



MINUTES of

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 16 December 2025 at 4:00 PM

Attendance at Meeting:

Councillors: Mayor R Bell (Chair)

Deputy Mayor K Arnold

Cr S Burrows

Cr L Doran

Cr T O'Connor

Cr L Petrov

Cr A Blakester

Cr D Mailler

Cr J Philp

Apologies: Nil

Ms T Averay, General Manager

Mr B Dyer, Group Manager Community Services

Mr S Williams, Group Manager Corporate Services

Mr M McLindin, Acting Director Infrastructure & Development

Mr M Ahammed, Chief Financial Officer arrived Item 14.1, left after Item 14.15

Ms E Sims, Senior Project Officer

Ms W Westbrook, Executive Assistant

Ms M Blyth, Group Support Officer Corporate Services

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1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 4:00pm.

2 PRAYER

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council prayer.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair read the acknowledgement of country.

4 WEBCAST INFORMATION

The Chair advised the meeting was recorded, with the recording to be made available on Council's website following the meeting and reminded the attendees from making defamatory statements.

5 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

6 DISCLOSURE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/S

Cr Leanne Doran declared non-significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 14.12, due to Coordinating Thunderbolt's Festival

Cr David Mailler declared pecuniary interest in relation to item 15.3, due to Owner of property adjacent to TSR.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING HELD 25 NOVEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 180.12/25**

Moved: Cr Sarah Burrows

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council adopts the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 25 November 2025 as a true and correct record.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

8 URGENT, SUPPLEMENTARY, AND LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS (INCLUDING PETITIONS)**8.1 LATE REPORT – MAYORAL MINUTE**

Moved to be heard at Item 11.

9 WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**9.1 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 181.12/25**

Moved: Cr Adam Blakester

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

That Council receives the Mayor's Activity Report for November 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

11 MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - CONDOLENCES TO WAVERLEY COUNCIL AND SUPPORT FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOLLOWING THE BONDI BEACH TERRORIST ATTACK****RESOLUTION 182.12/25**

MOVED: MAYOR ROBERT BELL

SECONDED: CR LEANNE DORAN

THAT COUNCIL:

1. EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF THOSE KILLED, AND ALL THOSE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE TERRORIST SHOOTING ATTACK AT BONDI BEACH DURING CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS.
2. CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THIS ACT OF ANTISEMITIC VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM, AND AFFIRMS THAT HATRED, RACISM AND EXTREMISM HAVE NO PLACE IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY.

3. ACKNOWLEDGES THE PROFOUND DISTRESS AND FEAR CAUSED TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES ACROSS AUSTRALIA BY THIS ATTACK, PARTICULARLY GIVEN IT OCCURRED DURING A SACRED TIME OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE.
4. OFFERS REASSURANCE, SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT TO JEWISH MEMBERS OF THE URALLA SHIRE COMMUNITY, AND AFFIRMS THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE, GATHER, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE THEIR CULTURE SAFELY AND WITHOUT FEAR.
5. RECOGNISES AND THANKS NSW POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ACTED WITH COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM IN RESPONDING TO THE ATTACK.
6. WRITES FORMALLY TO THE MAYOR OF WAVERLEY COUNCIL CONVEYING COUNCIL'S CONDOLENCES, SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY ON BEHALF OF THE URALLA SHIRE COMMUNITY.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, LEANNE DORAN, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, ADAM BLAKESTER, DAVID MAILLER, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: NIL

CARRIED 9/0

12 NOTICE OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

13 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

13.1 MINUTES AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2025 AND DECEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 183.12/25

Moved: Cr Adam Blakester

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receives and notes the minutes of the ARIC meetings 1 September 2025, 12 September 2025 (extraordinary meeting of the ARIC) and 2 December 2025, noting Cr Doran attended the 2 December meeting.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailer, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

13.2 AGED CARE COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER MEETING

RESOLUTION 184.12/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kath Arnold

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Aged Care Compliance and Assurance Committee (ACCA) meeting held on 6 November 2025.
2. Note the ACCA's request that Council receives a report highlighting the strong results achieved by Community Care Transport.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

13.3 AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26TH NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 185.12/25

Moved: Cr Sarah Burrows

Seconded: Cr Jen Philp

That Council notes and receives the unconfirmed Minutes of the Australia Day Committee meeting held 26th November 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

14.1 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2027-2036

RESOLUTION 186.12/25

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kath Arnold

That Council:

1. Notes there were no submission to the exhibited draft 2027-2036 LTFP.
2. Adopts the draft Long Term Financial Plan and associated supporting documents as exhibited with the following amendment at point 5.
3. Notes that the Plan will be reviewed annually, and further revisions recommended as appropriate.
4. Considers the LTFP in determining its final position on the proposed SRV application to IPART, the subject of a separate report to this meeting.
5. Removes TCS/TCT, McMaugh Gardens and Grace Munro from the list of community operations to be funded by the proposed SRV.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.2 SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION INCLUDING REPORT ON THE SRV COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RESOLUTION 187.12/25

Moved: Cr David Mailler

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the process and feedback received during the community engagement on the proposed permanent two-year up to 58.06% cumulative Special Rate Variation.
2. Makes application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation under section 508(A) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for increases to the ordinary rate income of 28.50% in 2026-2027 (including the rate peg), and 23.00% in 2027-2028 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase up to 58.06% over the two-year period, with that increase to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
3. Applies the proposed SRV rating across all categories subject to the consideration of valuation changes.

Category	Year 1 2026/27	Year 2 2027/28	Compounded increase % change
Residential	28.5%	23%	58.06%
Rural Residential	28.5%	23%	58.06%
Business	28.5%	23%	58.06%
Farmland	28.5%	23%	58.06%

4. Includes the Community Engagement Report and supporting consultation materials relating to the proposed Special Rate Variation in the application to IPART.
5. Notes that Council is investigating an additional sub category for energy generation and infrastructure.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.3 HILL STREET AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT – PETITION AND PROJECT UPDATEHOUSING PROJECT**RESOLUTION 188.12/25****Moved:** Cr David Mailler**Seconded:** Cr Lone Petrov**That Council:**

1. Notes receipt of the petition titled 'Oppose the Unconsulted Transfer of 15 Hill Street to Homes North' and the concerns raised.
2. Notes community engagement activities undertaken to date and mechanisms implemented to address concerns.
3. Writes to the chief petitioner responding to the issues raised in the petition and makes this information publicly available.
4. Receives advice on the process for quarantining surpluses and a call for two Councillor representatives to the Advisory Committee to the February 2026 Meeting.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**PROCEDURAL MOTION - BREAK****RESOLUTION 189.12/25****Moved:** Cr Leanne Doran**Seconded:** Cr Tom O'Connor**The Chair called for a short break at 5:55pm**

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**PROCEDURAL MOTION - RETURN****RESOLUTION 190.12/25****Moved:** Cr Leanne Doran**Seconded:** Cr Adam Blakester**The Chair reconvened the meeting after a short break at 6:10pm**

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.4 UPDATE - RATES AND WATER DEBTORS IN ARREARS

RESOLUTION 191.12/25

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Sarah Burrows

That Council notes the report on Rates and Water Charges Arrears.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 192.12/25

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr David Mailler

That Council receives the attached Monthly Finance Report for November 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.6 LOANS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 193.12/25

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr David Mailler

That Council notes that the total loan position as of 30 November 2025 is \$1,096,822.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.7 INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 194.12/25

Moved: Cr Adam Blakester

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council notes:

1. The cash position as of 30 November 2025 consisting of:
 - cash and overnight funds of \$3,997,321
 - term deposits of \$21,000,000; and
 - total of cash and term deposits amount to \$24,997,321 as of 30 November 2025.
2. Restrictions are reconciled on a quarterly basis. As of 30 September 2025, total cash and investments were \$26,846,753 comprising \$18,764,400 in external restrictions and \$5,438,189 in internal restrictions, leaving an unrestricted balance \$2,644,164. This compares to an unrestricted cash balance of \$2,942,835 as of 30 June 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.8 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CAPITAL WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION 195.12/25

Moved: Cr Sarah Burrows

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council notes the Infrastructure Works Update as at November 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.9 REPAYMENT OF UNSPENT CHSP FUNDS FOR 2023/24 FY**RESOLUTION 196.12/25****Moved:** Cr Sarah Burrows**Seconded:** Cr Jen Philp**That Council:**

1. Notes the CHSP 2023–24 acquittal outcome requiring repayment of \$584,111.55 to the Department.
2. Notes the Department's advice that the CHSP funding agreement cannot be varied to allow retention of the unspent funds.
3. Notes the current internal process of a monthly acquittal to ensure that all CHSP funds are fully acquitted each month, with the outcome that there will not be any unspent funds at the end of the 2 year acquittal period.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold**Against:** Nil**CARRIED 9/0****14.10 ISSUE OF FORMAL DELEGATION TO THE MAYOR****RESOLUTION 197.12/25****Moved:** Cr Adam Blakester**Seconded:** Cr Sarah Burrows**That Council:**

1. Revokes all previous delegations to the Mayor.
2. Adopts the Instrument of Delegation to the Mayor as attached.
3. Reviews the delegation within three (3) months of the new Council term.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold**Against:** Nil**CARRIED 9/0**

14.11 2025 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT ASSURANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 198.12/25****Moved:** Cr Adam Blakester**Seconded:** Cr Leanne Doran**That Council:**

1. Notes the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee's (ARIC's) annual assessment of Council's performance in meeting the requirements of the Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW.
2. Attends an annual assurance meeting to be convened by the ARIC prior to the first ARIC meeting in 2026 scheduled for 2nd March 2026.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.12 POLICY REVIEW****RESOLUTION 199.12/25****Moved:** Cr Sarah Burrows**Seconded:** Cr David Mailler**That Council:**

1. Exhibits the Gates and Ramps, Crossing of Water Pipes and Highway Closure Policies for a period of 42 days seeking community feedback, noting the correction with the event reference in the Highway Closure Policy to now state 'Thunderbolt's Festival'.
2. Grazing on Public Roads Policy is to be transferred to a General Manager Directive.
3. Receives a further report on completion of the exhibition periods should any submissions be received prompting material change.
4. Adopts the Gates and Ramps, Crossing of Water Pipes and Highway Closure Policies should no submissions prompting material change be received.
5. Rescinds the Food Control Commercial Premises Policy 2013, the Local Policies concerning approvals and orders Policy 2013, and the Water Safety Policy 2013.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

14.13 CODE OF CONDUCT STATISTICS 2024-2025**RESOLUTION 200.12/25****Moved:** Cr Sarah Burrows**Seconded:** Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council provides the Office of Local Government with the Code of Conduct Annual Statistical Report for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 by 31 December 2025 noting that there have been no Code of Conduct Complaints for the reporting period.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.14 ADDENDUM TO 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 201.12/25****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Kath Arnold**Seconded:** Cr Sarah Burrows

That Council:

1. Notes the General Manager's 2024/2025 attestation in satisfaction of Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 section 216T; and
2. Includes the Attestation Statement as an addendum to the Uralla Shire Council 2024/2025 Annual Report.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.15 REGISTER RESOLUTIONS ACTIONS STATUS AS AT 10TH DECEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 202.12/25****Moved:** Cr Sarah Burrows**Seconded:** Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council notes the Resolution Actions Status Report as at 10 December 2025.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

PROCEDURAL MOTION - BREAK

RESOLUTION 203.12/25

Moved: Cr David Mailler

Seconded: Cr Leanne Doran

The Chair called for a short dinner break at 7.26 pm.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

PROCEDURAL MOTION - RETURN

RESOLUTION 204.12/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kath Arnold

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

The Chair reconvened the meeting after a short break at 7.54pm.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 205.12/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kath Arnold

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

15.1 Future Regional Water Security Option Investigation

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

15.2 Waste Management – Comparative Evaluation of Landfill Options and Update on Previous Waste-Related Actions

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be

contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

15.3 Staces Road and Travelling Stock Route (TSR)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

15.4 Procurement of Bogie Drive Water Cart via Tender VP483833

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

15.5 General Manager Annual Performance Review December 2025

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0



RESOLUTION 211.12/25

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

That Council return to Open Session of Council and that resolutions of Closed Session of Council become the resolutions of Open session of Council.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov, Adam Blakester, David Mailler, Jen Philp and Kath Arnold

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

16 COMMUNICATIONS OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Chair communicated the Council decisions from the closed session.

15.1 FUTURE REGIONAL WATER SECURITY OPTION INVESTIGATION

RESOLUTION 211.12/25

MOVED: CR SARAH BURROWS

SECONDED: DEPUTY MAYOR KATH ARNOLD

THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISES THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTERPARTS AT ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND WALCHA COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE REGIONAL RESPONSES TO PRESENT AND FUTURE WATER SECURITY ISSUES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, LEANNE DORAN, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, ADAM BLAKESTER, DAVID MAILLER, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: NIL

CARRIED 9/0

15.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT – COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF LANDFILL OPTIONS AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS WASTE-RELATED ACTIONS

RESOLUTION 212.12/25

MOVED: CR DAVID MAILLER

SECONDED: CR JEN PHILP

THAT COUNCIL NOTES:

1. RECEIPT OF THE MIKE RITCHIE AND ASSOCIATES (MRA) DRAFT REPORT: COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF LANDFILL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, DATED 19 NOV 2025.
2. THE UPDATED STAFF RESPONSES TO RESOLUTION 3 OF THE REPORT TO COUNCIL OF 23 JULY 2024: THE URALLA LANDFILL MASTER PLAN AND RESIDUAL WASTE OPTIONS ASSESSMENT.
3. THE INTENTION TO PROGRESS TENDERS IN FEBRUARY 2026 AS FOLLOWS:
 - (A) PUTRESCIBLE (RED) WASTE TRANSPORT SERVICE;
 - (B) GARDEN ORGANICS (GREEN) WASTE TRANSPORT SERVICE, WITH THE OPTION TO TRANSFER INTO A FULL FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) TRANSPORT SERVICE AFTER JULY 2026; AND
 - (C) RECYCLABLE (YELLOW) WASTE TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING SERVICE.
4. ANY FUTURE LANDFILL CELL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING.
5. GENERAL MANAGER TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL REPORT TO THE FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING IDENTIFYING THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE DECEMBER 2025 WASTE STRATEGY REPORT.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, LEANNE DORAN, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, ADAM BLAKESTER, DAVID MAILLER, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: NIL

CARRIED 9/0

AT 8:35 PM, CR DAVID MAILLER LEFT THE MEETING.

15.3 STACES ROAD AND TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE (TSR)

RESOLUTION 213.12/25

MOVED: CR LONE PETROV

SECONDED: CR LEANNE DORAN

THAT COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPTS THE OFFER BY ENERGYCO TO FUND AND CONDUCT, ON COUNCIL'S BEHALF, ALL REQUIRED ACTIVITIES TO REGULARISE AND COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE SUCH LAND WITHIN THE STACES ROAD - TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTE CORRIDOR AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO CREATE A PERMANENT OVER SIZE/OVER MASS-CAPABLE, HEAVY VEHICLE ROUTE CONNECTING THE NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY TO THUNDERBOLTS WAY.
2. ENCOURAGES ENERGYCO TO CONSIDER AN ALIGNMENT THAT MINIMISES LOSS OF VEGETATION.
3. DEDICATES THE SAID LAND AS PUBLIC ROAD PURSUANT TO ROADS ACT 1993 ONCE ACQUISITION IS COMPLETE.
4. ACKNOWLEDGES ITS FUTURE ROLE AS THE ROADS AUTHORITY OVER THE SAID LAND PURSUANT TO ROADS ACT 1993 FOLLOWING THE DEDICATION.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, LEANNE DORAN, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: CR ADAM BLAKESTER

ABSENT: CRS DAVID MAILLER

CARRIED 7/1

AT 8:47 PM, CR DAVID MAILLER RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

15.4 PROCUREMENT OF BOGIE DRIVE WATER CART VIA TENDER VP483833

RESOLUTION 214.12/25

MOVED: CR SARAH BURROWS

SECONDED: DEPUTY MAYOR KATH ARNOLD

THAT COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPTS THE TENDER SUBMISSION VP483833 FROM VOLVO GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (VIA JT FOSSEY SALES PTY LTD) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$307,666.52 (INCL. GST) ON THE BASIS THAT THE SUBMISSION REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE OFFER.
2. AUTHORISES THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
3. NOTIFIES ALL TENDERERS OF THE OUTCOME IN LINE WITH COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT PRACTICES.

4. NOTES THAT THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROCUREMENT IS COUNCIL'S 25/26 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM VIA AN ALLOCATION TO BE DRAWN FROM THE ADOPTED BUDGET ITEM 'PLANT FUND – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE' GL CODE 07500.0705.0555.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, LEANNE DORAN, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, ADAM BLAKESTER, DAVID MAILLER, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: NIL

CARRIED 9/0

15.5 GENERAL MANAGER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW DECEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 215.12/25

MOVED: MAYOR ROBERT BELL

SECONDED: DEPUTY MAYOR KATH ARNOLD

THAT COUNCIL NOTE:

1. THE COUNCILLOR REVIEW PANEL ARE CONFIDENT THAT URALLA SHIRE IS BENEFITING FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER DILIGENCE AND OPTIMISM WHICH IS RESULTING IN MANY POSITIVE CHANGES ACROSS ALL AREAS OF THE SHIRE: AND
2. THE GENERAL MANAGER RECEIVES A RENUMERATION INCREASE AS PER CLAUSE 8.4 OF HER CONTRACT OF 3.5% AS PER NSW REPORT AND DETERMINATION UNDER 240 OF THE STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICES RENUMERATION ACT 1975 BACKDATED TO NOVEMBER 2025.

FOR: CRS ROBERT BELL, SARAH BURROWS, TOM O'CONNOR, LONE PETROV, DAVID MAILLER, JEN PHILP AND KATH ARNOLD

AGAINST: CRS LEANNE DORAN AND ADAM BLAKESTER

CARRIED 7/2

17 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm.