone:	Yes
Recommendation:	Refusal

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, pursuant to section 4.16(1)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* **refuse** DA 10.2024.224.1 for an Eco-Tourist Facility on Lot 2 DP 873034, 7704 Snowy River

Way JINDABYNE for the following reasons:

1. the proposed development does not meet the definition of Eco-Tourist Facility of the Snowy River LEP 2013.
2. the development as presented in the application does not adequately meet the following requirements of clause 5.13 Eco-tourist facilities, in the Snowy River LEP 2013 including Clauses (3)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (h) and (k).
3. the development as presented in the application does not adequately meet the development standards of the Snowy River DCP 2013 including Chapter C2 Design and Chapter E1 Tourist Development – Eco Tourist Facility included control C2.1-1, C2.1-2, E1.3-3, E1.3-4 and E1.3-6.

The application was WITHDRAWN before the meeting and therefore not considered.

At 01.56 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 01.57pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

MOTION

190/25

That Council change the order of business and delay the following items:

- 9.2.3 Procurement Policy;
- 9.3.1 Agency Information Guide 2025 Review;
- 9.3.2 Draft Snowy Monaro Settlement strategy;
- 9.3.3 Delivery Program Progress Report;
- 9.3.5 Resourcing Strategy;
- 9.3.6 Performance Improvement Order; and
- 9.3.7 UCC Policy.

Moved Councillor Rose

LOST

Record of Voting

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

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

Chair's Casting Vote

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

9. OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 OPERATIONS

9.1.1 SMRC DETACHED STUDIOS, GARAGES, URBAN SHEDS AND FARM BUILDINGS

Record No: I25/226

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the proposed SMRC Expanded Dwellings (Studios), Garages, Urban Sheds and Farm Buildings Policy.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

191/25

That Council defer consideration of the proposed "Expanded Dwellings (Studios), Garages, Urban Shed's and Farm Buildings Policy" and instead arrange a workshop for councillors to develop a revised document.

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.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

CARRIED

9.1.2 JINDABYNE LANDFILL PROJECT UPDATE

Record No: I25/373

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

192/25

That Council note:

- A. The Jindabyne Landfill Project Update report;
- B. That a community consultation activity was scheduled to be held in Jindabyne on 12 June at the Jindabyne Memorial Hall with Commercial and Domestic users;
- C. Council has received a briefing on the findings of the Geo Tech Investigations and options for the medium and long term solutions;
- D. That we move to quarterly reporting.

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, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.1.3 UPDATE ON NEW RURAL FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS - COUNCIL RESOLUTION 75/25

Record No: I25/435

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

193/25

That Council:

- A. note the Update on New Rural Fire Services Headquarters - Council Resolution 75/25.
- B. allocate an additional budget of \$389,000 for the construction of the Geebung Street extension and related ancillary services, funded from the proceeds of Leesville land sales, to be combined with the existing \$500,000 for a total of \$889,000.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.2 FINANCE

9.2.1 MAKING OF THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL RATES AND CHARGES

Record No: I25/356

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

194/25

That Council approves the making of the rates and charges separately for each category and sub-category as follows;

Making of the Levy of Ordinary Rates for Snowy Monaro Regional Council

- A. For the year 2025/2026, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00211421** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$608.00** per assessment being 49.07% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business. This rate is to be named **Business**.
- B. For the year 2025/2026, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00528395** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$1,520.00** per assessment being 4.40% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Business Electricity Generation. This rate is to be named **Business Electricity Generation**.
- C. For the year 2025/2026, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council

make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00211421** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$608.00** per assessment being 22.19% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Farmland. This rate is to be named **Farmland**.

- D. For the year 2025/2026, in accordance with Section 517 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00528395** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$1,520.00** per assessment being 0% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Mining. This rate is to be named **Mining**.
- E. For the year 2025/2026, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Ordinary Rate of **0.00211421** rate in the dollar on the land value. In accordance with Section 499 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make a **base amount** of **\$608.00** per assessment being 43.40% of the total amount payable on all rateable land categorised as Residential. This rate is to be named **Residential**.

Levy of Rates

- F. That the rates as made be levied for the 2025/2026 year by service of a Rates and Charges Notice pursuant to section 546 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Interest

- G. In accordance with section 566(3) of the Local Government Act, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive) will be **10.5% per annum**.

Waste Management

That in accordance with Section 496, Section 501 and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an Annual Charge for Waste Management Services.

Waste Management Charge	\$151.00
Domestic Waste Collection Service	\$310.00
Domestic Waste Collection – Upsize to 240L Bin from 120L Bin	\$185.00
Domestic Recycling Collection Service	\$201.00
Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Cooma-Monaro Region ONLY)	\$92.00
Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge	\$29.00
Change over Domestic Bin Charge (per event)	\$41.00
Bank of Bins Charge	\$303.00
Wheel Out/Wheel In Service	\$990.00
Commercial Waste Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	
240L Bin	\$550.00
360L Bin	\$820.00
All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Recycling Management	
Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/ Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	\$365.00

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All other areas	Per fees & charges
Commercial Food and Garden Organic Management	
Cooma-Monaro Region	\$170.00
All other areas	N/A

Liquid Trade Waste

That in accordance with Section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Liquid Trade Waste Charge per annum for where the program exists.

Classification "A" Charging Category 1 – Low Risk	\$276.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 1 – Low Risk	\$306.00
Classification "A" Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$1,053.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 2 – Medium Risk	\$1,053.00
Classification "S" Charging Category 2 - Dischargers of Chemical Toilet Waste	\$120.00
Classification "B" Charging Category 1 – High Risk/Industrial	\$2,088.00

Stormwater management

In accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$20 per annum for each parcel of rateable (occupied) land for which the service is available within the former Bombala Council area.

Onsite Sewer Management System

This renewal fee will apply to all onsite sewage management systems and will be charged on the annual rates notice. The 2025/2026 fee will be \$34.00.

Residential Water and Sewer

That in accordance with section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and annual Residential Water Access Charge of \$327.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water

Residential and Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$3.89 per Kilolitre.

Sewer

That in accordance with Section 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual Residential Sewer Access Charge of \$1,143.00 per annum, connected or unconnected.

Water and Sewer

With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Water Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Water Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2025-26	\$327.00	\$327.00	\$510.00	\$834.00	\$1,302.00

Water Annual Access Charge – Continued					
50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm

\$2,034.00	\$3,444.00	\$4,587.00	\$5,211.00	\$8,154.00	\$18,360.00
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With reference to Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage, Council make an annual Sewer Access Charge for properties based on meter size.

Sewer Annual Access Charge					
Meter Size	Vacant	20mm	25mm	32mm	40mm
2025-26	\$1,143.00	\$1,143.00	\$1,785.00	\$2,925.00	\$4,575.00

50mm	65mm	75mm	80mm	100mm	150mm
\$7,143.00	\$12,072.00	\$16,074.00	\$18,288.00	\$28,575.00	\$64,293.00

Sewer Usage Charge – Non Residential

Non-Residential Usage Charge of \$1.25 per kilolitre with discharge factor of 0.6 based on water meter readings multiplied by the discharge factor. Where the reading is taken directly from a Sewer Flow Meter, the discharge factor shall not apply.

Pipes, Rails and Structures

In accordance with the provisions of Section 611 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council may make an Annual Charge for any rail, pipe, wire, pole, cable, tunnel, or structure laid, erected, suspended, constructed or placed on, under or over a public place. The annual charge for 2025-2026 shall be:

1. Under a public place - Current Market Value
2. On or over a public place - Current Market Value

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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.
Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

At 01.32 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 01.32pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 02:12 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:12 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 02:13 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:13 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 02:17 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:18 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

9.2.2 INVESTMENT POLICY

Record No: I25/357

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

195/25

That Council adopt the Investment Policy.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.2.3 PROCUREMENT POLICY

Record No: I25/359

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENEED MOTION

196/25

That:

- A. Council move consideration of this Item to the August 2025 meeting.
- B. Staff address the issues raised in the June 2025 public forum.

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, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney and Councillor Summers.

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

197/25

That the motion be amended to change the policy as follows: Change to two written quotes for purchasing between the values of \$20,000 to \$40,000.00

Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins

Seconded Mayor Hanna

LOST

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Elliott, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

At 02:52pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:54pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

198/25

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy.

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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

9.2.4 MONTHLY FUNDS MANAGEMENT REPORT - MAY 2025

Record No: I25/411

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

199/25

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

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

9.3 STRATEGY

9.3.1 AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE 2025 REVIEW

Record No: I25/277

MOTION

200/25

That Council defer consideration of the Agency Information guide until the July 2025 Meeting, after appropriate proof reading of the document.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

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, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

201/25

That Council adopt the agency information guide.

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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

9.3.2 DRAFT SNOWY MONARO SETTLEMENTS STRATEGY 2025 - 2045

Record No: I25/307

MOTION

202/25

That Council defer the Snowy Monaro Settlements Strategy, hold another workshop and bring back to the August Meeting.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Williamson

LOST

Record of Voting

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

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

203/25

That Council:

- A. Rename the draft Snowy Monaro Settlements Strategy to a name that reflects the types of lands covered;
- B. endorse the draft Snowy Monaro Settlements Strategy 2025 – 2045 (draft Strategy) for the purposes of public exhibition;
- C. place the draft Strategy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 8 weeks;
- D. receive a post exhibition report outlining the feedback of the public exhibition.

Moved Councillor Higgins Seconded Councillor Davis

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

9.3.3 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Record No: I25/334

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

204/25

That Council:

- A. note the delivery program progress report;
- B. meet with the Bombala Arts committee to discuss the future of the Bombala Arts Centre.

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.

At 03:24 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 03:30 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 03:31 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

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

QUESTION ON NOTICE

QUESTION ON NOTICE

205/25

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

Jindabyne Sewer Reconstruction: Can it be confirmed if that is being funding Under the SAP project?

QUESTION ON NOTICE

QUESTION ON NOTICE

206/25

Cr Elliott put the following question, which was taken on notice:

What funding and resourcing is available in the current plans to progress the tourism strategy?

Procedural Motion

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

207/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 3.40pm for a break.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council meeting resumed at 3:51pm.

At 03:51 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

**9.3.4 POST-EXHIBITION REPORT - INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE OF DOCUMENTS
AND PLANS**

Record No: I25/335

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

208/25

That Council:

- A. Adopt the Delivery Program 2025-29, Operational Plan 2025-2026, Revenue Policy 2025-2026, and Long-Term Financial plan 2025-2035.
- B. Pursuant to section 211 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*; approves the projected operating expenditure and estimated expenses in the program and plans in part A and votes the money necessary to meet that expenditure and those expenses.
- C. Adopt the 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges, as placed on exhibition, with the following amendments to the draft:
- D. That the Michelago Hall fees be adjusted to the following:
 - 1. Election Hire - non Local Government 2024/25 \$380.00 2025/26 \$420.00 per day
 - 2. Hall - standard (eg; meetings) 2024/25 \$17.00 2025/26 \$18.00 per hour
 - 3. Hall - Event (eg; party) 2024/25 \$290.00 2025/26 \$295.00 per event
 - 4. Refundable Deposit Bond - standard hire 2024/25 \$170.00 2025/26 \$170.00 per event
 - 5. Refundable Deposit Bond - Party / Event 2024/25 \$250.00 2025/26 \$260.00 per event
- E. Note possible fees and charges changes against resolution 205/24.
- F. Undertake the corrections and amendments as outlined in Attachment 2 - Table 2
- G. That the date in the Operational Plan for a decision in relation to the Snowy Hostel be changed to September 2025.
- H. Change the amount reference against the Berridale Beautification plan in the Operational plan to \$1,099,000 consistent with the budget allocation.
- I. That a survey be completed within 3 months to allow council to understand the views of the Bombala community on reintroduction of fluoride to the water supply.
- J. That council update the delivery program to include advocacy for funding to seal road segments with vehicle daily movements of 150 per day, or above.
- K. That the long term financial plan (10 year) be amended to include commentary that council advocates for state and federal grant funds that allow to seal gravel roads that incur 100 to 149 vehicle movements per day.
- L. That the date in the Operational Plan for a decision in relation to the Snowy Hostel be changed to September 2025.
- M. That a survey be completed within 3 months to allow council to understand the views of the Bombala community on reintroduction of fluoride to the water supply.
- N. That council update the delivery program to include advocacy for funding to seal road segments with vehicle daily movements of 150 per day, or above.

- O. That the long term financial plan (10 year) be amended to include commentary that council advocates for state and federal grant funds that allow to seal gravel roads that incur 100 to 149 vehicle movements per day.

Moved Councillor Davis Seconded Councillor Summers CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

At 05:51 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

209/25

That the date in the Operational Plan for a decision in relation to the Snowy Hostel be changed to September 2025.

Moved Councillor Stewart Seconded Councillor Rose 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.

AMENDMENT

MOTION

210/25

That the CEO provide a brief paper regarding issues of staff recruitment and potential strategies to address the issue.

Moved Councillor Rose Seconded Councillor Elliott LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

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

AMENDMENT

MOTION

211/25

That the CEO bring back to council an update on the outcomes of the Community consultation regarding the Jindabyne toilets upgrade.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

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

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

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

212/25

That a survey be completed within 3 months to allow council to understand the views of the Bombala community on reintroduction of fluoride to the water supply.

Moved Councillor Elliott

Seconded Councillor Rose

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

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

AMENDMENT

MOTION

213/25

That high level detail regarding the Cooma water tank replacement be made publicly available.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

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

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

At 04:47 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 04:49 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 04:50 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

At 04:52 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

MOTION

214/25

That Council complete a risk assessment in relation pedestrian traffic in the Gippsland/Munyang streets area.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

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

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

At 04:57 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 04:58 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

215/25

That council update the delivery program to include advocacy for funding to seal road segments with vehicle daily movements of 150 per day, or above.

Moved Councillor Rooney

Seconded Councillor Rose

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 05:14 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 05:15 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

216/25

That the long term financial plan (10 year) be amended to include commentary that council advocates for state and federal grant funds that allow to seal gravel roads that incur 100 to 149 vehicle movements per day.

Moved Councillor Rooney

Seconded Councillor Williamson

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

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

AMENDMENT

MOTION

217/25

That council in addition to seeking grant funding, allocate any underspend on self-funded activities and projects to fund in order of priority:

1. The repair of the damaged southern section of Bumbalong Road to restore road access to the homes and farms that use that road, and to stop the sedimentation of the Murrumbidgee River and its riparian zone caused by the continued erosion of the road.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Rose

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

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

At 05:41 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 05:47 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

9.3.5 RESOURCING STRATEGY

Record No: I25/336

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

218/25

That Council:

1. Adopt the:

- (a) Snowy Monaro Asset Management Policy,
- (b) Snowy Monaro Asset Management Strategy, and
- (c) Snowy Monaro asset management plans for each class of assets as components of the resourcing strategy.

2. Endorse the Snowy Monaro Workforce Management Strategy as a component of the resourcing strategy.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Deputy Mayor Hopkins

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

ADJOURNMENT

219/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 6.06pm to the 3rd July 2025 at 1.00pm.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – COOMA CHAMBERS & VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK
PART 2 – THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025 – 1.00pm**

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting of 19 June 2025 resumed at 1.00pm, Thursday 3 July 2025.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL

Procedural Motion

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

220/25

That Council approve the remote attendance via audio visual link of Councillor Tricia Hopkins at the meeting on 3 July (Part 2 – following adjournment on 19 June 2025) and accept the reason due to travelling and work commitments.

Moved Councillor Davis

Seconded Councillor Rooney

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.

9.3.6 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ORDER - 3RD REPORT

Record No: I25/365

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

221/25

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 and Councillor Summers.

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

9.3.7 UNREASONABLE CUSTOMER CONDUCT POLICY

Record No: I25/412

MOTION

222/25

- a) That Council adopt the proposed Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Policy.
- b) That Council host a Councillor workshop to consider the following items:
 1. Amend the draft Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Policy to incorporate the following provisions, consistent with the NSW Ombudsman's 2022 guidance and best practice in public administration:
 - o **Terminology:** Replace "unreasonable customers" with "customers or organisations exhibiting unreasonable conduct" to avoid labelling individuals.
 - o **Complainant Rights:** Ensure Section 3.1 includes an explicit statement affirming the right to be heard, treated fairly, provided reasons for decisions, and to seek internal review of any imposed restrictions.
 - o **Procedural Fairness:** Clarify in Section 4 and Appendix A that before any restriction is imposed:
 - A written notice with reasons is issued,
 - An opportunity is provided to respond, and
 - An internal review is available, conducted by a different officer.
 - o **Consideration of Diversity and Disability:** Include in Section 3.1 a requirement to consider whether the conduct may be influenced by mental illness, disability, trauma, or communication barriers—without requiring formal diagnosis.
 - o **Training and Early Intervention:** Commit to relevant staff receiving training in inclusive communication, early warning signs, and de-escalation techniques.
 - o **Transparency and Oversight:** Require that all restrictions be recorded in Council's document management system and that a de-identified annual internal review be conducted to support governance and training.
 - o **Time-Limited Restrictions:** Specify that restrictions should have a default maximum duration of 12 months, subject to review and renewal if necessary.
 - o **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):** Provide that ADR methods such as mediation may be offered or considered before or during restriction processes.
 2. Request that the amended draft be brought back to the next Council meeting for adoption, incorporating these provisions.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Chair's Casting Vote

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

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

223/25

MOTION

That Council adopt the Unreasonable Complainant Conduct 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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Williamson.

9.4 COMMUNICATIONS

Nil

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

9.5.1 RESOLUTION ACTION SHEET UPDATES

Record No: I25/379

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)		224/25
That Council note Resolution Action Sheet Updates.		
Moved Councillor Davis	Seconded Councillor Elliott	CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Nil.</i>	

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION		225/25
That Council reconsider the decision to adopt the resolution action sheet updates report by exception.		
Moved Councillor Rose	Seconded Councillor Elliott	CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Higgins and Councillor Summers.</i>	

At 02:07 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 02:08 pm Councillor Summers left the meeting.

At 02:08 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 02:10 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

At 02:10 pm Councillor Summers returned to the meeting.

At 02:10 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

226/25

That Councillor Rose puts the following questions on notice:

Updates requested on the following items:

- 23/25 Matong Road Numbla Creek Bridge: Is there any further information on the completion date?
- 87/24 Acceptance of Funding under the NSW Government Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme – Round 2: What is happening with this project, has it been shelved or is it still under consideration?
- 80/20 RFS Shed Michelago: Old resolution, what is happening with this matter?
- 162/18 Proposal to Realign Barry Way Jindabyne and to address issues with the intersections of Barry Way with Eagle View Lane and Bungarra Lane: What is the story with this one?
- 55/20 Proposed Acquisition of Easement for Access to Middlingbank Quarry: What is the status of this resolution?
- 203/23 Social media posts policy: What is happening with this policy and is it important?
- 211/24 Changes to Delegate bin enclosure and hours of operation of transfer station: What to check in on this?

MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

227/25

That Council note the Resolution Action Sheet Updates.

Moved Councillor Summers

Seconded Councillor Rooney

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.

9.5.2 SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS - SNOWY RESERVOIR COLLAPSE - STATUS REPORT

Record No: I25/381

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

228/25

That Council note the June 2025 Settlement of Claims - Snowy Reservoir Collapse - Status Report

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 Stewart, 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: I25/364

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION)

229/25

That Council receive the minutes of the:

- i. Bombala Exhibition Ground Management Committee – Meeting Held 12 March 2025
- ii. Minutes – Snowy Monaro Regional Biosecurity (Weeds) Advisory Committee – Meeting Held 27 February 2025

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

230/25

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned at 2.55pm for a break.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting resumed at 3.07pm.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NSW LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT JUDGEMENT OF 2 JUNE 2025

Record No: I25/386

Councillor Luke Williamson has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

231/25

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the decision of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court (the Court) in *Anderson v Snowy Monaro Regional Council & Anor* [2025], in which the Court declared development consents No.10.2021.325.1 and No.10.2021.321.1 to be void and of no effect and quashed the consents.
2. Notes the alignment of the judgement with certain content elements of submission and/or the presentation made by the Andersons to Council.
3. Formally apologises to the Andersons for Council's failure to accept their correct and timely advice regarding the then proposed development and the applicable case law, leading to their pursuit of successful action in the Court.
4. Commits to reviewing internal procedures for assessing and responding to public submissions and concerns in the development application process, with a report to be brought to Council within three months.

Moved Councillor Williamson

Seconded Councillor Rose

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

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

FORESHADOWED MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

232/25

That:

1. Council notes the decision of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court (the Court) in *Anderson v Snowy Monaro Regional Council & Anor* [2025], in which the Court declared development consents No.10.2021.325.1 and No.10.2021.321.1 to be void and of no effect and quashed the consents.
2. A report come back to Council following the finalisation of Court proceedings from staff and solicitors.

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 Stewart and Councillor Summers.

Councillors Against: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

11.2 MICALAGO ROAD

Record No: I25/387

Councillor John Rooney has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

233/25

That Council:

- A. Council adopt a medium-term objective to improve the condition of Micalago Road from the Monaro Highway to the Karinya Plains turnoff.
- B. Council receive a report at the August Council Meeting providing options for improvements to serviceability of Micalago Road.

Moved Councillor Rooney

Seconded Councillor Rose

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: Councillor Williamson.

At 04:31 pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

At 04:39 pm Councillor Higgins returned to the meeting.

11.3 LIBRARY OUTREACH SERVICE

Record No: I25/390

Councillor Tricia Hopkins has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, she will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION		234/25
That Council:		
A. Conduct community consultation amongst stakeholders and users of the library outreach service to determine satisfaction with the current service and make recommendations for any possible service amendments that may offer an improvement.		
B. In line with council resolution 292/24 convene a workshop to review the results of consultation with community and stakeholders about the newly introduced Library Outreach Service.		
Moved Deputy Mayor Hopkins Seconded Councillor Summers		CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Nil.</i>	

At 04:55 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins left the meeting.

11.4 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF PLANNING COMPLIANCE SYSTEMS AND REPORTING

Record No: I25/402

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION		235/25
That the CEO presents a report to Council at its December ordinary meeting detailing development compliance issues, actions taken over the last 12 months and recommendations to strengthen the compliance framework.		
Moved Councillor Rose Seconded Councillor Elliott		CARRIED
Record of Voting		
<i>Councillors For:</i>	<i>Councillor Davis, Councillor Elliott, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.</i>	
<i>Councillors Against:</i>	<i>Nil.</i>	

At 05:08 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins returned to the meeting.

11.5 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Record No: I25/403

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

236/25

That Council:

1. Notes the appointment of a new Chief Officer Infrastructure and Projects, reinstating senior engineering leadership within Council;
2. Requests the incoming Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to the organisational review required under section 333 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, to examine the appropriateness of transferring responsibility for Council's plant and equipment function from the Chief Strategy Officer to the Director of Infrastructure and Projects; and
3. Requests that the CEO include advice on this matter in the broader structural review report to be presented to Council within three months.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

CARRIED

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Elliott, Deputy Mayor Hopkins, Councillor Rooney, Councillor Rose, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Councillor Davis, Mayor Hanna, Councillor Higgins and Councillor Summers.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

237/25

Cr Higgins raised the following question which was taken on notice:

- status of communication plan.

11.6 SIMPLIFIED PLANNING AND REPORTING

Record No: I25/404

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

238/25

That Council:

1. Notes the historically low level of community engagement with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents, with typically fewer than 150 submissions from a population of over 22,000.
2. Commits to improving the accessibility, transparency, and representativeness of community engagement during the exhibition period of the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan, and Long-Term Financial Plan.
3. Requests the CEO to:
 - a. Include in future IP&R exhibition periods a simplified and concise summary of the key proposals in the draft IP&R documents, clearly outlining:
 - i. Strategic directions and priorities,
 - ii. Major budget allocations and financial implications,
 - iii. Key trade-offs or options for consideration,
 - iv. Opportunities and mechanisms for community feedback;
 - b. Extend the IP&R consultation period by an additional six weeks prior to the statutory adoption deadline in June;
 - c. Investigate and report to Council by March 2026 on improved community engagement methods, including:
 - i. The use of statistically valid sampling (e.g. phone or online surveys) modelled on Council's 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey,
 - ii. Deliberative consultation methods such as community focus groups to explore strategic trade-offs,
 - iii. Integration of those findings into future IP&R planning cycles.
4. That the CEO present a proposed summary template for use in the 2026 IP&R exhibition process for Council consideration no later than February 2026.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

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

At 05:30 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins left the meeting.

At 05:31 pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting.

At 05:33 pm Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

11.7 STAFF SURVEY – STRATEGIC RESPONSE

Record No: I25/406

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

239/25

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes of the Staff Survey conducted in August–September 2024 by Mastertek Pty Ltd, including the suite of detailed reports provided to Council;
2. Acknowledges the insights provided by the survey in relation to organisational culture, staff engagement, internal collaboration, and improvement opportunities;
3. Recognises the value of regular staff feedback in guiding continuous organisational development and alignment with strategic goals;
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare, within three months of the July 2025 ordinary council meeting, a Strategy Paper for Council consideration with key focus areas for organisational improvement, based on the 2024 results.

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Elliott

LOST

Record of Voting

Councillors For: Councillor Rose and Councillor Williamson.

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

At 05:59 pm Deputy Mayor Hopkins returned to the meeting.

11.8 INTERNAL REVIEW OF TOWARD EXCELLENCE

Record No: I25/407

Councillor Reuben Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 June 2025, he will move the following motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

240/25

That Council: requests a report to be brought back by the CEO no later than October 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining:

- a) the expenditure, performance outcomes achieved and value created to date from the Toward Excellence program;
- b) the strategic alignment of the program with Council's core operational and financial priorities; and
- c) a clear recommendation regarding the future scope, structure and resourcing of any business improvement initiatives, including the proposed CI team;
- d) a more suitable title than "Toward Excellence".

Moved Councillor Rose

Seconded Councillor Stewart

CARRIED

Record of Voting

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

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

Chair's Casting Vote

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

12. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

14.1 COOMA POOL UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION) **241/25**

That Council:

- A. note the Cooma Pool upgrade project update;
- B. note the information in the Legal Actions and Potential Claims Against SMRC;
- C. write of the Rates and Sundry Debtors recommended in the Confidential report.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil.

14.2 LEGAL ACTION AND POTENTIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SMRC

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION) **242/25**

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

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil

14.3 WRITE OFF RATES AND SUNDRY DEBTORS FOR 2024/25

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (BY EXCEPTION) **243/25**

That Council write off the Rates and Sundry Debtors recommended in the report.

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 Stewart, Councillor Summers and Councillor Williamson.

Councillors Against: Nil

Procedural Motion

CLOSE MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

244/25

The chair declared the Ordinary Meeting be closed and all remaining matters carried to the next meeting. The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Moved Mayor Hanna

CARRIED



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 19 June 2025 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 17 July 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.