



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
7:00PM MONDAY 21 JULY 2025**

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1. ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declares the meeting open at 7:03pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Makes an acknowledgment of country
3. Advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes only as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Vice President Tom Dyer
Councillor	Michael Vaughan
Councillor	Peter Clee
Councillor	Sarah Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Consultant	Matt Pettit
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PUBLIC PRESENT

VISITORS PRESENT

1.3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Nil

1.4. APOLOGIES

PURPOSE

This report is to record and consider any apologies from Councillors.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/149

That Council approve the apologies of Cr Peter Clee.

Moved: Cr M Vaughan

Seconded: Vice President T Dyer

Vote: AIF

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

1.5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

PURPOSE

This report is to ask the Councillors if they:

1. Have read the agenda papers; and

2. Wish to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any item in the agenda for this Council meeting.

Council received the declarations of interest as listed below:

- a) Cr Michael Vaughan advised he may have a perceived conflict of interest in Confidential Business item 13.1.2
- b) Vice President Tom Dyer declared an interest at item 9.1

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 114 and 119 *Local Government Act 2019*

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

3.1 BONAPARTE CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS) PROJECT

Presentation briefing to discuss the details of the proposed developments.

4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

PURPOSE

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council are to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/150

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 23 June 2025 are a true and accurate record of that meeting with amendment at 9.8 to confirm Cr M Vaughan “against” and not “abstained”.

Moved: Vice President T Dyer

Seconded: President N White

Vote: AIF

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

6. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

6.1 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: Neil White, Shire President

PURPOSE

As part of my responsibility to inform Council and the community of activities and information that is important.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/151

That Council receives and notes President Neil White's report for the period 18 June to 14 July 2025.

Moved: Cr M Vaughan

Seconded: Vice President T Dyer

Vote: AIF

7. OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 CEO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To update the Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other significant operational information since the last Council meeting.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/152

That council receives and accepts the CEO's report for the period 18 June to 15 July 2025.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Cr S Smith

Vote: AIF

7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: Work's Manager

PURPOSE

To update the Council on the activities carried out by the Works and Services Team and other significant relevant information since the last Council meeting.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/153

That Council receives and notes the Works Manager's report for the period 18 June 2025 15 July 2025

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Cr S Smith

Vote: AIF

8. FINANCE REPORTS

8.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To inform and update Council of the status of the financials to the end of June 2025.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/154

That Council:

- a) notes the Chief Executive Officer certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and
- b) receives and notes the monthly financial report to 30 June 2025.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Vice President T Dyer

Vote: AIF

Comments:

In addition to the resolution Council would like to congratulate the CEO and staff on their efforts to keep budget lines within their expenditure limit as much as possible throughout the financial year.

9. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

9.1 PROPOSAL TO APPLY FOR COUNCIL TO PROVIDE AGED CARE SERVICES

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report has been created to seek Council's approval to apply to become an Aged Care Service Provider.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/155

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Proposal to Apply for Council to Provide Aged Care Services; and
- b) does not approve the proposal for Council to submit an application to become an Aged Care Service Provider and requests the CEO to provide a report showing full financial viability of the proposal.
- c) Vice President Tom Dyer declared a conflict of interest due to his employment involvement in funding commonwealth programs.

Moved: Cr M Vaughan

Seconded: Cr S smith

Vote: 3/4

10. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025 CARETAKER PERIOD

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To brief Council on the process for operations during the caretaker period of the Local Government Elections.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/156

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Local Government Elections 2025 Caretaker Period.

Moved: Vice President T Dyer

Seconded: Cr S Smith

Vote: AIF

10.2 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To update Council on the Australian Schools Rugby Union Championships which Council supported with donations to assist with the travel and accommodation costs.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/157

That Council receives and notes the report entitled Australian Schols Rugby Union Championships 2025.

Moved: Cr S Smith

Seconded: Cr M Vaughan

Vote: AIF

10.3 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST TO 16 JUNE 2025

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To update Council on the status of the Actions List to 16 June 2025.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/158

That Council receives and notes the updated Actions List to 16 June 2025

Moved: Cr S Smith

Seconded: President N White

Vote: AIF

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence from 17 June 16 July 2025.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/159

That council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 17th June to 16th July 2025

Moved: Cr M Vaughan

Seconded: Cr S Smith

Vote: AIF

10.3 COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS REGISTER

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To update Council on complaints received from 8th April 2025 to 6th May 2025

RESOLUTION No: 2025/160

That Council receives and notes the Complaints Register to the 17 July 2025.

Moved: Cr S Smith

Seconded: President N White

Vote: AIF

11. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

Action: For Receiving and Noting

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

To update Council on upcoming events planned over the next month.

RESOLUTION No: 2025/161

That Council receives and notes the report on current and upcoming events.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Vice President T Dyer

Vote: AIF

Date	Time	Where	Activity
11/07/25		NT Wide	Local Government Elections – nominations open for candidates
31/7/2025	12pm	NT Wide	Local Government Elections – nominations close for candidates
20/08/25	10:00am	Cox Country Club	Seniors Morning Tea – feel free to bring along a plate of your goodies
Thursdays	10am	Community Centre	Fortnightly Health Clinic Visit – Next visit –24 July 2025 – All Welcome

Thursdays	10:30am	Community Centre	Fortnightly TAI CHI – for All Abilities Next session – 24 July 2025 – All Welcome
Thursdays	12:30pm	Community Centre	Fortnightly Leather Work sessions – Next session – 24 July 2025 – All Welcome
Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays	5:15pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	Social Tennis – All Welcome
Wednesdays	7pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	Social Cricket – All welcome
Sundays	10am	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	Pickle Ball – All Welcome
Mondays	9:30am	Community Centre	Yoga – All Welcome
Tuesdays	9:30am	Check the sign – Sports Ground / Community Centre	Pilates – All Welcome
Wednesdays	5:45pm	Community Centre	Ladies Qigong – All Ladies Welcome

12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

- 12.1 Cr Michael Vaughan tabled a petition which resulted in an action item that the President and the CEO meet with the affected parties to find a solution.
- 12.2 Cr Sarah Smith suggested an opening/unveiling of the new mural which resulted in an action item to liaise with the artist and set a date for the unveiling of the mural.

13. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

RESOLUTION No: 2025/162

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (General) regulation Division 2;

- a) information about the personal circumstances of a residence or rate payer;
- b) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: (iv) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- c) information provided to the Council on condition it be kept confidential.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Vice President T Dyer

Vote: AIF

At 8:36pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

13.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA

- Confirmation of Minutes of In-Camera meeting held 23 June 2025

- Crown Land Use

13.2 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

RESOLUTION No: 2025/165

That Council re-open the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(1) of the Local Government Act.

Moved: Vice President T Dyer

Seconded: President N White

Vote: AIF

At 8:45pm Council opened the meeting to the general public.

13.3 DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

Nil

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2025

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:47pm.