

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 22 October 2024  
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

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In Attendance

**Presiding Member:** Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom

**Members:**

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Nathan Daniell
Councillor Pauline Gill
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Melanie Selwood

In Attendance:

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Gary Lewis	Director Corporate Services
Jess Charlton	A/Director Community and Development
David Waters	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Zoe Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Rebekah Lyons	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 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**

Nil

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ 12 November 2024

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**Leave of Absence**

Cr Kirsty Parkin, 8 October to 31 October 2024, approved by Council at its meeting of 15 October 2024.

Cr Louise Pascale, 17 October to 27 October 2024, approved by Council at its meeting of 15 October 2024.

**3.2 Absent**

Nil

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**4.1 Council Meeting – 15 October 2024**

**Moved Cr Nathan Daniell**

**S/- Cr Chris Grant**

**372/24**

**Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 October 2024, 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**

**5.1 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Melanie Selwood, Item 12.2 – Stirling Hospital Inc. Discretionary Rate Rebate**

Under section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Melanie Selwood disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.2.

**5.2 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Leith Mudge, Item 12.2 – Stirling Hospital Inc. Discretionary Rate Rebate**

Under section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Leith Mudge disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.2.

**5.3 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Item 12.4 – New Community Land Management Plan for Consultation – Johnston Memorial Park, Balhannah**

Under section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.2.

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

The Mayor commented on the recent passing of Mr Edward John Thomas, former life member of the Stirling RSL Branch. The Mayor extended her personal condolences to Mr Thomas' family and friends.

Mayor Wisdom warmly welcomed members of the public gallery and advised them that the meeting will be recorded and that minutes would be available on the Adelaide Hills Council website in the days following the meeting. Members of the public gallery were also reminded to observe meeting procedures and protocols and to remain respectful towards all present in the Chamber throughout the 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**

**8.1.1 Access to Woodside Township from Inverbrackie – David Ashton**

Moved Cr Melanie Selwood

S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

**373/24**

**Council resolves:**

- 1. To receive and note the petition signed by 91 signatories requesting safe throughfare behind guard rails along Nairne/Woodside Road at army barracks so the residents of Crest Estate can access the Woodside township and public bus stop via walking or bike without the current significant safety risks.**
- 2. That the CEO advise the principal signatory of the Council's noting of the petition and of any resolutions relating to the matter.**

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**8.1.2 Support to Reinstate Australia Day Celebrations – Leone Taylor**

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Cr Pauline Gill

**374/24**

**Council resolves:**

- 1. That the petition signed by 599 signatories requesting that Council reinstate the celebration of Australia Day on January 26th and return to the ‘Long Standing Tradition’ of holding citizenship and award ceremonies on the day within the communities of the Adelaide Hills Council be received and noted.**
- 2. That the CEO advise the principal signatory of the Council’s noting of the petition and of any resolutions relating to the matter.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**8.1.3 Support councils moving citizenship ceremonies and civic awards away from Australia Day – Reconciliation Uraidla**

Moved Cr Kirrilee Boyd  
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

**375/24**

**Council resolves:**

- 1. That the petition signed by 376 signatories stating that we the undersigned:**
  - Support council decisions that foster respect and inclusion, and reduce barriers for First Nations ratepayers to safely interact with council events**
  - Support councils conducting citizenship ceremonies within three days of 26 January as outlined in the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code**
  - Endorse Adelaide Hills Council’s 2023 decision to move citizenship and civic ceremonies away from 26 January**
  - Urge Adelaide Hills Council Members to resist further consideration of the Jan-26 matter for the remainder of their term, and instead focus on constructive outcomes within its Reconciliation Action Plans and Strategic Plans, be received and noted.**
- 2. That the CEO advise the principal signatory of the Council’s noting of the petition and of any resolutions relating to the matter.**

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**8.2 Deputations**

**8.2.1 Support of Council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26 January, Reconciliation Uraidla – Caroline Michalski and Lydia Trowse**

**8.2.2 Reinstatement of citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26 January – AHC Action Group - Leone Taylor and Ian Bailey**

**8.2.3 Discretionary Rate Rebate – Stirling Hospital Inc. – Cathy Miller and Annette Nelson**

**8.3 Public Forum**

Through the Presiding Member, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to extend the Public Forum to 30 minutes.

Scott Brumby, Stirling, supporting discretionary rate rebate for Stirling Hospital

David Ashton, Inverbrackie, supporting cycle and pedestrian access to Woodside township from Inverbrackie

Christine Reid, Hahndorf, against council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

John and Edna Tate, Birdwood, against council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Keith Bennett, Mt Torrens, against council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Michael Arbon, Oakbank, against council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Tim Gregg, Stirling, against council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Craig Jones, Greenhill, support of Council’s decision not to hold ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Courtney Hunter-Hebberman, Mt Barker, support for unity.

David Booth, Mt Barker, support for unity.

Marie Toholke, Birdwood, support for consultation on council’s decision not to hold citizenship ceremonies and civic awards on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

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**11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE****11.1 Pedestrian and cycle access Inverbrackie to Woodside – Cr Melanie Selwood**

Moved Cr Melanie Selwood  
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

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1. That Council notes the residents of Inverbrackie have concerns around their ability to safely walk or cycle to Woodside;
2. Council acknowledges that connecting Woodside to Inverbrackie with pedestrian and cycling infrastructure would be beneficial for the residents of Inverbrackie;
3. The CEO writes to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to advocate for improved pedestrian and cycling safety along Nairne Road, in particular for safe throughfare behind guard rails along Nairne/Woodside Road at army barracks so the residents of Crest estate can access the Woodside township and public bus stop via walking or bike without the current significant safety risks;
4. That the CEO begins preliminary discussions with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport regarding options to improve connectivity with Woodside for pedestrians and cyclists; and
5. That a preliminary report be presented to Council by the end of March 2025, to give Council the opportunity to decide whether budget allocation should be included in the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan for further work into this matter.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS**

Through the Presiding Member, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to bring forward item 12.2 on the agenda.

**12.2 Stirling Hospital Inc. Discretionary Rate Rebate**

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Melanie Selwood disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.2.

- I am dealing with this matter at work

8:16pm Cr Melanie Selwood left the meeting room.

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Leith Mudge disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.2.

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- I am a member of an organisation called Save the Stirling Hospital Inc. There could be a perception that I am biased on this matter and do not bring an open mind.

8:16pm Cr Leith Mudge left the meeting room.

**Moved Cr Adrian Cheater**

**S/- Cr Pauline Gill**

**377/24**

**Council resolves:**

1. **That the report be received and noted.**
2. **To note the previous decision on 25 June 2024 to decline the Stirling Hospital Inc's request for a discretionary rate rebate.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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8:23pm Cr Melanie Selwood and Cr Leith Mudge returned to the meeting room.

**12.1 Consultation Options Citizenship, Awards Ceremonies and Australia Day Events**

**Moved Cr Adrian Cheater**

**S/- Cr Pauline Gill**

**378/24**

**Council resolves:**

1. **That the report be received and noted.**

<b>Carried</b>
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Through the Presiding Member, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

8:58pm the meeting was suspended.

9:16pm the meeting resumed.

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**12.3 Council Submission to Draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan**

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock  
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the submission (as contained in *Appendix 1*) on the draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, be endorsed and forwarded to Planning and Land Use Services at the Department for Housing and Urban Development.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to finalise the submission, providing the changes do not affect the intent of the submission.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**12.4 Proposal for adoption of a new Community Land Management Plan for Johnston Memorial Park, Balhannah**

Under section 75B of the *Local Government Act 1999* Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4.

- I am the President of Birdwood CFS. The Balhannah CFS occupies a portion of the park.

Cr Herrmann advised the meeting that his public interest would not result in him acting in a manner contrary to his public duty and that he will remain in the meeting when the item is discussed, participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

9:20pm Cr Adrian Cheater left the meeting room.

9:22pm Cr Adrian Cheater returned to the meeting room.

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Cr Melanie Selwood

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Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That pursuant to Section 198 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council undertakes public consultation on the proposal to revoke the existing Community Land



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Management Plan for Johnston Memorial Park, Balhannah, described in Certificate of Title Register Book Volume 5094 Folio 759 (that is to remove it as a site covered by "Community Land Management Plan 12 - Multi Purpose Sites") and replace it with a new standalone Community Land Management Plan as contained in Appendix 2.

3. That following public consultation, a further report be submitted to Council advising of the outcomes of the public consultation process, with a view to revoking the existing Community Land Management Plan and replacing it with the one subject to public consultation.
4. That a further report be provided to Council in due course outlining the proposed arrangements for the ongoing occupation of a portion of the Johnston Memorial Park Balhannah site by the CFS.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**12.5 Election of East Regional Grouping Representatives to GAROC**

Moved Cr Leith Mudge  
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

**381/24**

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To vote for Mayor Michael Hewitson and Mayor Anne Monceaux as GAROC East Regional Grouping representatives.
3. To authorise the Mayor to mark the ballot paper reflecting Council's determination and authorise the CEO (or their delegate) to lodge Council's ballot paper in accordance with the process set out in Appendix 1.

<b>Carried</b>
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**12.6 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements and End of Year Report**

9:36pm Cr Mark Osterstock left the meeting and did not return.

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann  
S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

**382/24**

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1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That, in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1999*, Council adopts the General Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.
3. To authorise the Mayor and CEO to sign the General Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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

Nil

**14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**14.1 GRFMA Annual Report 2023-24**

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Lucy Huxter

**383/24**

Council resolves that the correspondence is received and noted.

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked for an update about discussions with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport regarding stormwater issues at Balhannah.

Cr Chris Grant sought clarification about an animal rescue group being established at Friends of Woorabinda.

**16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**17. REPORTS**

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

**Cr Kirrilee Boyd**

- 21 September 2024, Fabrik Arts + Heritage Official Opening, Lobethal
- 21 October 2024, Citizenship Ceremony, Coventry Library, Stirling

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**Cr Melanie Selwood**

- 12 October 2024, Onkaparinga Valley Archive Celebration of 100 years of the Balhannah Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- 19 October 2024, Public Forum at Fabrik, Lobethal
- 20 October 2024, Charleston Emergency Response and Recovery Group Flood Preparedness Event
- 21 October 2024, Citizenship Ceremony, Coventry Library, Stirling

**Cr Malcolm Herrmann**

- 6 October 2024, Opening of Treasures Op Shop, Gumeracha
- 21 October 2024, Citizenship Ceremony, Coventry Library, Stirling

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

**Cr Malcolm Herrmann**

- 17 October 2024, GRFMA Board Meeting, Mallala

**17.3 CEO Report**

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

- Confirmation that construction works will commence in December 2024 at Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre.
- Recent appointments to key positions including Finance Manager, People and Culture Manager, Risk, Audit and Insurance Office and Policy Officer

**18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**18.1 Council Assessment Panel**

**Moved Cr Leith Mudge  
S/- Cr Nathan Daniell**

**384/24**

**Council resolves that the minutes of the Council Assessment Panel meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2024, as distributed, be received and noted.**

<b>Carried Unanimously</b>
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**18.2 Audit Committee**

Nil

**18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel**

Nil

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**18.4 Boundary Change Committee**

Nil

**19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

**21. CLOSE MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.52pm.