

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024, COMMENCING AT
6:30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J Suvaal (in the Chair) and Councillors Dunn, Jurd, Hawkins, Burke, Moores, Jackson, Watton, Sander, Grine, Hill and Paynter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting General Manager (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Director Planning and Environment
Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (Chief Financial Officer)
Director Works and Infrastructure
Acting Development Services Manager (Principal Development Manager)
Senior Infrastructure Contributions Planner
Communications & Engagement Manager
Media and Communications Officer
Help Desk Support Officer
Senior Governance Officer

Council Prayer:

The Council Prayer was conducted by Pastor Courtney Watton of Kingdom Community Church Weston.

MINUTES:

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Hill
Seconded: Councillor Sander

764
RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI5/2024

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

PETITIONS

Councillor Watton tabled a petition in relation to the Wollombi Road Project. The petition included 2,670 signatures collected from five business along Wollombi Road.

The Petition stated 'While we recognise that the traffic congestion on Wollombi Road needs to be addressed, the idea to increase the road to four lanes will significantly disadvantage residents, business and their guest customers. We propose that any works to upgrade Wollombi Road undertaken by Council to please retain street parking where possible.'

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

Nil

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ALL REPORTS BY ENGLOBO
OR INDIVIDUALLY WITH NOMINATED EXCEPTIONS**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
765

RESOLVED

that having read and considered the reports in the agenda related to items

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Council adopt the recommendations as printed for those items.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU5/2024

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU4/2024

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 8
MAY 2024**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
766
RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 8 May 2024 be adopted
as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU5/2024

SUBJECT: AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
767

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU6/2024

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
768

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the Internal Audit Charter.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE9/2024

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 8/2023/642/1 PROPOSING MULTI-DWELLING HOUSING COMPRISING TWO (2) SINGLE STOREY RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND SIX (6) TWO STOREY RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOLLOWED BY AN EIGHT (8) LOT STRATA TITLE SUBDIVISION

16A STEPHEN STREET, CESSNOCK

MOTION
769
RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Hill

Seconded: Councillor Sander

PART A

1. That:

- (i) Development Application No. 8/2023/642/1 proposing multi-dwelling housing development comprising the construction of two (2) single storey residential units and six (6) double storey residential units followed by an eight (8) lot strata title subdivision at LOT: 7 SEC: A DP: 5015, 16A Stephen Street, Cessnock be approved pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* subject to the conditions contained in this report.
- (ii) The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), are as follows:
 - The proposed development, subject to the recommended conditions, is consistent with the objectives of the applicable environmental planning instrument(s), being the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 (CLEP)*,
 - The proposal is a permitted land use in the R3 Medium Density Residential zone under the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*,
 - The proposal is consistent with the relevant provisions contained within the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies,
 - The proposed development is, subject to the recommended conditions, consistent with the objectives of the *Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP)*,
 - The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the natural and built environments,

- The proposal incorporates adequate measures to ensure the development will not result in any adverse impacts on the social and economic locality,
- The proposed development is a suitable and planned use of the site and its approval is consistent with the public interest.

(iii) In considering community views, the following is relevant:

- The design of the development was amended following concerns raised,
- The development proposed will have an acceptable impact on the amenity of the area,
- The proposed development will provide additional housing stock within the locality, and
- Any issues raised in submission/s have been taken into account in the assessment report and where appropriate, conditions of consent have been imposed on the determination. Council has given due consideration to community views when making the decision to determine the application.

(iv) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

2. That Council notifies in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.

3. Condition 10 - Windows - First Floor

- Request the following change to the Conditions of Consent referenced in Recommendation 1(i) and reported in the Enclosure 3 to this report (at page 139 of the Enclosures) with the following change to Condition 10:
- Any first floor bedroom window that is directly facing a neighbouring property is to be constructed with a minimum sill height of 1500mm above the finished floor level. Such a window is to be limited to opening no more than 25% of the that portion of the window that is not fixed and is to be constructed of obscure glass.
- The plans submitted in association with the CC application are to demonstrate compliance with these requirements.

4. New Condition:

- The plans submitted with the construction certificate application are to show the boundary fences to be no less than 2 metres high.

PART B

1. That a report be provided to Council on the current review of car parking size being undertaken by Standards Australia. It is understood Standards Australia is consulting with industry on a potential to increase the size of parking bays across Australia to accommodate the trend of larger vehicles on Australian roads.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE10/2024

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN
CHAPTER E20 REGROWTH KURRI KURRI**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
770

RESOLVED

1. That Council place draft chapter E20 Regrowth Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That subject to no unresolvable submissions, Council adopt Chapter E20 Regrowth Kurri Kurri of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010.

Councillor Moores left the meeting, the time being 7.03pm

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Watton
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (9)	Total (2)

CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE11/2024

**SUBJECT: OUTCOMES OF EXHIBITION OF 174 - 178 LANG STREET KURRI
KURRI DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
771

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the public submissions received during the exhibition period of the draft PA and road closure.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the draft PA and any necessary documentation in relation to the road closure.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (11)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE12/2024

SUBJECT: HENRY KENDALL ENTRANCE DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Hawkins

1. That Council publicly notify the draft Henry Kendall Entrance Planning Agreement for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the draft PA unless unresolved written objections relating to the draft PA are received during the notification period.

Councillor Moores returned to the meeting, the time being 7.07pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jurd **Seconded:** Councillor Watton

That Report PE12/2024 be deferred for further clarification.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Watton	Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jurd	Councillor Moores
	Councillor Dunn
	Councillor Burke
	Councillor Grine
	Councillor Sander
	Councillor Hill
	Councillor Hawkins
	Councillor Paynter
	Councillor Suvaal
Total (2)	Total (10)

*The Procedural Motion was **PUT** and **LOST**.*

The Motion was then **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Hawkins
772
RESOLVED

- 1. That Council publicly notify the draft Henry Kendall Entrance Planning Agreement for a minimum period of 28 days.

- 2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the draft PA unless unresolved written objections relating to the draft PA are received during the notification period.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Watton
Councillor Moores	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (10)	Total (2)

CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE13/2024

**SUBJECT: CESSNOCK CITY WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION PLAN
2020 - REVIEW AND OPTIONS PAPER**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
773
RESOLVED

That Council endorse:

- 1. The refined Works Schedule for residential development; and**
- 2. Option 1D of the Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan Options Paper, as the basis for the preparation of a new infrastructure contributions framework for residential development in the Cessnock LGA, generally involving:**
 - An amendment to Council’s existing s.7.12 Levy Contribution Plan to include the tourist related infrastructure projects, proposed to be transferred from the existing City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan Works Schedule;**
 - The preparation of a new s.7.11 Infrastructure Contribution Plan for residential development in the major urban release areas of Cessnock; and**
 - The preparation of a new 2% s.7.12 contributions plan, for residential development in the existing urban areas of Cessnock.**
- 3. Council notes that a revised Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan or Plans will be drafted on the principles of Recommendation 1 and 2 above, and be reported to Council prior to any such Plan or Plans being placed on Public Exhibition.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (11)	Total (1)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC33/2024

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025
INCORPORATING THE BUDGET, REVENUE POLICY AND FEES &
CHARGES.**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Burke **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
774
RESOLVED

That Council having considered submissions received from the community following public exhibition of the draft documents adopts the:

- **Operational Plan 2024-2025, including the budget and Revenue Policy, and**
- **Fees and Charges for 2024-2025.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC34/2024

SUBJECT: MAKING THE RATE 2024-25

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
775
RESOLVED

That Council make the following rates and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025:

1. Ordinary Rates

The following Ordinary Rates now be made for the year commencing 1 July 2024.

Category	Sub Category	Ad-valorem Amount Cents in \$	Base Amount \$	Base Yield % of Total Rate
Residential		0.243271	430.00	31.34%
Residential	Rural	0.181764	430.00	18.81%
Farmland		0.143026	430.00	14.40%
Farmland	Mixed Use	0.379112	535.00	6.15%
Farmland	Business Rural	0.372754	535.00	8.47%
Business		1.122966	535.00	11.24%
Mining		4.503185	1,500.00	0.47%

2. Waste Charges

Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for rateable land categorised for rating purposes as residential or farmland and situated within the area in which a Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided, that the following waste charges be now made for the year commencing 1 July 2024.

Domestic Waste Management Service Charge

Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge ¹	\$84.00
Domestic Waste Management Service Charge ²	\$707.00
Additional Domestic Waste Management Service Charge ³	\$707.00
Additional Domestic Waste Management Service Charge – Recycling	\$93.00
Additional Domestic Waste Management Service Charge – Organics	\$93.00

1. Charge applies to vacant rateable land situated within the area in which a Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided.
2. Each premise is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin mixed waste service per week, one fortnightly collection of recyclable material and one fortnightly collection of organic material for each Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.
3. Each premise is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin mixed waste service per week for each Additional Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.

Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for land not categorised for rating purposes as residential or farmland and situated within the area in which a Waste Management Service is able to be provided, that the following waste charges be now made for the year commencing 1 July 2024.

Waste Management Service Charge

Commercial Waste Management Service Charge ¹	\$862.00
Additional Waste Management Service Charge ²	\$862.00
Additional Waste Management Service Charge - Recycling	\$93.00
Additional Waste Management Service Charge - Organics	\$93.00

1. Each premise is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin mixed waste service per week and one fortnightly collection of recyclable material for each Waste Management Service Charge. Each premise is also entitled to one fortnightly collection of organic material for each Waste Management Service Charge upon request and justification of needs.
2. Each premise is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin mixed waste service per week for each Additional Waste Management Service Charge.

3. Stormwater Management Services Charges

Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for land situated within the designated stormwater area, that the following stormwater charges be now made for the year commencing 1 July 2024.

Stormwater Management Service Charge - Residential	\$25.00
Stormwater Management Service Charge - Residential Strata	\$12.50
Stormwater Management Service Charge - Business	\$25.00 per 350m ² (or part thereof) to a maximum \$500

4. Interest on Overdue rates and Charges

Council do hereby determine and order, in accordance with Section 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that if rates and charges are unpaid at the due date, the amount shall be increased by a sum calculated at:

- Ten and a half per cent (10.5%) per annum, simple interest, calculated daily for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

5. Hunter Local Land Services

Council, in accordance with Clauses 36 and 40, Part 4, of the *Local Land Services Regulation 2014*, prescribes that the rate for the year commencing 1 July 2024 shall be the rate gazetted by the Minister for the Hunter Catchment Contribution for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 inclusive being 0.00629 cents per dollar of rateable land value.

FOR

Councillor Jackson
Councillor Moores
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Burke
Councillor Grine
Councillor Sander
Councillor Hill
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Paynter
Councillor Suvaal
Total (10)

AGAINST

Councillor Watton
Councillor Jurd

Total (2)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC35/2024

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - MAY 2024

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
776

RESOLVED

That Council receives the Investment Report for May 2024 and notes that:

- **Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, which is in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order.**
- **Council's month end cash and investments balance was \$76,130,378.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC36/2024

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
777

RESOLVED

That the Council approves the updated Investment Policy.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC37/2024

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
778

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the updated:

- **Council Rebate Contribution on Pensioner Rates Policy,**
- **Financial Hardship Policy, and**
- **Debt Collection Policy.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC38/2024

SUBJECT: CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
779

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the Corruption Prevention Policy (2024).
2. That Council rescinds the Fraud Control and Corruption Prevention Policy (2020).

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC39/2024

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
780

RESOLVED

That Council receives the report and notes the information in the Resolutions Tracking Report.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI13/2024

**SUBJECT: INTERSECTION OF COOPER AND CHARLTON STREETS - INTERIM
REMEDATION**

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Councillor Dunn
781

Seconded: Councillor Paynter

RESOLVED

That the report be deferred for a Councillor briefing prior to the next Ordinary Council meeting.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI14/2024

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 20 MAY 2024.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hawkins **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
782

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Cessnock Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 20 May 2024 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

- **TC12/2024 – That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic for the Winery Run Hunter Valley 2024 on Lovedale Road, Wilderness Road, and Talga Road, Lovedale in accordance with Various Roads Lovedale _ Winery Run Hunter Valley Traffic Control Plan’s.**
- **That Council note the General Manager or the General Managers sub-delegate authorised the following Local Traffic Committee reports in accordance with Division 2 of Part 8 of the Roads Act 1993:**
 - **TC13/2024, and**
 - **TC14/2024.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI16/2024

SUBJECT: TENDER T2024-20 FLOOD RECOVERY MULTI SITE PAVEMENT STABILISATION WORKS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
783

RESOLVED

1. That Council accepts the tender from Stabilised Pavement of Australia Pty Ltd for the estimated sum of \$2,844,377 (GST inclusive) for Tender T2024-20 Multi Site Pavement Stabilisation Works.
2. That Council utilises unspent grant funding from this Tender submission schedule of rates to expand the length of roads repaired.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Jackson
Councillor Moores
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Burke
Councillor Grine
Councillor Sander
Councillor Hill
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Paynter
Councillor Watton
Councillor Jurd
Councillor Suvaal
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN6/2024

SUBJECT: BIN COLLECTION

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Hawkins **Seconded:** Councillor Grine
784

RESOLVED

1. That Council bring forward the review/update of the Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy 2020–2025 and that the updated Strategy be endorsed by the elected Council prior to the implementation of the State Government Mandated FOGO Scheme, expected in 2025.
2. That Council prioritise the review of options for standard collections in Part 3.4 of Section 6 Action Plan of the Strategy and report back to Council on the benefits and costs.
3. That existing collection services remain unchanged until the newly elected Council endorse the updated Waste and Resources Strategy and State Government mandated FOGO services are potentially introduced in 2025.

Councillor Jurd left the meeting, the time being 7.39pm

Councillor Jurd returned to the meeting, the time being 7.41pm

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Watton
Councillor Moores	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Suvaal	
Total (10)	Total (2)

CARRIED

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN7/2024

SUBJECT: POLICE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Watton **Seconded:** Councillor Jurd
785

RESOLVED

1. That Council request a meeting with NSW Police, local MP's, relevant council officers and other key stakeholders where appropriate, in order to discuss potential strategies regarding the need for an increase in police presence across our LGA.
2. That Council write to the NSW Minister for Police Yasmin Catley MP advocating for an additional police presence throughout the Cessnock LGA, including any necessary operational staff level increases, to support our growing community.

FOR

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Councillor Watton
Councillor Jurd
Councillor Suvaal

Total (12)

AGAINST

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN8/2024

SUBJECT: REPURPOSING OF GRETA COURT HOUSE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Watton **Seconded:** Councillor Paynter
786

RESOLVED

1. That Council recognises the important role food banks play in our local community, especially during recent times of high cost of living increases.
2. That Council encourages anyone who wants to utilise Council facilities for a food bank, whether on a temporary or on-going basis, to reach out to Council and start a conversation.
3. That Council encourages anyone in our community in need of food bank assistance and support to utilise our Council website to contact service providers for assistance.

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Jurd – Tabled a Report in relation to her attendance to the Local Road Congress

During the Local Road Congress, all speakers provided insights into their respective roles and emphasised the importance of collaboration between government bodies to gain attention from local councils. Keynotes were delivered to assist councillors, with an opportunity for feedback at the conclusion of the event. The discussion also touched upon the potential benefits of utilising AI technology, particularly in relation to long-term data analysis.

One significant issue addressed was the substantial backlog of road maintenance, amounting to 1.9 billion dollars. The government’s practice of shifting costs from the state and federal levels has put a financial strain on local councils. It was stressed that improved funding is essential for a more prosperous future, including provisions for disaster recovery as outlined in the NSW Reconstruction Act.

Highlighting the important of local roads, it was revealed that 80% of roads are under the responsibility of councils, with a staggering 1300% increase in damage caused by natural disasters. The high cost of living in Sydney has led to an exodus of people from the city, risking a decline in future generations. Therefore, the focus should be on building better communities and housing infrastructure, prioritizing essential roads over motorways.

While there were discussions about attributing blame to the previous government, a clear solution was not evident. Concerns were raised regarding the disproportionate allocation of funds, with a significant emphasis on investments in Sydney whilst neglecting regional areas. As a result, attention waned when one of the Ministers primarily focused on Sydney-related matters.

During the speech by Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, the importance of regular maintenance for regional roads was emphasised. However, specific plans for addressing this issue were not presented. Furthermore, the need to “build back better” in response to extreme weather events was highlighted as a crucial objective.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.58pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 17 July 2024

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**