
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL HELD
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Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

PASSING OF COUNCILLOR DAVE GALLAGHER

The Mayor spoke of the passing of Councillor Dave Gallagher on 9 February 2025. Councillor Gallagher served as a Broken Hill City Councillor for 14 years. He spoke of Councillor Gallagher's passion for Broken Hill and his strong advocacy to Federal and State Government on important issues for the City during his time as Councillor; and that Councillor Gallagher will be missed by many in the community.

A minute of silence was observed in honour of Councillor Dave Gallagher.

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Kennedy (Mayor) Councillor J. Hickey (Deputy Mayor),
Councillors B. Algate, M. Boland, A. Chandler, H. Jewitt and D. Turley AM.

General Manager, Director Corporate and Community, Director Finance and
Commercial, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Manager
Communications and Marketing and Executive Assistants.

Media (2), Members of the Public (4)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor E. Gillett.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47766 - Procedural Motion

Councillor R Algate moved)

Councillor D Turley seconded)

Resolved

That the apology submitted on behalf of
Councillor Gillett be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

APPLICATIONS:

Councillor A. Byrne submitted a Leave of Absence application for this
meeting for a prescribed reason.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47767 - Procedural Motion

Councillor D Turley moved)

Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

That the application submitted by Councillor
Byrne be accepted and a Leave of Absence
granted for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRAYER

Councillor Boland delivered the prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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Councillor Chandler delivered the Acknowledgment of Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BROKEN HILL'S MINING HISTORY

Councillor Algate delivered the Acknowledgment of Broken Hill's Mining History.

PUBLIC FORUM

Broken Hill's Emergency Back-up Generator Power Supply

Mr Bob Coulls advised that Transgrid have commenced work to build new transmission towers to replace those that were destroyed during the storm in October 2024 and enquired if Council knew if the gas turbine generator that was inoperable during the power outages has been repaired and recommissioned?

The Mayor advised that, as far as Council is aware, there is still only one gas turbine generator available for emergency power, and that the bank of back-up generators that were brought into the City to replace the gas turbine generator that was not in commission will remain in the City until the second gas turbine generator is recommissioned.

The Mayor advised that the Parliamentary Committee undertaking the Inquiry into the power outages in Far West NSW will be in the region next week to hold community sessions and advised that anyone wishing to speak at the Inquiry can register via their website.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47768

Councillor R Algate moved
Councillor H Jewitt seconded

Resolved

) That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
) Council of the City of Broken Hill held January
29, 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Turley declared:

- a non-pecuniary interest in Report No. 24/25 as she is Vice-President of the Australian Local Government Association and advised that she will leave the Council Chambers whilst the item is considered.

Councillor Boland declared:

- a non-pecuniary interest in Report No. 33/25 as his employer is a major sponsor of the event and advised that he will leave the Council Chambers whilst the item is considered.

MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

*The Mayor advised that a Late Notice of Motion will be
dealt with after all open items of business.*

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil.

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

**ITEM 1 - REPORTS FROM DELEGATES NO. 1/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - DEPUTY
MAYOR HICKEYS ATTENDANCE AT AUSTRALIAN MINING CITIES ALLIANCE AND REGIONAL
CAPITALS IN CANBERRA, 10-12 FEBRUARY 2025** D25/7306

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47769

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)
Councillor M Boland seconded)

Resolved

1. That Reports from Delegates No. 1/25 dated February 18, 2025, be received.
2. That correspondence be sent to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Catherine King MP (as Council's delegates could not meet with her in Canberra) to advise of how Council has been unsuccessful in receiving grant funding to upgrade the Airport runway and seeking feedback for future grant applications.
3. That correspondence be sent to the Federal Minister for Immigration, The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP advising that Tibooburra, Milparinka, Packsaddle and Pooncarie are ineligible to access backpacker workers under the 88-day Rural/Remote Workplace Program due Tibooburra, Milparinka and Packsaddle having Broken Hill's postcode and Pooncarie having Wentworth's postcode; and seeking a solution for businesses in these remote communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 2 - REPORTS FROM DELEGATES NO. 2/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2025 - VERBAL
DELEGATES REPORT - DEPUTY MAYOR HICKEY'S ATTENDANCE AT THE REGIONAL CITIES
NSW BOARD MEETING IN SYDNEY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025** D25/8901

The Deputy Mayor gave a verbal Delegates Report regarding his attendance at the Regional Cities

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NSW Board Meeting held in Sydney on 20 February 2025. The Deputy Mayor advised that:

- *Representatives of 16 regional Councils attended the Board Meeting.*
- *The Board Meeting was also attended by Mr Gino Mandarino, Chief of Staff of the NSW Department of Planning; the NSW Special Minister for State, Minister for Transport, Roads, Arts, Music and Night-time Economy, The Hon John Graham MLC; the NSW Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, The Hon Dougald Saunders MP; the NSW Treasurer, The Hon Daniel Mookhey MP; and the NSW Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Youth, The Hon Rose Jackson MP sent her staff members.*
- *The Deputy Mayor gave a presentation on the power outages to the Far West Region in October 2024 which was well received and 10-15 minutes of questions were answered after the presentation. All members said that they will read the report following the Inquiry.*
- *There was a mention that Council needs to request feedback from the Minister for Transport as to why Council was unsuccessful in receiving grant funding to upgrade the Airport runway.*
- *The representative for Lismore Council moved a motion for the Association to prepare a paper regarding regional airports and this motion included providing a letter of support for Broken Hill's advocacy for funding to upgrade the Airport runway. This motion was carried.*
- *Improvements to the NSW Planning Portal was raised and members were encouraged to forward any suggested improvements to the NSW Department of Planning.*

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47770

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)

Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That the Deputy Mayor's verbal Delegate's Report be heard.
2. That correspondence be sent to the NSW Minister for Transport, The Hon John Graham MLC, seeking feedback as to whether the State Government gave their support and endorsement to the Federal Government for Council's grant application in Round 1 and 2 of the Government's Growing Regions Program.
3. That correspondence be sent to the Premier of NSW, The Hon Chris Minns MP, advising of how Council has been unsuccessful on a number of occasions in receiving grant funding to upgrade the Broken Hill Airport runway; and advising of a letter of support provided by 16 regional Councils of the NSW Regional Cities Association towards Council's advocacy for funding; and that the correspondence seeks a letter of support from the Premier for future advocacy for funding to upgrade to the Broken Hill Airport runway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**ITEM 3 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 20/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2025 -
DRAFT WASTE AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS STRATEGY 2025-2035 AND
SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2025-2030 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

D25/6054

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47771

Councillor R Algate moved
Councillor D Turley seconded

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 20/25 dated February 10, 2025, be received.
2. That Council endorses the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2025-2035 and Sustainability Strategy 2025-2030 for the purpose of public exhibition.
3. That the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2025-2035 and Sustainability Strategy 2025-2030 be placed on public exhibition for submissions to be received for a period of 28 days.
4. That whilst the draft Strategies are on public exhibition, Council staff include pop-up community consultation sessions on the draft Strategies to community members during the Community Strategic Plan Consultation.
4. That Council receives a further report at the conclusion of the exhibition period, detailing submission and recommend changes arising, with a view to adopting the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2025-2035 and Sustainability Strategy 2025-2030.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 4 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 18/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2025 -
TOWN SQUARE - LOCATION OF THE WOMEN'S MINING MEMORIAL**

D25/6064

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47772

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved
Councillor R Algate seconded

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 18/25 dated February 10, 2025, be received.
2. That Council consider the results of the public survey, advertised from 30 January 2025 to 10 February 2025, relating to the

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preferred location of the Women's Mining Memorial.

3. That Council approve the result of the public survey and re-establish the Women's Mining Memorial in the preferred location of Option 1, on the Northeastern Corner of Town Square.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 19/25 - DATED DECEMBER 16, 2024 - MINUTES - 28 NOVEMBER 2024 BROKEN HILL LEAD REFERENCE GROUP D24/60928

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47773

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 19/25 dated December 16, 2024, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Broken Hill Lead Reference Group Meeting held 28 November 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ITEM 6 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 21/25 - DATED JANUARY 08, 2025 - ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT OUTBACK ARCHIVE COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY D25/1029

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47774

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 21/25 dated January 8, 2025, be received.
2. That Council notes that one (1) submission was received during the public exhibition of the Draft Outback Archive Collection Management Policy.
3. That due to the submission received, Council has made amendments to the policy to add 'environmental and natural history' as a collecting area and have amended methods of acquisition to include that long term loans may be considered in special circumstances.

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4. That Council adopts the Draft Outback Archive Collection Management Policy with an amendment to clarify that a Council resolution must be sought prior to any action being taken to purchase an archive collection.
5. That the previous Outback Archives Policy be rendered obsolete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 7 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 22/25 - DATED JANUARY 30, 2025 -
DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2022-2026 - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024** D25/4216

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47775

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 22/25 dated January 30, 2025, be received.
2. That Council note the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026 –Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for the reporting period ending 31 December 2024.
3. That the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026 – Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for the reporting period ending 31 December 2024 be placed on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 8 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 23/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2025 -
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA - PERFECT LIGHT FILM
FESTIVAL - 22 MARCH 2025** D25/6342

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47776

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 23/25 dated February 11, 2025, be received.
2. That Council provide in principle support to begin the planning process for the temporary suspension of the prohibition of the consumption of alcohol in a portion of Sturt Park, under Section 632A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, on Saturday, 22 March 2025 from 6pm to 9.30pm for the Perfect Light Film Festival.

3. That the temporary suspension on the prohibition of the consumption of alcohol in a portion of Sturt Park be advised to the public by way of advertisement in the local newspaper. That the advertisement also confirms that the suspension only applies to the VIP Marquee area; and that the consumption of alcohol will remain prohibited for all other areas of the Sturt Park; and that all existing alcohol-free zones in Broken Hill will remain in force.
4. That the General Manager be authorised to implement the suspension and advertising processes on final advice of the Barrier Local Area Command.
5. That the Barrier Local Area Command be advised of Council's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM 9 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 24/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HELD IN CANBERRA FROM 24-27 JUNE 2025 D25/6367

Councillor Turley declared an interest in Item 9 and left the Council Chambers at 7:08pm

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47777

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 24/25 dated February 11, 2025, be received.
2. That Council notes the advice received in correspondence from the Australian Local Government Association dated 10 February 2025 that, due to Council's recent resignation from the NSW Local Government Association, Council is no longer eligible to submit motions, to move or second motions, or to vote on motions at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly; however, Council's delegates are still eligible to attend the Assembly.
3. That Council does not send delegates to the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025, but if the

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opportunity arises, Council sends delegates to Canberra to meet with Ministers separate to the National General Assembly during these dates.

4. That correspondence be sent to the Australian Local Government Association seeking clarification on the difference between ALGA Board Members and Conference attendees of a non-voting Council (due to not being a member of the State Local Government Association) and how an individual Councillor of a non-voting Council (Councillor Turley) can be a member of the ALGA Board and vote on Board matters, but Councillors cannot vote on conference matters at the National General Assembly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Turley returned to the Council Chambers at 7:12pm and the Mayor advised Councillor Turley of the Council resolution of item 9.

ITEM 10 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 25/25 - DATED JANUARY 30, 2025 - 2022-2026 DELIVERY PROGRAM KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024, INCLUSIVE OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/2025 OUTCOMES D25/4230

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47778

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 25/25 dated January 30, 2025, be received.
2. That Council receive the 2022-2026 Delivery Program inclusive of 2024/2025 Operational Plan outcomes Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for period ending 31 December 2024.
3. That the 2022-2026 Delivery Program inclusive of 2024/2025 Operational Plan outcomes Key Performance Indicators Progress Report for period ending 31 December 2024 be placed on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 11 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 26/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 05, 2025 - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 D25/5287

RESOLUTION

Resolved

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Minute No. 47779

Councillor M Boland moved
Councillor R Algate seconded

-) 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 26/25 dated February 5, 2025, be received.
-) 2. That the 2nd Quarterly Budget Review Statement and recommendations be adopted.
3. That Council note the projected 2024/25 operating surplus (before capital) of \$4,000.
4. That Council note the 2024/25 projected net capital budget expenditure of \$36,858,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 27/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 07, 2025 - INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 D25/5837

RESOLUTION

Resolved

Minute No. 47780

Councillor M Boland moved
Councillor R Algate seconded

-) 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 27/25 dated February 7, 2025, be received.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 13 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 28/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO SECTION 355 COMMITTEES D25/5944

RESOLUTION

Resolved

Minute No. 47781

Councillor H Jewitt moved
Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded

-) 1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 28/25 dated February 10, 2025, be received.
-) 2. That Council review and consider the nomination of Nathan Fell for appointment as community representative on the Memorial Oval Community Committee.
3. That Council review and consider the nomination of Judith Parr for appointment as a community representative on the Ageing Well Advisory Committee
4. That Council review and consider the nomination of Nathan Fell for appointment as community representative on the Youth Advisory Community Committee

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5. That the community representatives be advised of their appointment.
6. That Council notes that the current round of advertising closes on 21 February 2025 and a further report will be presented to the March Council Meeting with further nominations received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FURTHER REPORTS

**ITEM 14 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 29/25 - DATED JANUARY 10, 2025 -
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - QUARANTINE OF FUNDS FOR COBALT BLUE HOLDINGS LTD
TRANSITION TO CRITICAL MINERALS BATTERY RECYCLING PROJECT** D25/1393

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47782

Councillor M Boland moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 29/25 dated January 10, 2025, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 9 January 2025, from the Federal Member for Parkes, The Hon Mark Coulton MP, be received and noted.
3. That reply correspondence from the NSW Minister for Regional New South Wales, The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC dated 18 February 2025 (received by Council on 20 February 2025), be received and noted.
4. That correspondence is sent to the Minister for Regional New South Wales, The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC explaining that Cobalt Blue's proposed critical minerals battery recycling project will not only be a first for the State and the Nation, it will also deliver a 30% profit margin on the recycling process of the critical minerals (and as mineral prices rise so does the profit value). As the demand for recycling of lithium/black mass batteries increases, this would be a chance for the State Government to support a regional centre to be a leader in critical minerals recycling which will increase employment opportunities in the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 15 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 30/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2025 -
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - REGIONAL EXPRESS AIRLINES** D25/6473

RESOLUTION

Resolved

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Minute No. 47783

Councillor R Algate moved
Councillor H Jewitt seconded

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1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 30/25 dated February 12, 2025, be received.
2. That email correspondence dated 6 January 2025 from the Federal Member for Parkes, Mr Mark Coulton MP, be received and noted.
3. That email correspondence dated 7 January 2025 from the Local Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler's office regarding representations made on behalf of Council, be received and noted.
4. That correspondence dated 4 February 2025 from the Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, The Hon Kristy McBain MP, be received and noted.
5. That correspondence dated 4 February 2025 from the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Catherine King MP, be received and noted.
6. That correspondence received 18 February 2025 from the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, be received and noted.
7. That correspondence is sent to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition thanking the Government for their commitment to provide up to \$80 million in loan financing to the Administrators of Rex Airlines to keep the airline's regional routes operating during an extended voluntary administration process to 30 June 2025 and to also acquire \$50 million of debt from Rex's largest creditors. This action demonstrates that the Government acknowledges how vitally important reliable air transport services are to regional communities in Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 16 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 31/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 -
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - BROKEN HILL HARNESS RACING CLUB** D25/7298

RESOLUTION

Resolved

Minute No. 47784

Councillor M Boland moved
Councillor R Algate seconded

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1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 31/25 dated February 18, 2025, be received.
2. That reply correspondence dated 11 February 2025 from Department of Creative

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Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport; be
received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 17 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 32/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 -
FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) LEGISLATION** D25/7336

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47785

Councillor H Jewitt moved)
Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 32/25 dated February 18, 2025, be received.
2. That NSW EPA proposal paper on Food and Garden Organics legislation mandates, be received and noted.
3. That Council's feedback submission dated 5 July 2024 to the NSW Environment Protection Authority, be received and noted.
4. That correspondence dated 12 February from the Local Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler MP regarding the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) legislation, be received and noted.
5. That correspondence is sent to the relevant Minister advising that Council has been conducting bi-weekly collection of green waste for many years, and that Councils should be able to meet the FOGO legislation without it being a weekly requirement or a large financial impact to Councils (cost for additional staff and fleet), especially if there is no opportunity for the end use of this material by a specific Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 18 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 33/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2025 -
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PERFECT LIGHT FILM FESTIVAL - 22 MARCH 2025** D25/7540

Councillor Boland declared an interest in Item 18 and left the Council Chambers at 7:37pm.

Motion

Councillor H Jewitt moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 33/25 dated February 19, 2025, be received.
2. That Council does not provide additional funding to Film Festivals Australia towards the conduct of the 2025 Perfect Light Film Festival.

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As some Councillors were not present at the Councillor Briefing held with representatives of Film Festivals Australia and therefore were not fully informed on the matter, the Mayor outlined the discussions at the briefing and the reasons behind the request for additional funding in order that the event can be held this year.

The mover and seconder withdrew their previous motion in favour of a new motion:

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47786

Councillor H Jewitt moved)

Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 33/25 dated February 19, 2025, be received.
2. That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Night-time Economy, The Hon John Graham MLC, to seek grant funding support (of either \$15,000 to Film Festivals Australia for the Perfect Light Film Festival to be held in Sturt Park as originally planned, or \$10,000 for the Festival to be held at the Civic Centre).
3. That, should government grant funding not be available, Council will provide additional funding of \$10,000 to Film Festivals Australia in order that the Perfect Light Film Festival can be held at the Civic Centre on 22 March 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Boland returned to the Council Chambers at 7:42pm. The Mayor advised Councillor Boland of the Council resolution for Item 18.

**ITEM 19 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 34/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2025 -
MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MEETING NO.454, HELD ON THURSDAY, 13
FEBRUARY 2025** D25/7606

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47787

Councillor R Algate moved)

Deputy Mayor J Hickey seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 34/25 dated February 19, 2025, be received.
2. That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee – Meeting No.454, held on Thursday, 13 February 2025 be endorsed.
3. That Item No.454.10.3 recommendation be received:
 - That correspondence be sent to the respondent, acknowledging receipt of their request and advise the matter will be discussed by the Local Traffic Committee at their next scheduled

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meeting in March 2025, following an inspection of the area by Council.

4. That Item No.454.8.1 recommendation be received:
 - That correspondence be sent to the respondent, acknowledging receipt of their concerns and advise the Local Traffic Committee will review the temporary angle parking on Chloride Street at their next scheduled meeting in March 2025, following completion of the Thomas Street redevelopment project.
5. That Item No.452.10.1 recommendations be received:
 - That the Local Traffic Committee's recommendation adopted at the November 2024 Council meeting remain unchanged, being the following:
 - That the parking arrangements on Oxide Street, between Argent Street and Gawler Place, adjacent to the ANZ Bank be changed to allow two 2-hour parking spaces, two 15-minute spaces and designated parking spaces for Uber/Ride Share and taxi use.
 - That correspondence be sent to the business owner, advising of the Committee's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 20 - BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL REPORT NO. 35/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - ACTION LIST REPORT D25/7385

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47788

Councillor M Boland moved
Councillor H Jewitt seconded

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Report No. 35/25 dated February 18, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM 22 - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE NO. 2/25 - DATED JANUARY 15, 2025 - COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025 COUNCIL MEETINGS D25/1936

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RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47789

Councillor D Turley moved)
Councillor H Jewitt seconded)

Resolved

1. That Questions On Notice No. 2/25 dated January 15, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 23 - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE NO. 3/25 - DATED JANUARY 31, 2025 - PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE JANUARY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

D25/4316

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47790

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Questions On Notice No. 3/25 dated January 31, 2025, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTER OF URGENCY

ITEM 21 - COUNCILLORS REPORT NO. 1/25 - MATTER OF URGENCY - TAFE NSW

D25/8906

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47791

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor D Turley seconded)

Resolved

1. That Councillor Hickey's Matter of Urgency be heard.
2. That Council writes to the NSW Premier, The Hon Chris Minns MP; the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, The Hon Steve Whan MP; The Minister for Education and Early Learning, The Hon Prue Car MP; their counterpart Shadow Ministers and the Member for Barwon, Mr Roy Butler MP, requesting that the decision to decommission and remove 12 Lathes and 4 milling machines from the Broken Hill TAFE Annexe be reversed immediately and that the machines be reconnected and recommissioned.

That the correspondence also requests that TAFE NSW do a thorough investigation into the Broken Hill TAFE Annexe including staffing and promotion of courses and running of training programs; That TAFE NSW look at employing more full-time teachers at Broken Hill and look at running block training for students from all area of the state at the Broken Hill TAFE; That TAFE NSW change their policy of minimum 12-15 per class for regional and remote campuses of the State as they should be regarded as an educational facility not a monetary profitable business but profitable in their investment in

training NSW employees to ensure everybody has the same access to training.

3. That an urgent meeting be requested for the Mayor to meet with the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, The Hon Steve Whan MP when he visits Broken Hill on 11 March 2025, to discuss this issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Nil.

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION

Parking adjacent 31 Oxide Street (near ANZ Bank)

Ms Ros O'Connor, on behalf of the proprietor of the hairdresser business at 31 Oxide Street, spoke about parking issues in Oxide Street between Argent Street and Gawler Place (not enough parking for businesses due to the taxi rank) and how the matter had been put to the Traffic Committee to investigate in November 2024 and that there are now 2 x 15 minute parks and 2 x 2 hour parks along with the taxi and uber/ride share parking. Ms O'Connor stated that the change in parking for clients of the hairdresser business is an improvement on the previous ½ hour parking, but suggested that the taxi rank should be removed as the taxi rank is rarely used. Also that new shops are opening soon within this area which will also require parking for customers.

The Mayor advised that as part of Council's investigation and the Traffic Committee's consideration of this matter, all aspects of parking in the CBD area are considered and that although no-one wants a taxi rank adjacent to their business, taxi services are important to the community to access businesses and services in the CBD. Parking spaces are not exclusive to particular businesses. Council had contacted the local taxi and uber/ride share companies regarding the taxi rank and they have advised that the taxi rank is utilised and in particular by the disabled taxi which requires a larger parking space to operate the wheelchair lift on the rear of the taxi.

The Director Infrastructure and Environment advised that the Traffic Committee comprises representatives of Council, Transport for NSW, Broken Hill Police and a Council observer; and that it may seem like matters take some time to be investigated, but this is because the Committee needs to take into account everyone that a matter might affect as well as legislative requirements and the community impact.

Taxi companies require parking space in the CBD area, the further request from the proprietor of 31 Oxide Street will be provided to the Traffic Committee which meets again next week.

Redevelopment of O'Neil Park Netball Courts

Ms Ros O'Connor congratulated Council for the work that is being carried out to redevelop the Netball Courts and the O'Neil Park and encouraged everyone to hasn't seen the progress of the project, to drive past the O'Neil Park Netball Courts. Ms O'Connor also referred to the design of the courts

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which encompasses a children's play area, as part of the Netball precinct along with shelter sheds, etc.

The Mayor advised that the project is due for handover to Council on 1 May 2025.

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47792 - Procedural Motion

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 whilst the confidential matter is considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members of the public and media left the Council Chambers and the livestream of the meeting ceased at 8:10pm.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

ITEM 24 - TENDER REPORT NO. 1/25 - DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2025 - TENDER T24/12 - WOLFRAM STREET ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FROM OXIDE STREET TO IODIDE STREET - CONFIDENTIAL

D25/7748

(General Manager's Note: This report considers a tender and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 which provides for information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND which provides for commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret).

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47793

Councillor R Algate moved)
Councillor A Chandler seconded)

Resolved

1. That Broken Hill City Council Tender Report No. 1/25 dated February 20, 2025, be received.
2. That Broken Hill City Council award tender T24/12 to GTE1 Pty Ltd for the Wolfram Street Road Reconstruction from Oxide Street to Iodide Street for the amount of \$617,083.75 (Ex. GST).
3. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with GTE1 Pty Ltd to increase the scope of works to meet the approved funding amount of no more than \$965,183.00.
4. That the General Manager and/or Mayor be authorised to sign the Tender contract and affix the Seal of Council if required.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 47794 - Procedural Motion

Deputy Mayor J Hickey moved)

Councillor R Algate seconded)

Resolved

That the meeting resumes in open session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members of the public and media returned to the Council Chambers at 8:13pm.

At the Mayor's invitation, the General Manager reported on the resolution made in closed session.

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8:14pm.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE READ)
AND CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY)
MEETING OF THE BROKEN HILL CITY)
COUNCIL HELD ON 26 MARCH 2025.)

CHAIRPERSON