



# **Minutes**

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**30 April 2024**



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA**  
**ON TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA  
ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024  
COMMENCING AT 12.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mathew Hatcher, Mayor (in the Chair)  
Councillors Tanya Dannock, Peter Diskon, David Grace, Tubby Harrison,  
Anthony Mayne, Amber Schutz, Rob Pollock OAM and Alison Worthington

**Staff:** Warwick Winn, General Manager  
Mr G Bruce, Acting Director, Planning and Environment  
Mr G Attenborough, Director, Infrastructure Services  
Mrs K Arthur, Director, Community, Arts and Recreation  
Mrs S Speedy, Director, Finance and Corporate Services  
Ms K Pisanos, Executive Manager Coordination and Communications  
Ms L Jeremy, Interim Governance Manager  
Miss L Evans, Minute Secretary

**1. WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants and custodians of all land and water in the Eurobodalla and respects their enduring cultural and spiritual connection to it. Eurobodalla Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land in which we live. Council pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We are on Yuin Country.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**24/34 MOTION** Councillor Harrison/Councillor Schutz

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2024 be confirmed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

**24/35 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Mayne

THAT Council move into Public Forum.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

(Minutes of the Public Forum are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

**PF24/011 MR24/001 EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Trish Hellier addressed Council in relation to MR24/001 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

A copy of Trish's presentation is available on Council's website.

**PF24/012 MR24/001 EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Ainsley Ratcliff addressed Council in relation to MR24/001 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Ainsley did not provide a copy of her presentation.

**7. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**MR24/001 EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

File Ref: S006-T00016

**24/36 MOTION** Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Harrison

THAT Council:

1. Advocate to the NSW Government to prioritise construction of the Moruya Bypass to provide direct and efficient access to the hospital from the north of the shire.
2. Advocate to the NSW Government for increased ambulance services in the north of the shire to coincide with the opening of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.
3. Advocate to the Australian Government to extend opening hours of the Batemans Bay Urgent Care Clinic to 24/7 to coincide with the opening of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.
4. Request the NSW Government reassess the need for the emergency department at Batemans Bay Hospital in light of demographic change and uncertainty around construction of the Moruya bypass.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

Nil

**10. PETITIONS**

Nil



**11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GMR24/002 GRANTS STRATEGY 2024-28**

File Ref: S014-T00005

**24/37 MOTION** Councillor Grace/Councillor Harrison

THAT Council endorse the Grants Strategy 2024-28.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**GMR24/003 2024 RURAL AND REGIONAL SUMMIT**

File Ref: S004-T00019; S012-T00025

**24/38 MOTION** Councillor Grace/Councillor Schutz

THAT:

1. The Mayor be endorsed to attend the 2024 Rural and Regional Summit to represent the shire.
2. Council determine Councillor David Grace, in addition to the Mayor, attend the 2024 Regional and Rural Summit.
3. Council representatives be reimbursed out of pocket expenses in accordance with the '*Councillors' Professional Development, Expenses and Facilities*' Policy.
4. Councillors to provide a written delegates report following the Conference that will be available to the public on Council's website and at the Moruya Administration Offices.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS**

**PSR24/007 DRAFT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - 54 HAWDON STREET, MORUYA  
AND 34 MURRAY STREET, MORUYA**

File Ref: S019-T00003

**24/39 MOTION** Councillor Harrison/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council ratify the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement between Eurobodalla Shire Council and the landowners of 54 Hawdon Street, Moruya (Lot 82 DP614216) and 34 Murray Street, Moruya (Lot 102 DP 722139) and add to Council's Planning Agreements Register.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

**FCS24/008 EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022-26, OPERATIONAL PLAN  
2024-25 AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-34**

File Ref: S004-T00028, S004-T00029

**24/40 MOTION** Councillor Worthington/Councillor Diskon

THAT:

1. The draft 2024-25 Operational Plan, the draft 2024-25 Fees and Charges, and the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Following public exhibition, a further report be submitted to Council for the consideration of submissions from the community and adoption of the 2024-25 Operational Plan, 2024-25 Fees and Charges, and the 2024-34 Long-Term Financial Plan.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**FCS24/009    AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND  
INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER**

File Ref: S004-T00048

**24/41    MOTION** Councillor Grace/Councillor Schutz

THAT:

1. Council adopt the Eurobodalla Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference (2024) and place the documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Council adopt the Eurobodalla Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Internal Audit Charter and place the documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. That council note and endorse the advice provided by the Eurobodalla Audit Risk and Improvement Committee which outlined their direction in terms of voting membership as follows:  
Voting members:
  - An independent Chair (Chair)
  - Dr Tish Richardson, Independent Member
  - Mr Grant Doran, Independent Member
  - An additional Independent Member
4. That Council note the Non-voting membership which is in keeping with the ARIC Guidelines, as follows:
  - Mayor
  - General Manager
  - Director Finance and Corporate Services
  - Internal auditor
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - External auditor
5. That council note that the Chair of the Committee recently resigned and that in accordance with the guidelines council will now seek to recruit a Committee Chair in the first instance followed by committee members, in accordance with the recent direction provided by the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and as outlined at point three.
6. That the outcomes of the recruitment processes be reported to council.
7. That council note that a performance assessment has been carried out in accordance with the Risk Management and Internal Audit Guidelines for local government in NSW.
8. The frequency of Ordinary meetings be quarterly in accordance with the guidelines, noting that if needed an extraordinary meeting may be called.
9. That the sitting fees be as follows:
  - (a) Chair \$1500 per meeting.
  - (b) Committee members \$1000 per meeting.
  - (c) Travel at cost, where deemed appropriate.

10. That Council note the requirement under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* to make compulsory superannuation guarantee contributions on behalf of audit, risk and improvement committee chairpersons and independent members where they are remunerated.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**FCS24/010 2022-23 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

File Ref: S004-T00048

**24/42 MOTION** Councillor Grace/Councillor Harrison

THAT the information in the report on 2022-23 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee annual report be received and noted.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**FCS24/011 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

File Ref: S011-T00006,S012-T00025

**24/43 MOTION** Councillor Diskon/Councillor Harrison

THAT the certification of investments as at 31 March 2024, made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Investment Policy and the provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, be received.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs T Dannock, P Diskon, D Grace, T Harrison, M Hatcher, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz and A Worthington.

Against the Motion: Nil.



**14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS**

Nil

**15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS**

Nil

**16. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION**

Nil

**18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.26PM**

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CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.