

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Lisa Clare Woolcock
Councillor Richard Gladigau
Councillor Alex Trescowthick

In Attendance:

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Zoë Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Lauren Jak	Minute Secretary
Lynette Paltridge	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 Kirsty Parkin
Cr Adrian Cheater

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3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Absent

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meeting – 27 January 2026

**Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick**

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Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 January 2026, 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

5.1 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Lucy Huxter, Item 11.1

Under section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Lucy Huxter disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 11.1

5.2 Material Conflict of Interest, Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Item 12.4

Under section 75C of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Acting Mayor commented on:

- The honour of being provisionally elected as Mayor, and his intention to provide respectful and collaborate leadership for the betterment of the people, places and environment of Adelaide Hills Council
- His thanks to those who voted and Administration for their work to support the election process

7. QUESTIONS ADJOURNED/LYING ON THE TABLE

7.1 Questions Adjourned

Frequency and duration of Elected Member Leave of Absences - until 28 April 2026

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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

Through the Acting Mayor, leave of the meeting was sought and granted for the purposes of allowing the public forum to go for 20 minutes due to the number of speakers.

Keith Bennet of Mt Torrens - Direction and priorities of Council especially in relation to item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

Michael Cornish of Bridgewater – In support of item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

Carmel McNamara of Bridgewater - In support of item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

Darcy McNamara of Bridgewater - In support of item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

Kath Whitson of Crafers - In support of item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies

9. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

11.1 Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies (Cr Chris Grant)

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Lucy Huxter disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 11.1

- I work for an Australian gas infrastructure group and receive a financial benefit from them.

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Cr Lucy Huxter declared she would leave the meeting.

6:54pm Cr Lucy Huxter left the meeting room.

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

That:

1. Council reaffirms its long-standing commitment to sports in the Adelaide Hills, in particular the Tour Down Under;
2. Notwithstanding (1), Council rescinds decision 310/25 which explicitly supports the Santos Tour Down Under;
3. Council will no longer permit or participate in the advertising or promotion of any company whose main business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil and gas, including advertising or promotion of any event that promotes such a company (including through naming rights)
 - a. on any Council owned or controlled property;
 - b. on its website or other communications and
 - c. in any other area within its control,

unless it is legally required to do so;
4. Council will not accept sponsorship from companies whose main business is the extraction or sale of coal, oil or gas, or hold or promote, or allow to be held or promoted, events sponsored by such companies where Council has the authority to do so;
5. That all relevant Council policies be reviewed and updated to reflect this policy position, including but not confined to the Festivals and Events Policy; and
6. That Council communicates this policy position via its usual means including, but not limited to, its website and Hills Voice, and inform relevant stakeholders including, but not limited to, local Federal and State Members of Parliament and any event organisers who may be affected

Lost

DIVISION

Cr Chris Grant called for a division.

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The Presiding Member set aside the ruling.

In the affirmative (2)
Councillors Grant, Boyd

In the negative (6)
Councillors Herrmann, Gladigau, Woolcock, Mudge, Trescowthick, Osterstock

On the basis of the results of the division, the Presiding Member declared the motion **Lost**

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Having taken into account the Guiding Principles, the Mayor accepted the following Motion Without Notice.

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

That the CEO considers the report attached to item 11.1 - Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies, dated 10 Feb 2026, in conjunction with the review of the Festival and Events Policy due by Sept 2027

Lost

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Having taken into account the Guiding Principles, the Mayor accepted the following Motion Without Notice.

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/ Cr Kirrilee Boyd

I move that:

Adelaide Hills Council, having taken the position of declaring a climate emergency and engaging in initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, encourage renewable energy and recognise the need to ameliorate the impact of climate change on our community through extreme weather events, bushfires and drought, and recognising that the ongoing use of fossil fuels and opening up of new gas fields are drivers of the climate crisis, Council writes to the Premier of South Australia and the SA Minister for Environment, Climate and Water as follows:

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1. Commending the State Government for its continued support for the Tour Down Under as a major event that celebrates South Australia's regions, promotes active and healthy lifestyles, and contributes to tourism and the local economy;
2. Highlighting that climate science warns that January temperatures will continue rising and threaten the delivery of outdoor events such as the TDU unless urgent action is taken to reduce carbon pollution from the burning of coal, oil and gas. Already the impact of high January Temperatures has required the TDU to change the timing and length of certain stages;
3. Expressing concerns that it is deeply disappointing and ironic that SANTOS, a major fossil fuel company, holds naming rights to an event whose future viability is jeopardised by the climate crisis;
4. Requesting that the State Government incorporate sustainability and environmental responsibility criteria - including reducing carbon emissions - into the sponsorship evaluation process for all major State-supported events, aligning with South Australia's climate and net-zero emissions objectives; and
5. Offering Council's support in promoting and partnering on initiatives that highlight South Australia's leadership in sustainability and innovation through major events such as the Tour Down Under.

FORMAL MOTION

**Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick**

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Council resolves to adjourn item 11.1 until a workshop has been held by June 2026 on the item.

Carried

7:50pm Cr Lucy Huxter returned to the meeting room

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12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS

12.1 Section 41 Committee – Independent Member Sitting Fees

**Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Leith Mudge**

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Council resolves:

1. That the Review of Independent Member Remuneration – s41 Committees report be received and noted.
2. That in relation to Adelaide Hills Council S41 Committees, including but not limited to the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Performance Review Panel:
 - a) The sitting fees for Independent Members, effective 11 February 2026, are:
 - i. Independent Presiding Member - \$ 692 (excl GST), plus super guarantee per attended s41 Committee meeting
 - ii. Independent Ordinary Member - \$542 (excl GST), plus super guarantee per attended s41 Committee meeting
 - iii. Authorised Information or Briefing Session or other meeting - \$100 (excl GST), plus super guarantee per meeting
 - iv. Authorised Training - \$90 (excl GST), plus super guarantee per hour of training attended excluding travel time
 - b) That in the event that an Independent Ordinary Member is required to preside at a meeting in the absence of the Presiding Member, then that Member receives the Independent Presiding Member (excl GST) sitting fee for that meeting.
 - c) That Independent Members are entitled to receive reimbursement (at the standard Council rate) for travelling expenses actually and necessarily incurred for travel associated with attendance at a Committee Meeting, other authorised meeting, or authorised training.
 - d) That unless otherwise resolved by Council the sitting fee will increase on the anniversary of the periodic election to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Carried

12.2 Delegations – LGA Delegations Framework Update

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**Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Leith Mudge**

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Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted**
- 2. The Adelaide Hills Council (Council) delegates each function or power of the Council:**
 - a. listed in the attached tables (Appendix 2) to the Chief Executive Officer as identified in respect of the function or power**
- 3. The delegations granted pursuant to:**
 - a. the Local Government Act to the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may be sub-delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with sections 44(4)(b) and 101 of the Local Government Act, but subject to section 44(3a) of the Local Government Act;**
- 4. If two or more delegates are nominated in respect of a power or function, then each nominated person is granted a delegation and may exercise the power or function independently of any other delegate.**
- 5. The delegations are granted subject to the following conditions and limitations:**
 - a. the delegate must exercise a delegated function or power in accordance with:**
 - i. applicable legislative and other legal requirements; and**
 - ii. due regard to relevant policies and guidelines adopted by the Council;**
 - iii. all other conditions and limitations noted in the instrument of delegations (Appendix 2)**
 - b. in regard to the following delegations under the Local Government Act:**
 - i. section 133: the power to obtain funds does not extend to imposing rates, borrowing money or obtaining other forms of financial accommodation or fixing or varying fees under sections 188(1)(d) to 188(1)(h) of the Local Government Act;**
 - ii. section 137: the power to expend funds in the performance or discharge of the council's powers, functions or duties in accordance is limited to funds allocated as part of a budget adopted by the council;**
 - iii. section 143(1): the power to write off debts is limited to debts not exceeding \$5000;**

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- iv. **section 188(3): the powers in regard to fees and charges are limited to fees and charges imposed under sections 188(1)(a), 188(1)(b) and 188(1)(c);**
- 6. **Each delegation of a power or function granted under this instrument is independent of, and severable from, every other delegation granted under this instrument.**
- 7. **If a delegation of a power or function under this instrument is determined to be invalid or unlawful, the invalid or unlawful delegation will be deemed to be severed from this instrument and the remaining delegations will continue to operate according to their terms.**
- 8. **The delegations provided for in this instrument of delegation will come into operation on 20 February 2026.**
- 9. **Previous delegations granted by the Council of the powers and functions delegated by this instrument are revoked with effect from the date on which the delegations provided for in this instrument come into operation.**
- 10. **The delegations granted by this instrument will remain in force until varied or revoked by resolution of the Council.**

	Carried Unanimously
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12.3 Community Land Management Plan Amendment – Federation Park

**Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Leith Mudge**

48/26

Council resolves:

- 1. **That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. **That the proposed amendment to the Community Land Management Plan for Gumeracha Federation Park has no significant impact on the interests of the community and therefore the provisions of section 198(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 requiring community consultation do not apply.**
- 3. **To adopt the proposed minor amendments to the Community Land Management Plan for Gumeracha Federation Park as detailed in Appendix 1.**

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12.4 Update on Gumeracha Opportunity Shop EOI

Under section 75C of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4

- I am a member of the Mt Torrens Valley Lions Club

Cr Malcolm Herrmann declared he would leave the meeting.

7:59pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann left the meeting room.

**Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau**

49/26

Council resolves:

1. **That the Update on Gumeracha Op Shop Expression of Interest report be received and noted.**
2. **To note the outcome of the Gumeracha Op Shop Expression of Interest process and that the Torrens Valley Lions Club is well placed to take over operations of the Op Shop from Council.**
3. **To progress a lease with the Torrens Valley Lions Club, for a two year period, on a peppercorn basis, with the tenant responsible for all outgoings, day to day upkeep and maintenance.**
4. **That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise and execute the lease documentation.**
5. **That the Administration progress the transition of Op Shop operations to the Torrens Valley Lions Club, including any actions required by Council's previous resolutions, such as the installation of a plaque thanking volunteers for their contribution.**

Carried Unanimously

8:02pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann returned to the meeting

12.5 Libraries Funding Campaign

**Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick**

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1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To support the LGA's advocacy position requesting funding for public libraries.
3. To support the LGA's position to seek annual CPI increases on a new funding agreement with the State Government, noting that current state funding for public libraries has not kept pace with rising costs and service demands.
4. To support the LGA campaign through council communication channels.
5. To advise the LGA of its decision so that it may collate signatories.

	Carried Unanimously
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12.6 Road Exchange 21 Pomona Road, Stirling

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Chris Grant

51/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report "Updated Documentation for Road Exchange process - 21 Pomona Road, Stirling" be received and noted
2. Notes Council resolution (300/25) of 15 December 2020 supporting a road exchange adjacent to 21 Pomona Road, Stirling as outlined in the Original Preliminary Plan 20/0038 - dated 17/9/2020
3. Reaffirms Council's support for the proposed road exchange, noting that there has since been a land division for the adjacent property at 21 Pomona Road, Stirling
4. In accordance with the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991, to proceed with the exchange of road process with the owner of the land of 21 Pomona Road Stirling and issue a Road Process Order to open as public road the area identified as "Road opened numbered 1" on the Preliminary Plan No 20/0038 and in exchange to close a portion of Pomona Road as identified on the Preliminary Plan No 20/0038 as "Public Road A" (as identified in Appendix 4), subject to the owner of the land at 21 Pomona Road Stirling continuing to pay all costs associated with the road exchange process including but not limited to all survey, valuation and reasonable legal costs
5. That the closed road be excluded as Community Land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999.

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6. That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign all documents necessary, including affixation of the common seal, to give effect to this resolution.

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13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8:09 Cr Chris Grant left the meeting room
8:10 Cr Chris Grant returned to the meeting room

14.1 Letter from the Minister of Local Government

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Mark Osterstock

52/26

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

	Carried Unanimously
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14.2 SHLGA 2026-27 Federal Budget Submission

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

53/26

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

	Carried Unanimously
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14.3 Grant Funding Outcomes – Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

54/26

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

	Carried Unanimously
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15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

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16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 31 January 2026 – Farewell Dr. Mark Lang, Gumeracha Medical, Gumeracha
- 8 February 2026 – Top of the Torrens Gallery 30th Anniversary, Birdwood

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

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 2 February 2026 – GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee, Teams meeting

17.3 CEO Report

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

- Collaboration projects
 - Mt Barker Council regarding the Verdun interchange
 - Mt Lofty Gardens regarding the autumn colour festival,
 - Barossa Council regarding the Amy Gillett bike track with State Government

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel

Nil

18.2 Audit and Risk Committee

Nil

18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel – 28 January 2026

**Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau**

55/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the CEO Performance Review Panel meeting held on 28 January 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.4 Boundary Change Committee

Nil

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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 24 February 2026 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:15pm