

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 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
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Kirsty Parkin

In Attendance:

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

**1. COMMENCEMENT**

The meeting commenced at 6:30.

**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**

Nil

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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 – 12 August 2025 to 27 August 2025 – approved 12 August 2025

**3.2.1 Request – Cr Kirsty Parkin**

**Moved Lucy Huxter**

**S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann**

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- 1 That a Leave of Absence from all duties of office be granted to Cr Kirsty Parkin from 6 October to 17 October 2025.**
- 2 That any committee or panel membership currently held by Cr Kirsty Parkin be undertaken by the Deputy during the leave of absence.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**3.3 Absent**

Nil

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**4.1 Council Meeting – 12 August 2025**

**Moved Cr Chris Grant**

**S/- Cr Mark Osterstock**

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**Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 12 August 2025, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Nil

**6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Mayor reminded Elected Members that there was a workshop immediately following the meeting.

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**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

**8.2 Deputations**

Nil

**8.3 Public Forum**

Nil

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**10.1 Todd Trust and Caripook Park Bridgewater – Cr Leith Mudge**

**What is the status of the project to create a landscaped garden and memorial commemorating the 1983 Ash Wednesday fire at Caripook Park, Bridgewater as per the terms of the trust created by Mr Francis Henry Todd (“the Trust”)?**

The terms of the Trust outline that the Council shall establish and maintain a landscaped garden for the use and enjoyment of the public, and that a memorial shall be erected on the said land for the use and enjoyment of the public. The Memorial should commemorate the 1983 Ash Wednesday fire and the garden shall be called and designated “The Francis H Todd Garden.”

In terms of the status of the Project to establish and maintain a garden and memorial, on 15 July 2022 the Supreme Court granted approval for the trust variation scheme, including the moving of the Trust to Caripook park and a report was prepared and submitted to the Minister of Local Government seeking approval to revoke the community land classification of the retirement village land.

The Council must comply with Trust conditions that now apply to Caripook Park.

In practice, this means that the Council must establish and maintain a landscaped garden in Caripook Park, which shall be called The Francis H Todd Garden, and erect a memorial for the 1983 Ash Wednesday fire on the same land. This has not yet been budgeted for in

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Council's Annual Business Plan and budget. Council could consider budgeting for this Project in the 2026/2027 financial year or consider a budget review in Council's current (2025/2026) budget for same.

**When is it expected that the requirements of the Trust outlined in 1 above will be completed?**

As outlined above, the Project that would meet the requirements of the Trust is not currently budgeted for. When the Project is budgeted for and implemented, the requirements of the Trust will be able to be met.

**How will implementation of the requirements of the Trust affect current activities at the park, including off-the-lead dog exercise?**

The installation of a landscaped garden and memorial will not affect the current activities at the Park as a suitable site for location of the garden and memorial will be ascertained to ensure current activities are not impacted by the Project.

**What were the net proceeds of the sale of the Bridgewater Retirement Village?**

The net proceeds of the sale of the Bridgewater Retirement Village were \$1,905,471 as outlined in the report to Council on 9 May 2023.

The Supreme Court order noted that Council could sell the Bridgewater Retirement village land and "apply the proceeds of the sale as it sees fit." This is mentioned only to confirm that the Supreme Court placed no obligation on Council to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Bridgewater Retirement Village on improvements to Caripook Park. However, as noted above, Council must comply with the terms of the trust.

**What is the estimated cost of implementing the terms of the Trust at Caripook Park?**

The estimated cost of implementing the terms of the Trust (not the full proposed park upgrades) at Caripook Park would be approximately \$70,000, broken down as follows:

Item	Approx. Cost	Description / Notes
Landscaping/plant selection	\$5,000	Demonstrate low flammability plant species, such as saltbush (Atriplex and Rhagodia), Kangaroo Paws, and plants with fleshy or watery leaves like Pigface (Carpobrotus).
Seating	\$5,000	1 x bench seats
Signage	\$5,000	2 x signs, incl. design, manufacture, and installation
Pathways	\$30,000	200m of cement treated rubble path
Drainage	\$10,000	Reducing water logging
Memorial	\$5,000	Modest and sensitive memorial

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Other Costs	\$10,000	Project planning and design, project management, etc
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	

**Has the cost of these works been included in any annual budget or LTFP since 2019 and what is the current status of this in budgeted works?**

No, the cost of the works have not been included in any budget or LTFP since 2019. The works are currently unfunded. It can be confirmed that the footbridge at Caripook Park was renewed as part of the 2024/2025 capital works budget.

**11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS**

**12.1 Revocation of Dedication – 20 Bell Springs Road, Charleston**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Mark Osterstock

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**Council resolves:**

- 1. That the Revocation of Dedication – 20 Bell Springs Road Charleston report be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council supports the revocation of the land at 20 Bell Springs Road Charleston, described as allotment 20 in Deposited Plan 44282 contained in Crown Record Volume 5926 Folio 487 from Council's care, control and management and for the land to revert to the Crown for the purposes of a rededication as a Park under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972.**
- 3. Resolve to reaffirm support for the revocation of the remaining 17 land parcels from dedication to Adelaide Hills Council as identified in resolution 52/21, removing xvi and applying to the Ministers Delegate as soon as practical.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**12.2 Gumeracha Opportunity Shop Service Review**

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater

S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

**Council resolves:**

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1. Receive and note the *Gumeracha Opportunity Shop Review Report Appendix 1*.
2. Request the CEO bring recommendations in relation to the *Gumeracha Opportunity Shop Review Report Appendix 1* back to Council at the 28 October 2025 meeting, incorporating any feedback received through community engagement.
3. Request the CEO prepare and deliver a community engagement process, guided by the IAP2 Community Engagement Framework, to directly involve volunteers and key stakeholders in shaping the future of the service and inform redevelopment of the *Gumeracha Opportunity Shop Transition Plan 2025 Appendix 2, should it be required*.
4. Note that, in light of the absence of direct community engagement in the service review process, no decision will be made on closure of the Gumeracha Opportunity Shop until outcomes of community engagement have been reported to Council before the 28th of October 2025 meeting.

**VARIATION**

Through the Acting Mayor, with consent of the Mover and Seconder, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to vary the motion as follows:

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**12.3 Proposed new policy: Fees and Charges Policy**

Moved Cr Leith Mudge  
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

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Council resolves:

1. To receive and note the report.
2. To adopt the draft Fees and Charges policy at Appendix 1, with an effective date of 9 September 2025.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the draft policy.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**12.4 Harmful Algal Bloom – support to coastal Councils**

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock  
S/- Cr Chris Grant

280/25

Council resolves:

1. That the Harmful Algal Bloom – Support to coastal Councils report be received and noted.



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2. To approve Acting Mayor Daniell to be a party signatory to the Proposal for Federal Government Action on the South Australia Algal Bloom Crisis in Appendix 1 to be submitted to the Federal Government prior to the delegation to Canberra.
3. To advise LGA South Australia of its decision so that it may collate party signatories.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS**

**13.1 Quarterly Council Performance Report – Q4 2024-25**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

**281/25**

**Council resolves:**

1. That the Quarterly Council Performance Report – Q4 2024-25 be received and noted.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

Nil

**15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked for a progress update on the Campbelltown City Council Boundary Change Inquiry?

Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked for a progress update on the Elector Representation Review?

**16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**17. REPORTS**

**17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council**

**Cr Malcolm Herrmann**

- 1 Aug - SALA Exhibition Opening - Norton Summit
- 3 Aug - Fabrik Exhibition Opening - Lobethal
- 4 Aug - Meeting with CEO- Lobethal
- 5 Aug - Meeting with Director Environment and Infrastructure
- 5 Aug - CFS AGM - Birdwood

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- 9 Aug - Quiz Night- Hall - Cudlee Creek
- 12 Aug - Meeting with the Member for Schubert
- 20 Aug - Adelaide Hills Tourism Launch - Verdun

**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:

- That the new Executive Officer of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association is Lisa Teburea
- Council is working closely with the Local Government Association on our plan and program review around work health and safety practices across Council
- That the new General Manager of East Waste is Leonard Leyland and Council will be working closely with the organisation on the rollout of FOGO

**18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**18.1 Audit Committee**

**Moved Cr Mudge**

**S/- Cr Parkin**

**282/25**

**Council resolves that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 18 August 2025, as distributed, be received and noted.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 9 September 2025 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

**21. CLOSE MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7:35pm