



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Date of meeting: 19 June 2025
Location: Council Chambers
Time: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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1. WELCOME

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1. WELCOME

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 19 June 2025, commencing at 6:34pm.

a) Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage

The Mayor, Councillor Les Sheather acknowledged the Indigenous Heritage.

b) General Manager's Matters for Mention

The General Manager addressed the Council meeting, mentioning:

- Emergency Procedures
- Recording of the Council Meeting
- Statement regarding people addressing the Meeting
- Mobile phones

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no official visitors to Council.

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3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

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3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Attendance

PRESENT: Councillor Les Sheather, Mayor, Councillor Sarah McMahon, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Mike Creed, Shane Djuric, Eddie Dogramaci, Amanda Kotlash, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Peter Ryan, Paul Veigel, Danielle Wheeler and Nathan Zamprogno.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager – Elizabeth Richardson, Director Corporate Services – Laurie Mifsud, Director Manager Communications and Events – Suzanne Stuart, and Administrative Support Coordinator – Vandana Saini.

The Mayor, Councillor Les Sheather advised that an apology was received from Councillor Jill Reardon.

118 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Veigel, seconded by Councillor Creed that the apology tendered by Councillor Reardon be accepted.

The Mayor, Councillor Les Sheather advised that a written request was received from Councillor Sarah McMahon to attend tonight's Extraordinary Council meeting by audio-visual link as she is unable to attend the meeting in person due to prior commitments.

119 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Veigel, seconded by Councillor Creed that approval be granted to Councillor McMahon to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 19 June 2025 by audio-visual link due to prior commitments.

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Councillor Djuric declared an interest in Item 6.1.1.

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6. AGENDA ITEMS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC ADDRESS

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The following item was subject to public address:

- Item 6.1.1. NM1 - Dressage Facilities at the Hawkesbury Showground

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6.1.1. NM1 – Dressage Facilities at the Hawkesbury Showground

Councillor Shane Djuric declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this Item, being that he is a financial member of an organisation that operates out of the Hawkesbury Showground. He left the Chamber, did not participate in the discussion and voting in this matter and did not return to the meeting.

Ms Vireena Peacock, Ms Helen Batson and Mr Jeffrey Oliver addressed the Council, speaking for the recommendation contained in business paper.

Ms Andrea Roth, Mr Andrew Scarsbrook and Mr Ross Matheson addressed the Council, speaking against the recommendation contained in the business paper.

Councillor McMahon left the meeting at 7:33pm.

MOTION

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

Refer to RESOLUTION

120 RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Express its position that the dressage infrastructure at the Hawkesbury Showground, currently sub-leased by Dressage NSW, NOT be demolished in the period of sixty (60) days from the expiry of that agreement on 30 June 2025, to enable time for:
 - a) Equestrian NSW to respond to an offer from the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association to submit a proposal regarding possibly leasing the site.
2. Request in writing the commitment from Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association that dressage events will continue to be able to be held at the Showground, the opportunities and operation of these to be a matter to be determined between the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association and Equestrian NSW, or any other user groups seeking to hold such competitions there.
3. Provide Councillors with a report outlining the roles and responsibilities of Crown Land Managers, including clarification of advice received by Equestrian NSW from the Crown Lands Office, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure regarding the extent of Council's powers. The timeframe of this report, including an update on the outcome of the engagement between Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association and Equestrian NSW, be reported back to Council in the next three months.

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For the Motion: Councillors Sheather, Creed, Dogramaci, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Ryan, Veigel, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

Against the Motion: Nil.

Absent: Councillors Djuric, McMahon and Reardon.

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7. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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Nil Reports.

Meeting terminated at 8:45pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting on 1 July 2025.

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Mayor, Councillor Les Sheather



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End of Minutes

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