



# **Minutes**

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**22 July 2025**



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA**  
**ON TUESDAY 22 JULY 2025**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA  
ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2025  
COMMENCING AT 12:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mathew Hatcher, Mayor (in the Chair)  
Councillors Laurence Babington, Phil Constable (via audio visual link), Mick Johnson, Anthony Mayne (via audio visual link), Rob Pollock OAM, Amber Schutz, Colleen Turner and Sharon Winslade

**Staff:** Mark Ferguson, General Manager  
Mr G Bruce, 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  
Mr S Westbury, Corporate Manager, Governance and Risk  
Ms K Pisanos, Chief Operating Officer  
Adam Callahan, Grants and Events Manager  
Miss H Johnson, Minute Secretary

**1. WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome back to Councillor Johnson, who had been on leave due to injury.

**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 future. We are on Yuin Country.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

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

**25/104 MOTION** Councillor Winslade/Councillor Babington

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 June 2025 be confirmed.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, R Pollock OAM,  
A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

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

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.)

**PF25/027 CAR25/009 POST-EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION REPORT ON THE  
PROPOSAL FOR A PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND TO BE ESTABLISHED AT MORUYA  
SHOWGROUND**

Lindsay Boyton addressed Council in relation to CAR25/009.

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

**PF25/028 CAR25/009 POST-EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION REPORT ON THE  
PROPOSAL FOR A PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND TO BE ESTABLISHED AT MORUYA  
SHOWGROUND**

Scott Westbury addressed Council on behalf of Corinne East, Managing Director, Easts Holiday Parks in relation to CAR25/009.

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

**PF25/029 CAR25/009 POST-EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION REPORT ON THE  
PROPOSAL FOR A PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND TO BE ESTABLISHED AT MORUYA  
SHOWGROUND**

Patricia Hellier addressed Council in relation to CAR25/009.

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

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

### **25/105 MOTION** Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to bring forward CAR25/009 Post-exhibition and finalisation report on the proposal for a primitive campground to be established at Moruya Showground.

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

#### Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **1:13pm** the meeting suspended standing orders to deal with the item listed above.

**CAR25/009 POST-EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION REPORT ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A  
PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND TO BE ESTABLISHED AT MORUYA SHOWGROUND.**

File Ref: S004-T00048

**25/106 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Turner

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the proposal to establish a primitive camping ground at Moruya Showground for self-contained caravans and motor homes only, consisting of 2 designated camping areas catering for a maximum of 18 camp sites, and an associated budget for the installation of infrastructure required by legislation, by endorsing:
  - a. preparation and lodgement of a development application to permit part of the Moruya Showground to be used as a primitive camping ground.
  - b. allocation of a budget of \$86K for enabling infrastructure works in 2025/26, with funding from Councils asset replacement reserve.
  - c. Endorse the public exhibition of the proposed fees and charges for a period of 28 days.
  - d. advising those who made a submission of Councils decision and thanking them for their contribution.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz and C Turner.

Against the Motion: Crs R Pollock OAM and S Winslade.

**7. MAYORAL REPORTS**

**MR25/003 SELECTION OF CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE THE GENERAL MANAGER'S  
RECRUITMENT**

File Ref: S012-T00025

**25/107 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Pollock OAM

THAT the meeting be closed to the public under Clause 13.1 (c) and (d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice* and Section 10A 2(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it involves commercial information of a confidential nature. Live streaming will also be turned off for this part of the meeting.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **1:50pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council moved into Closed Session.

**25/108 MOTION** Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the public and live streaming resume

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **2pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed.

The Mayor advised the following Council resolution was made during closed session.

**25/109 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Winslade

THAT Council:

1. Appoint the preferred consultant to facilitate the recruitment and selection of Council's general manager, based on the majority vote taken by confidential show of hands. If not agreed, then revert to second preference.
2. Note that the mayor is responsible for liaising with the preferred consultant.
3. Receive a further report regarding the recruitment process and selection panel composition.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS**

Nil

**10. PETITIONS**

Nil

**11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GMR25/010 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY – POST-EXHIBITION REPORT**

File Ref: S014-T00019

**25/110 MOTION** Councillor Babington/Councillor Johnson

THAT Council adopt the draft Community Grants and Donations Policy.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**GMR25/011 EVENTS STRATEGY 2025-29 – POST-EXHIBITION REPORT**

File Ref: S026-T00001

**25/111 MOTION** Councillor Babington/Councillor Johnson

THAT Council adopt the draft Eurobodalla Events Strategy 2025-29.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS**

**PER25/014 DRAFT WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY 2025-2035 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

File Ref: S031-T00002

**25/112 MOTION** Councillor Pollock OAM/Councillor Turner

THAT:

1. Council publicly exhibits the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025- 2035 for a period of 28 days.
2. A further report regarding the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025- 2035 be provided to Council following the public exhibition period.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**PER25/015 EXHIBITION OF LOCAL ORDERS POLICY - KEEPING OF ANIMALS**

File Ref: S004-T00060

**MOTION** Councillor Winslade/Councillor Johnson

THAT:

1. Council publicly exhibits the endorses the laces the Local Orders Policy – Keeping of Animals for a period of 28 days:
2. Following the expiration of this period, the draft policy and any public submissions be presented back to Council for consideration.

**25/113 AMENDMENT** Councillor Turner/Councillor Schutz

THAT:

1. Council agrees to publicly exhibit the Local Orders Policy – Keeping of Animals for a period of 28 days;
2. A further report regarding the draft policy be provided to Council following the public exhibition period.
3. Appendix 1, Specific Animal Criteria, Section 7 – “Cats” of the Orders Schedule be amended to include the following sentence in italics, to be inserted directly after the “Please Note” section:  
*“Owners of cats are encouraged to keep their cat(s) indoors overnight to limit hunting of native wildlife.”*

(The Amendment on being put became the **MOTION**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**25/114 MOTION** Councillor Turner/Councillor Johnson

THAT:

1. Council agrees to publicly exhibit the Local Orders Policy – Keeping of Animals for a period of 28 days;
2. A further report regarding the draft policy be provided to Council following the public exhibition period.
3. Appendix 1, Specific Animal Criteria, Section 7 – “Cats” of the Orders Schedule be amended to include the following sentence in italics, to be inserted directly after the “Please Note” section:  
*“Owners of cats are encouraged to keep their cat(s) indoors overnight to limit hunting of native wildlife.”*

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

**FCS25/040 POLICY REVIEW - COUNCILLOR EXPENSES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITIES**

File Ref: S004-T00014

**25/115 MOTION** Councillor Winslade/Councillor Johnson

THAT:

1. Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft updated Councillor Expenses, Professional Development and Facilities Policy for 28 days from 23 July to 19 August 2025.
2. Following public exhibition, a further report will be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 September 2025 for the consideration of submissions and adoption of the Councillor Expenses, Professional Development and Facilities Policy.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**FCS25/041 NEW POLICY - COUNCILLOR AND STAFF INTERACTION**

File Ref: S004-T00014

**25/116 MOTION** Councillor Johnson/Councillor Babington

THAT Council adopt the draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy as attached to this report.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**FCS25/042 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

File Ref: S011-T00006, S012-T00025

**25/117 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Winslade

THAT the certification of investments as of 30 June 2025, 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 2021*, be received.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS**

**IR25/012 DRAFT EUROBODALLA ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2025-28 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

File Ref: S004-T00023

**25/118 MOTION** Councillor Schutz/Councillor Babington

THAT:

1. Council places the draft Eurobodalla Road Safety Plan 2025-28 on public exhibition for 28 days to receive feedback from the community.
2. Following the exhibition period, Council will consider any submissions from the community prior to adoption of the Plan.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**IR25/013      NOMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EUROBODALLA  
LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

File Ref: S012-T00025

**25/119 MOTION** Councillor Babington/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council appoints Councillor Amber Schutz as a second delegate to the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee to act as an alternative Council representative.

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

Division

For the Motion:      Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**IR25/014 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO.8 FOR 2024-25**

File Ref: S030-T00018

**25/120 MOTION** Councillor Babington/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council approves the following acts for determination from Local Traffic Committee No. 8:

- **2025.RT.026 - Banyandah Street, South Durras – No Stopping Signs**

That Council Plan 5490-X-01 to install signage at Banyandah Street and Boat Ramp Road, South Durras, be approved.

- **2025.RT.027 - Narooma Library Carpark, Narooma – No Parking Signs**

That Council Plan 5490-Y-01 to install signage for Narooma Library, Narooma be approved.

- **2025.RT.028 - George Bass Drive Roundabout, Malua Bay – Signage and Line Marking**

That Council Plan 4738-D-18 to install signage and line marking at George Bass Drive – Sylvan Street – Kuppa Avenue roundabout, Malua Bay, be approved.

- **2025.RT.029 – Sunpatch Parade, Tomakin – Shared Pathway Signage**

That Council Plan 5029-B-1 to install signage and line marking at Sunpatch Parade, Tomakin, be approved.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

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

**CAR25/010 DRAFT MEMORIAL SEAT POLICY**

File Ref: S020-T00021

**25/121 MOTION** Councillor Babington/Councillor Turner

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Memorial Seat Policy for a period of 28 days.
2. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Memorial Seat fees and charges for a period of 28 days.
3. Bring the draft policy and draft fees and charges back to Council, following the exhibition period, for consideration and adoption.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, R Pollock  
OAM, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**16. URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:42pm**

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CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.