

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

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

In Attendance:

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Jade Ballantine	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Zoë Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Skye Ludzay	Minute Secretary

1. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 6:31pm.

2. OPENING STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kurna 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

Mayor _____

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3.2 Leave of Absence

Cr Chris Grant, 18 February 2026 to 14 March 2026, approved at Council 25 November 2025

Cr Kirsty Parkin, 11 February 2026 to 9 March 2026, approved at Council 27 January 2026

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd

S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

56/26

- 1 That a Leave of Absence from all duties of office be granted to Cr Adrian Cheater from 9 March 2026 to 15 March 2026.**
- 2 That any committee or panel membership currently held by Cr Adrian Cheater be undertaken by the Deputy during the leave of absence.**

Carried Unanimously

3.3 Absent

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meeting – 10 February 2026

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

57/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 February 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 Material Conflict of Interest, Cr Lucy Huxter, Item 12.1

Under section 75C of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Lucy Huxter disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.1

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

Nil

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7. QUESTIONS ADJOURNED/LYING ON THE TABLE

7.1 Questions Adjourned

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

Advertising and Promotion of Oil and Gas Companies until June 2026

7.2 Questions Lying on the Table

Nil

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

8.1 Petitions

Nil

8.2 Deputations

8.2.1 Lobethal Community Association

Item deferred until 24 March 2026.

8.3 Public Forum

David Mellonie of Aldgate Primary School - In support of increased school road safety initiatives.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

11.1 Advocacy against proposed destination management zones – Cr Alex Trescowthick

Moved Cr Alex Trescowthick
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

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1. The Council has serious concerns regarding the State Government’s proposed creation of Destination Management Zones (DMZs) on the basis that the model risks diminishing the effectiveness, identity, and resourcing of the Adelaide Hills tourism region.
2. The CEO/Mayor write to the Minister for Tourism, Hon Zoe Bettison and the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) to:
 - a. Outline Council’s concerns regarding the DMZ proposal.
 - b. Highlighting the proven value, governance structure, and industry effectiveness of Adelaide Hills Tourism (AHT) as the principal regional tourism body for the Adelaide Hills.
 - c. Requesting that the State Government undertake genuine and meaningful consultation with local councils and the regional tourism industry before progressing any structural changes.
3. The CEO/Mayor write to the Mount Barker District Council, Adelaide Hills Tourism (AHT) and Regional Development Australia outlining Council’s concerns, and communicate with local industry operators Council's position and inviting collaborative advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

11.2 School Precinct Road Safety – Cr Adrian Cheater

**Moved Cr Adrian Cheater
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau**

59/26

That:

1. Council notes that site-specific safety concerns may arise within school precincts across the Adelaide Hills Council area, including concerns recently raised regarding Aldgate Primary School, and reaffirms its commitment to supporting safe access to schools in partnership with relevant stakeholders.
2. Council further notes that school precinct safety is a shared responsibility between the Department for Education, Council, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, school communities and appropriate law enforcement authorities, requiring coordinated and risk-based responses.

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3. That the CEO provide a summary report for Council's information by April 2026 outlining Council's existing business-as-usual approach to school precinct road safety, including current prioritisation processes, planned works, partnership arrangements and funding practices.
4. The report may include officer observations on minor process or coordination improvements achievable within existing operational resources and adopted budget frameworks.

Carried

11.3 Woodside Barracks Development Investigations – Cr Leith Mudge

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

60/26

That:

1. The Council acknowledges the historical and strategic significance of the Woodside Barracks site and expresses its commitment to advocating for redevelopment outcomes that maximise community benefit.
2. The CEO investigate options for Council to work collaboratively with State (including Renewal SA) and Federal agencies to identify preferred potential development outcomes which align with Council objectives and deliver the best longterm outcomes for the community.
3. The CEO undertake an investigation that considers the following:
 - a. Existing site conditions, including zoning, built form, transport, infrastructure, access, environmental and hazard impacts
 - b. Existing and potential local and regional infrastructure considerations, including community, health and education infrastructure
 - c. Site suitability for diverse housing, employment and industry, visitor economy, conservation, sports and recreation and community services,
 - d. Alignment with Council and State priorities and strategic land use objectives, and key design and character principles for the site.
4. A report outlining the findings and options be presented to Council following a workshop discussion by 7 July 2026.

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12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS

12.1 Deputy Mayor Appointment

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

61/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report on the Deputy Mayor Appointment be received and noted.
2. To note that the position of Deputy Mayor is currently vacant.
3. To note that while the appointment of a Deputy Mayor is not legislatively mandated, Council supports the appointment of a Deputy Mayor to assist continuity of leadership and good governance.
4. To note that, under s51(6) of the *Local Government Act 1999* if the Mayor is absent, the Deputy Mayor will act in the Office of the Mayor, unless the Mayor has authorised another member of Council to act in place of or represent the Mayor under s59(2) of the Act.
5. That the method of selecting the Deputy Mayor be by an indicative vote to determine the preferred person, utilising the process as set out within this report.
6. To adjourn the Council meeting for the purposes of seeking nominations for, and if necessary, conducting an indicative vote to determine the preferred persons for the Deputy Mayor role, and for the meeting to resume once the results of the indicative voting has been declared.

Carried Unanimously

Under section 75C of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Lucy Huxter disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.1

- I will receive a personal benefit if appointed as Deputy Mayor

Cr Lucy Huxter declared she would leave the meeting room.

7:58pm Cr Lucy Huxter left the meeting room.

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Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

62/26

Council resolves:

1. To appoint Cr Lucy Huxter to the position of Deputy Mayor to commence 24 February 2026 and conclude at the end of the current council term.

Carried Unanimously

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

12.2 CEO Leave Policy

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Mark Osterstock

63/26

Council resolves:

1. That the CEO Leave Policy report be received and noted.
2. With an effective date of 3 March 2026, to revoke the CEO Leave Policy, and adopt the amended CEO Leave Policy, at Appendix 2.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the CEO Leave Policy.

Carried Unanimously

12.3 CAP Terms of Reference

Moved Cr Lucy Huxter
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

64/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To revoke the *Council Assessment Panel Terms of Reference* dated 27 February 2024 and to adopt the *Council Assessment Panel Terms of Reference* contained in *Appendix 2* of this Report.

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3. To appoint Cr Leith Mudge and Cr Malcolm Herrmann, the Director Community and Development and Manager Development Services as members of the Council Assessment Panel Independent Member Selection Panel.

Carried Unanimously

12.4 Accommodation Project – Heathfield

Moved Cr Lucy Huxter
S/- Cr Lisa Clare Woolcock

65/26

Council resolves:

1. That the Accommodation Project - Heathfield report be received and noted.
2. To endorse the reallocation of funding from the Gumeracha Depot renewal project to provide additional office accommodation at Heathfield Works Depot with a budget of \$245,000, noting a saving of \$14,000.

Carried Unanimously

12.5 Budget Review 2

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

66/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report on Budget Review 2 2025-26 be received and noted.
2. That Council adopts the proposed budget adjustments presented in Budget Review 2 (item 12.5 , 24 February 2026, Council meeting) which result in:
 - a. An increase in the Operating Deficit from \$3.130m to \$3.136m for the 2025-26 financial year.
 - b. A reduction to the capital expenditure budget for 2025-26 of \$3.027m bringing the total budget to \$19.819m
 - c. proposed financial sustainability indicators relative to Council's agreed targets of the following:

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- i. **Operating Ratio** **-4.8%** **(Target 0% to 10%)**
- ii. **Net Financial Liabilities Ratio** **52%** **(Target 0% to 100%)**
- iii. **Asset Renewal Funding Ratio** **144%** **(Target 90% to 110%)**

Carried Unanimously

12.6 Long Term Financial Plan Adoption

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

67/26

Council resolves:

- 1. That the Long Term Financial Plan report be received and noted.**
- 2. To adopt the Long Term Financial Plan as contained in Appendix 1.**
- 3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Long Term Financial Plan prior to publication.**

Carried Unanimously

13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Q2 Council Performance Report

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

68/26

Council resolves that the Council Quarterly Performance Report – Q2 2025-26 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

13.2 Legal Fees

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

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Council resolves that the report on Legal Fees 2025-26 be received and noted.

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Carried Unanimously

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Electoral Commission South Australia – Adelaide Hills Council Supplementary Election of Mayor

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter **70/26**

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

14.2 OmbudsmanSA – Local Government Elected Member conflicts of interests

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Leith Mudge **71/26**

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

14.3 Regional Development Australia – Quarter 2 2025-26 Council Report– Local Government Elected Member conflicts of interests

Moved Cr Lucy Huxter
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick **72/26**

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

14.4 South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission – Campbelltown City

Council Boundary Change Inquiry – Clarification on the Updated Process

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock
S/- Cr Leith Mudge **73/26**

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

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15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Mayor Nathan Daniell

- 23 January, Citizenship ceremony and citizen of the year awards, Stirling
- 25 January, Men's Stage 5 of the Tour Down Under - Start and awards, Stirling
- 2 February, Photo/interview with The Courier re State election priorities, Stirling
- 4 February, Crafers tennis, netball, sports club courts launch, Crafers
- 4 February, Adelaide Hills Tourism networking event, Hahndorf
- 8 February, Top of the Torrens 'Celebrating 30 years' exhibition, Birdwood
- 13 February, Photo/interview with The Courier re Mayoral election, Bridgewater
- 13 February, CEOPRP independent member interviews, Stirling
- 16 February, CEOPRP independent member interviews, Stirling
- 17 February, Mayoral Oath of Office, Stirling
- 19 February, Meeting with Acting Mayor Rowan Voogt – Mount Barker District Council, Mount Barker
- 23 February, Meeting with Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, Mount Barker
- 23 February, Stirling Rotary meeting, Stirling

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 13 February, Champions Group, Highercombe and Houghton
- 15 February, Ecumenical Service, Birdwood
- 23 February, Torrens Valley Lions Club lease, Gumeracha

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

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 12 February, GRFMA Board, Kapunda

17.3 CEO Report

Greg Georgopoulos, CEO, provided Council with a verbal update, noting that he had been working on the following matters:

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- Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan
- Internal Audits
- Asset Management
- Planning Matters
- The CEO's KPI #3 – Working Together Initiative

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel – 14 January 2026

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

74/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Council Assessment Panel meetings held on 14 January 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.1.1 Council Assessment Panel – 11 February 2026

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

75/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Council Assessment Panel meetings held on 11 February 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.2 Audit and Risk Committee – 16 February 2026

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Mark Osterstock

76/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 16 February 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel

Nil

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18.4 Boundary Change Committee

Nil

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 AHRWMA Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointments – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

77/26

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 Environment & Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Executive Governance Officer, Zoë Gill
- Manager Information Services, Lynette Paltridge
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1: (AHRWMA Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointments) 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);

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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19.1.2 AHRWMA Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointments – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

79/26

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) 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 Further Order
Related Attachments	Nil
Minutes	Until Further Order

Mayor _____

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Other (presentation, documents, or similar)	Nil
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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

19.2 ERP Replacement Project – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Lucy Huxter
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

80/26

Council resolves:

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

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- Director Environment & Infrastructure, Jade Ballantine
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Executive Governance Officer, Zoë Gill
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay
- Manager Information Services, Lynette Paltridge

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2: (ERP Replacement Program) 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)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to increase risk knowledge of cybersecurity risks.

Section 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to affect proposed tender responses.

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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 ERP Replacement Project – Confidential Item

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MOTION AS VARIED

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

81/26

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To endorse administration to proceed to an open tender for a software as a services (SaaS) ERP (Enterprise Reporting Platform) solution.
3. Council notes that further approval will be sought from Council prior to the commencement of contractual negotiations.
4. ...

Carried Unanimously

19.2.2 ERP Replacement Project– Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

82/26

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 19.2 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(e and k) 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:

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Related Attachments	Until Further Order
Minutes	Parts 1-3 to be released, Part 4 to remain in confidence until Further Order
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

19.3 Correspondence: TTEG Update – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Alex Trescowthick

83/26

Council resolves:

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be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.3: (Correspondence: TTEG Update) 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)(h) and (i) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is:

- legal advice;

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- information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council;

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public

Carried Unanimously

19.3.1 Correspondence: TTEG Update – Confidential Item

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

84/26

Council resolves:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

19.3.2 Correspondence: TTEG Update– Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

85/26

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 19.3 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(h) and (i) 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:

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Minutes	NIL
Other (presentation, documents, or similar)	NA

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 10 March 2026 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.