

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 14 JULY 2026
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Kirsty Parkin
Councillor Alex Trescowthick
Councillor Richard Gladigau
Councillor Lisa Clare Woolcock
Councillor Georgia McDonnell

In Attendance:

Jade Ballantine	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Dallis Von Wald	Manager Governance
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 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

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3.2 Leave of Absence

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

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- 1 That a Leave of Absence from all duties of office be granted to Cr Chris Grant from 20 July 2026 to 20 August 2026.**
- 2 That any committee or panel membership currently held by Cr Chris Grant be undertaken by the Deputy during the leave of absence.**

Carried Unanimously

3.3 Absent

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meeting – 23 June 2026

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

258/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 June 2026, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Special Council Meeting – 8 July 2026

Moved Cr Lucy Huxter

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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Council resolves that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 8 July 2026, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

5.1 Material Conflict of Interest, Cr Adrian Cheater, Item 19.1

Under section 75C of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Adrian Cheater disclosed a Material (section 75) Conflict of Interest in Item 19.1.

5.2 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Item 19.1

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 19.1.

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Mayor commented on an eventful week & period of change for Council. He reiterated that he would be working with Acting CEO to promote stability and extended an invitation to Elected Members to attend the upcoming All Staff Meeting.

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

Nil

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

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12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS

12.1 Annual Business Plan 2026-27 for Adoption

6:48pm Cr Lisa Clare Woolcock joined the meeting.

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Chris Grant

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Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted

1.1 Pursuant to and in accordance with section 123(6) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the “Act”) and Regulation 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and having considered all submissions and consultation feedback received, the Annual Business Plan (*Appendix 1*) as laid before Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, be adopted.

1.2 Pursuant to and in accordance with section 123(7) of the Act and regulation 7 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*, having considered the Budget in conjunction with, and determined the Budget to be consistent with, the Council’s Annual Business Plan, the Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, as laid before the Council at this meeting, be adopted.

1.2.1 To support the ongoing financial sustainability of Council, the CEO is directed to identify a minimum of \$250,000 in ongoing operational efficiencies.

1.3 Determination and Adoption of Valuations 2026-27

1.3.1 Rates assessed on rateable land in the Council will be based on the capital value of land for all rateable land.

1.3.2 Pursuant to section 167(2)(a) of the Act the most recent valuations of the Valuer General available to the Council of the capital value of land within the Council area, be adopted for rating purposes for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, totalling \$19,808,602,420.

1.4 Determination of Basis for Differential Rating

Having considered the general principles of rating contained in section 150 of the Act and the requirements of section 153(2) of the Act, and in order to raise the amount as per paragraph 1.2, pursuant to section 152(1)(c) of the Act the Council declares that general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 will consist of two components:

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1. one being based on the value of the land subject to the rate; and
2. the other being a fixed charge.

Pursuant to sections 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(c) of the Act the Council declares the following differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 on rateable land within the Council area, based upon the capital value of the land and varying according to land use and locality categories in accordance with regulation 14 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*:

- 1.4.1 category (a) Residential, a rate of 0.1955 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.2 category (b) Commercial - Shop, a rate of 0.2658 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.3 category (c) Commercial - Office, a rate of 0.2658 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.4 category (d) Commercial - Other, a rate of 0.2658 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.5 category (e) Industry - Light, a rate of 0.2658 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.6 category (f) Industry - Other, a rate of 0.3150 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.7 category (g) Primary Production, a rate of 0.1958 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.8 category (h) Vacant land, that is located within a Neighbourhood Type Zone, as defined by the Planning and Design Code and given effect by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, a rate of 0.2560 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.9 category (h) Vacant Land, that is not located in a Neighbourhood Type Zone, as defined by the Planning and Design Code and given effect by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* a rate of 0.2166 cents in the dollar.
- 1.4.10 category (i) Other, a rate of 0.1969 cents in the dollar.

1.5 Declaration of General Rates – Annual Fixed Charge

Pursuant to section 152(1)(c)(ii) of the Act, the Council declares a fixed charge of \$940 in respect of all rateable land in the Council area for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

1.6 Imposition of Regional Landscape Levy

In accordance with section 69 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, and section 154 of the Act, to reimburse the Council the amount contributed to the Hills and Fleurieu Regional Landscape Board, the Council declares the following separate rate

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based upon the capital value of rateable land for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

- 1.6.1 0.0088 cents in the dollar on all rateable land in the Council area and in the area of Hills & Fleurieu Regional Landscape Levy.**

1.7 Annual Service Charge

Pursuant to section 155 of the Act, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 the Council imposes the following annual service charges based on the nature of the service and the level of usage:

- 1.7.1 In respect of all land to which the Council supplies or makes available the prescribed services known as:**
- the Woodside Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Woodside Extension Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Birdwood and Mt Torrens Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Kersbrook Township Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Charleston Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Verdun Community Wastewater Management System
 - the Mt Lofty Ward Community Wastewater Management System

an annual service charge of \$770 in respect of land which is occupied and an annual service charge of \$360 in respect of land which is vacant.

1.8 Rate Cap and Rebates

- 1.8.1 Rate Cap (General Rates Maximum Increase for Principal Place of Residence)**

That for the year ending 30 June 2027 pursuant to section 153(3) of the Act the Council will not fix a maximum increase in the general rate to be charged on any rateable land that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer.

1.8.2 Primary Production Rebate

Pursuant to section 166(1)(b) of the Act, Council continues to offer, for the year ending 30 June 2027, upon application, a discretionary Primary Production Rebate of 10% on the differential primary production general rate to those ratepayers in the business of primary production who do not have a notional capital value assessment of their property

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and who have applied for and been granted this rebate in any of the last three (3) rating years, namely 2023-24, 2024-25 and/or the 2025-26 rating year.

1.8.2 Special Discretionary Rebate

Council has determined to provide a special discretionary rebate for the purposes of fixing a maximum increase in general rates to be charged on all residential and primary production land use categories within its area to be applied by the Council either on its own initiative where Council considers that the ratepayer meets the eligibility criteria or by application from the ratepayer, in circumstances where:

- the general rates payable for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 exceed the general rates paid in the previous financial year by 15% or more,

and where the increase in general rates is not because of:

- (i) new development, alteration or improvement made to the property since the 2025-26 valuation being those properties with a valuation change as a result of a Revisit Growth, Creation or Cancellation as defined by the Valuer-General unless the ratepayer is located within the Cudlee Creek bushfire scar as determined by Council; or
- (ii) a change to the land use of the property; or
- (iii) a change in ownership (unless a family transfer) of the rateable property; or
- (iv) a valuation from the Valuer-General changing from Notional Capital Value (NCV) to Capital Value (CV); or
- (v) the property no longer being contiguous and the fixed charge is applied in the current rating year.

the amount of any cap being the difference between the amount of general rates in monetary terms (before any rebate was applied) to be imposed for the 2026-27 financial year and the amount of general rates in monetary terms (before any rebate was applied) for the 2025-26 financial year plus 15% of those rates.

1.9 Separate Rates

Declaration of Separate rate – Stirling Business Separate Rate

- 1.9.1 Pursuant to section 154 of the Act for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 in order to raise the amount of \$110,000 to carry out the activity of promoting and enhancing business viability, profitability, trade and**

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commerce in that part of the Council area comprising rateable land within the precinct known as the Stirling “Suburban Mainstreet Zone” and businesses fronting both sides of Mt Barker Road east of the Stirling “Suburban Mainstreet Zone” to Pine Street, excluding land attributed a land use category (a) (residential) and government owned land, the Council declares a differential separate rate of 0.0782 cents in the dollar on all other land uses based on the capital value of the rateable land within that part of the Council area.

- 1.9.2** In exercise of the powers contained in section 158(1)(a) of the Act the minimum amount that is payable by way of the Stirling Business separate rate is \$318 (affecting all properties within the area to which the separate rate applies where the capital value is below \$406,442).
- 1.9.3** In exercise of the powers contained in section 158(1)(b) of the Act the amount that would otherwise be payable by way of rates in respect of the Stirling Business separate rate is altered by fixing the maximum amount of the separate rate payable at \$3,132 (affecting all properties within the area to which this separate rate applies where the capital value is in excess of \$4,003,067).

1.10 Payment of Rates

- 1.10.1** That pursuant to section 181 of the Act, the Council declares that all rates in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2027 are payable by four equal (or approximately equal) quarterly instalments (unless otherwise agreed with the principal ratepayer), falling due during the months of September and December 2026 and March and June 2027.
- 1.10.2** In exercise of the powers contained in section 44 of the Act, the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer
- the power pursuant to section 181(2) of the Act to determine the day on which each instalment falls due in the months specified in part 1.10.1 of this resolution; and,
 - the power pursuant to section 181(4)(b) of the Act, to enter into agreements with principal ratepayers relating to the payment of rates in any case of hardship or financial difficulty.

1.11 Adoption of Rating Policy

- 1.11.1** To adopt the Rating Policy, in Annexure D of the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan in Appendix 1 of this report, effective from 1 July 2026.
- 1.11.2** That the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, is authorised to make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Policy prior to the effective date.

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1.12 Borrowings

Council resolves to:

- 1.12.1 borrow the sum up to \$5.0m for the purpose of funding the 2026-27 Budget.**
- 1.12.2 authorise the Chief Executive to negotiate and agree the interest rate and any terms and conditions of the above borrowing arrangements following the Treasury Policy as adopted by Council.**
- 1.12.3 authorise the affixation of the common seal as necessary to give effect to Council's resolutions in this matter and that this be undertaken by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.**

3. That the CEO is authorised to:

- a. finalise the Draft Corporate Performance Indicators (Appendix D of the Annual Business Plan) following consideration of feedback received from Elected Members;**
- b. make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Annual Business Plan prior to being released for publication and determine the publishing timings, processes and related media promotion while ensuring consistency and compliance with the provisions of applicable legislation.**

Carried

12.2 Increase in Debt Facilities

**Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin**

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Council resolves:

- 1. That the Increase in Debt Facilities report be received and noted.**

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12.3 Draft 2026-27 Fees & Charges Report

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

262/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report Draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges report be received and noted.
2. To adopt the 2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule included at *Appendix 1* to apply on and from 15 July 2026.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve minor changes to the Fees and Charges Schedule during the 2026-27 financial year, as required.

Carried Unanimously

12.4 2026 Adelaide Hills Rally Road Closure Approval

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

263/26

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That, in relation to the 2026 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 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

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- 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 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 Sunday 4 October 2026 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 West Stage (Charleston)
Closure 7:40am – 1:10pm
Harrison Road, Kings Road, Burnley Road, Teakles Road, Lewis Road, Bell Springs Road, Warmington Run – from Quarry Road to Bird in Hand Road
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.

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12.5 Road Closure - Pomona Road, Stirling

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

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Council resolves:

1. That the Road Closure Pomona Road, Stirling report be received and noted.
2. That the land marked "A" in Preliminary Plan 26/0016 be declared surplus to Councils requirements.
3. Council note the resolution from the Council Meeting on 15 December 2020, for a road exchange, recognising that this requested road closure is to finalise the previously agreed exchange.
4. Recognise that the owner of 21 Pomona Road, Stirling has paid for all costs to date for this proposed exchange process and will continue to do so, therefore no monies will be exchanged with Council.
5. Subject to an agreement with the owner of 21 Pomona Road, Stirling a Road Process Order be agreed to be made in pursuant with the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991*, to close and merge the piece of Pomona Road, Stirling identified as "A" in Preliminary Plan 26/0016, attached to this report, with the adjacent property at 21 Pomona Road, Stirling, known as Allotment 10 Deposited Plan 135124 and comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 6324 Folio 417.
6. That upon the deposit of the Road Closure, the land will be excluded from the classification of Community Land and not be included in Councils Community Land Register.
7. That the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be authorised to finalise and sign all necessary documentation to close and dispose of the above portion of closed road, pursuant to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 2026-27 Discretionary Rate Rebate Report

Moved Cr Kirsty Parkin

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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Council resolves that the report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Ombudsman SA - Complaints regarding the treatment of council legal advice

Moved Leith Mudge

S/- Alex Trescowthick

266/26

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Malcolm Herrmann – asked the following questions:

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

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That the answers to the questions without notice is recorded in the meeting minutes.

Carried Unanimously

Has there been any contact with the Minister of Local Government Office/Boundaries Commission?

No contact or update as yet and was not expected at this time.

Has there been news on the investigations by DIT on the fatality - Martin Hill / Lucky Hit/ Warren Roads intersection?

DIT has advised AHC that the report investigating the infrastructure conditions and recent crash fatality is internally awaiting Director consideration and endorsement.

Is the Deputy Member of CAP able to attend CAP meetings and remain in the room during any confidential discussions?

The Deputy Independent Member and Deputy Council Member on the CAP may only attend confidential items, if they are attending a CAP meeting as a member of the Panel. That is, if they are not acting within their role as Deputy because all independent and

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Council members are present at the meeting, then their status is the same as any member of the public and they cannot stay in the room for confidential items.

Could the A/CEO expand on outcomes envisaged for the proposed expenditure of \$80,000 for Sport and Recreation Study?

The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive, data-driven **Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy**. The strategy will guide the council's capital works budget and grant applications over the next 5-10 years.

- *Which facilities require upgrades, replacement, or repurposing.*
- *Where there is a gap in provision or a need for new facilities in high-growth areas.*
- *Investment priorities based on financial viability, community demand, and utilisation rates*

Cr Gladigau asked a question regarding the changed election date and implications for Caretaker period.

16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Mayor Nathan Daniell

- 10 June 2026, Mural judging for Red Cacao, Stirling
- 10 June 2026, Meeting with Josh Teague MP for Heysen, Stirling
- 11 June 2026, Meeting with Minister Bourke, Stirling
- 15 June 2026, Woodside Barracks Tour, Woodside
- 15 June 2026, Citizenship Ceremony, Stirling
- 17 June 2026, Mayor's Selling 'Big Issue', Stirling
- 17 June 2026, Meeting with AHT Executive Officer Stella Biggs, Stirling
- 18 June 2026, Meeting with Rebekha Sharkie MP for Mayo, Mount Barker
- 18 June 2026, Eastern Region Alliance meeting, Unley
- 27 June 2026, Torrens Valley Lions Club Handover Lunch, Birdwood
- 29 June 2026, PeopleQ Coaching Session, Stirling
- 30 June 2026, Mylor Community Forum, Mylor
- 1 July 2026, Meeting with Deputy Premier Kyam Maher, Adelaide CBD
- 1 July 2026, Meeting with Minister Joe Szakacs, Adelaide CBD
- 12 July 2026, Top of The Torrens Gallery SALA exhibition opening, Birdwood

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Cr Kirrilee Boyd

- 15 June 2026, Woodside Barracks Tour, Woodside
- 30 June 2026, Mylor Community Forum, Mylor

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 5 July 2026, Closure Service – Open Arms Child Care Centre, Birdwood

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

Nil

17.3 CEO Report

Jade Ballantine, Acting CEO, provided Council with a verbal update, including:

- Thanking the Elected Body for trust and privilege of undertaking the Acting CEO position
- Storm events and heavy rainfall have been the recent focus, including managing impacts on infrastructure and assets

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel – 8 July 2026

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Chris Grant

268/26

Council resolves that the minutes of the Council Assessment Panel meeting held on 8 July 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

18.2 Audit and Risk Committee

Nil

18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel – 29 June 2026

Moved Cr Chris Grant

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

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Council resolves that the minutes of the CEO Performance Review Panel meeting held on 29 June 2026, as distributed, be received and noted.

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18.4 Boundary Change Committee

Nil

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

19.1 Aged Care Services Update – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

270/26

Council resolves:

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

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jade Ballantine
- Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Manager Governance, Dallis Von Wald
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay
- Manager Community Wellbeing, Rebecca Shepherd

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1: (Aged Care Services 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)(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.

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19.1.2 Aged Care Services Update – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Kirsty Parkin
S/- Cr Richard Gladigau

272/26

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

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Related Attachments	Until Further Order
Minutes	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

8:41pm Cr Adrian Cheater returned to the meeting room.

8:41pm Cr Malcolm Herrmann returned to the meeting room.

19.2 Trans Tasman Energy Group – Exclusion of the Public

Moved Cr Adrian Cheater

S/- Cr Richard Gladiagu

273/26

Council resolves:

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

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jade Ballantine
- Director Corporate Services, Gary Lewis
- Director Community & Development, Jess Charlton
- Manager Governance, Dallis Von Wald
- Minute Secretary, Skye Ludzay

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2: (Trans Tasman Energy Group) 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 information relating to legal advice and 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.

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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 Trans Tasman Energy Group – Confidential Item

19.2.2 Trans Tasman Energy Group – Duration of Confidentiality

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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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 19.2 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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Item	Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released
Report	Until Further Order
Related Attachments	Until Further Order
Minutes	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

20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 28 July 2026 from 6.30pm at 4 Crescent Drive, Norton Summit.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.