

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge

In Attendance:

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Jade Ballantine	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Zoë Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Skye Ludzay	Minute Secretary
Tom Portas	Technical Support

1. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

2. OPENING STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kaurna people. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders past and present as the Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land.

Together we will care for this place for the generations to come and in this context the decisions we make should be guided by the principle that nothing we do should decrease our children's ability to live on this land.

3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apology

Cr Mark Osterstock
Cr Kirsty Parkin

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3.2 Leave of Absence

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom - 11 March 2025 to 10 September 2025 - approved 11 March 2025

Cr Kirrilee Boyd - 30 June 2025 to 31 July 2025 - approved 30 June 2025

3.3 Absent

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meeting – 30 June 2025

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

233/25

Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 30 June 2025, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Acting Mayor:

- Noted that the Mount Torrens Community Forum was held on 1 July 2025 and was well attended and generated productive discussion with the community.
- Informed the meeting that Agenda Item 12.2 had been withdrawn from the Agenda
- Welcomed Jade Ballantine, Director Environment and Infrastructure

7. QUESTIONS ADJOURNED/LYING ON THE TABLE

7.1 Questions Adjourned

Nil

7.2 Questions Lying on the Table

Nil

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

8.1 Petitions

Nil

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8.2 Deputations

Nil

8.3 Public Forum

Nil

9. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS**12.1 2025 Adelaide Hills Rally Road Closure Approval**

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

234/25

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That, in relation to the 2025 Adelaide Hills Rally, Council supports the event contingent on the organisers, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer:
 - a. *Complying with Council's Festivals and Events Policy – Guideline No. 1 for Competitive Motoring Events*
 - b. Paying an Application Fee of \$1,032 as per the Council's Fees and Charges Register for Temporary Road Closures
 - c. Providing evidence of satisfactory insurance to cover any damage to third party property caused by the event
 - d. Entering into a road repair agreement with Council to cover any rectification works required as a result of damage caused by the event
 - e. Providing confirmation that the affected business owners are aware of the proposed road closures
 - f. Providing written confirmation that the concerns raised by affected residents and businesses have been addressed (noting that not all

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concerns can necessarily be addressed to the satisfaction of all residents and businesses) and that the event organisers will make their best endeavours to arrange for egress and ingress to those properties within the event where possible where a pressing need has been advised in advance

- g. Providing written confirmation that they will erect advance notice of road closures on the affected roads, at least three weeks prior to the event
 - h. Providing evidence of satisfactory procedures for enabling emergency services access to properties on the event route at all times
3. That subject to the requirements of Item 2 being undertaken, Council provides consent for road closure orders in relation to the event, to be held on Saturday 4 October 2025 as follows:
- a. Retreat Valley Stage (Cudlee Creek and Kenton Valley)
Closure 7:00am – 12:30pm
Retreat Valley Road, Odea Road, Berry Hill Road and Langley Road – from Gorge Road to Cudlee Creek Road
 - b. Kenton Valley Stage (Kenton Valley and Mt Torrens)
Closure 7:20am – 12:50pm
Turner Road, Maidment Road, Lihou Road and Schocroft Road – from Burfords Hill Road to Schuberts Road
 - c. Charligate Stage (Charleston and Mount Torrens)
Closure 7:40am – 1:10pm
Sheoak Hill Road and Warmington Run – from Springhead Road to Hollows Road (then continued into Mount Barker District Council)
4. That the Council confirms that the Chief Executive Officer may use existing powers under delegation to consider, and determine whether or not to provide consent to, any proposals for changes to the road closures in the lead up to the event, so long as the overall scope of the event road closures remains similar to the proposal described above.

Carried

12.2 Realigning the CEO PRP Review Timing

Agenda Item 12.2 withdrawn.

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12.3 CEO Key Performance Indicators 2024-25 – June Update

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater

S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

235/25

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the CEO has met the June 2025 Key Performance Indicators.

Carried Unanimously

12.4 Local Government Community Engagement Charter

Moved Cr Chris Grant

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

236/25

Council resolves:

1. That the Local Government Community Engagement Charter report be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse the Adelaide Hills Council's draft Local Government Community Engagement Charter Final Submission be issued to the Office of Local Government with a copy provided to the Local Government Authority for their information.
3. That the CEO is authorised to make administrative changes that do not substantively change the content of the submission.

Carried Unanimously

13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

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14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority - 19 June 2025 Minutes

Moved Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Chris Grant

237/25

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked a question about whether the CEO had received advice from the Ministers Office regarding the request to withdraw from the GRFMA.

16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 25 June 2025, Primary School Presentation, Birdwood
- 29 June 2025, Onkaparinga Rotary Club Handover Lunch, Lobethal
- 1 July 2025, Community Forum, Mount Torrens
- 4 July 2025, DIT Consultation, Woodside
- 5 July 2025, Torrens Valley Lions Club Handover Lunch, Birdwood

17.2 Reports of Members as Council/Committee Representatives on External Organisations

Nil

17.3 CEO Report

Greg Georgopoulos, CEO, provided Council with a verbal update, including:

- He is currently working with ELT and the CEO Performance Review Panel to develop his Key Performance Indicators for 2025-26
- The new Director for Environment and Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine started on Monday 7 July 2025 and is being onboarded
- The finance team is currently closing out the budget and preparing for the external audit in September

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18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel

Nil

18.2 Audit Committee

Nil

18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

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Council resolves that the minutes of the CEO Performance Review Panel meeting held on 18 June 2025, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.4 Boundary Change Committee

Nil

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19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 Qualified Independent Person Report – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

239/25

Council resolves:

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- Chief Executive Officer, Greg Georgopoulos
- Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis
- Director Environment and Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Executive Governance Officer, Zoë Gill
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay
- IT Support, Tom Portas

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1: (Qualified Independent Person Report) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

- Section 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- Section 90(3)(h) of the Local Government Act 1999, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is legal advice.

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

Carried Unanimously

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19.1.1 Qualified Independent Person Report – Confidential Item

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

240/25

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To receive and note the letter from Michael Kelledy, Qualified Independent Person in *Appendix 1*.
3. To note that the Qualified Independent Person has confirmed that the 2024/25 CEO Performance Review Process has occurred in accordance with the adopted CEO Performance Review Process and has occurred in accordance with all necessary requirements of the Council and has met all good governance standards.

Carried Unanimously

19.1.2 Qualified Independent Person Report – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

241/25

Council resolves:

Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) and (h) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released	
Item	
Report	Nil
Related Attachments	Nil for the CEO PRP Agenda Report

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	Until further order for “Letter to Acting Mayor (Qualified Independent Person Advice – CEO Performance Review)” (Appendix 1 to CEO PRP Agenda Report)
Minutes	Nil
Other (presentation, documents, or similar)	Until Further Order

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

19.2 Audit Committee Independent Member Appointment – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

242/25

Council resolves:

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- Chief Executive Officer, Greg Georgopoulos
- Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis
- Director Environment and Infrastructure, Jade Ballentine
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Executive Governance Officer, Zoë Gill
- IT Support Officer, Tom Portas
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2 (Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member Appointment) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

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Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), because it would disclose the personal details of candidates who have expressed an interest to be on the Audit and Risk Committee.

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

Carried Unanimously

19.2.1 Audit Committee Independent Member Appointment – Confidential Item

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

243/25

Council resolves:

- 1. To receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member Appointment Report.**
- 2. To note that four (4) applicants were assessed as suitable for appointment to the Audit and Risk Committee, with Natalie Simmons being the preferred candidate.**
- 3. To appoint Natalie Simmons to the position of Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member for a term to commence from 09 July 2025 until 30 June 2029 (inclusive).**
- 4. To retain the unsuccessful candidates who were assessed as suitable for appointment on a list of suitable appointments, should a further vacancy arise before the end of this Council term. Council could elect to appoint directly from this list without advertising the role.**

Carried Unanimously

19.2.2 Audit Committee Independent Member Appointment – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

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Council resolves:

Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 18.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

Item	Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released
Report	Until the appointment has been confirmed.
Related Attachments	Not applicable
Minutes	Until the appointment has been confirmed.
Other (presentation, documents, or similar)	Not applicable

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 22 July 2025 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.02pm