

Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16
September 2025



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9.1 Australia Day Committee - Appointment of Community Representative

Officer Liesa Davies, Group Manager Community Partnerships

File Number F23/1930

2025.144 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council:

1. notes the recommendation from the Australia Day Committee that Phillip Harvey be appointed to the Committee's one vacant community representative position; and
2. appoints Phillip Harvey as a community representative to the Australia Day Committee until February 2029, to align with the current Committee membership term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 / 0)

FOR: Cr Bain, Cr Coburn, Cr Lawrence, Cr Matchett, Cr Paix, Cr Ring, Cr Saul and Cr Selby

AGAINST: Nil

10.4 Recognition of Hector Thompson

Officer Michael Jackson, Director Operations & Planning

File Number F12/1474

2025.145 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council:

1. confirms support for Hector Thompson to be recognised in the Avenue of Honour area of the Verge 1 masterplan; and
2. advocates to Aboriginal, Sporting and Community organisations to donate funds so that the statue can be built.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 / 0)

FOR: Cr Bain, Cr Coburn, Cr Lawrence, Cr Matchett, Cr Paix, Cr Ring, Cr Saul and Cr Selby

AGAINST: Nil

10.5 Kempsey Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025

Officer Peter Orr, Strategic and Environmental Planning Manager

File Number F23/3640

2025.146 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council:

1. authorises the public exhibition of the draft Kempsey Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 for a period of 28-days; and
2. places the public exhibition of the draft Kempsey Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan on the Your Say Macleay webpage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 / 0)

FOR: Cr Bain, Cr Coburn, Cr Lawrence, Cr Matchett, Cr Paix, Cr Ring, Cr Saul and Cr Selby

AGAINST: Nil

10.8 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Officer Tahlia Webster, Governance Advisor

File Number F25/1930

2025.147 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council adopt the attached draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, to take effect from Wednesday 17 September 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 / 0)

FOR: Cr Bain, Cr Coburn, Cr Lawrence, Cr Matchett, Cr Paix, Cr Ring, Cr Saul and Cr Selby

AGAINST: Nil

10.10 DA2401195 Upgrade of a section of Maria River Road

Officer Melissa Ziade, Principal Planner

File Number DA2401195

2025.148 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council grant development consent for DA2401195 for the upgrade of a section of Maria River Road subject to the conditions contained in the attached Draft Conditions of Development Consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 / 0)

FOR: Cr Bain, Cr Coburn, Cr Lawrence, Cr Matchett, Cr Paix, Cr Ring, Cr Saul and Cr Selby

AGAINST: Nil

10.11 Local Event Day Applications

Officer Keely Halliday, A/Executive Officer - Corporate & Commercial

File Number F23/1660

2025.149 RESOLVED (Cr Saul/Cr Bain):

That Council makes an application to the Minister for Industrial Relations, under the *Public Holidays Act 2010* for the declaration of:

1. a part-day local event day from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, 15 April 2026 for the Kempsey Show; and
2. a part-day local event day from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, 6 November 2026 for the Kempsey Cup.