



Rural City of  
**Wangaratta**

# Minutes

For the Unscheduled Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, Municipal Offices  
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta  
**5:00 PM 1 December 2025**



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## 1. Acknowledgement to Country

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands, on which the Rural City of Wangaratta communities reside.*

*We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures.*

*We are committed to walking beside all traditional owners as we move toward reconciliation.*

## 2. Opening Prayer

*Almighty God, we humbly ask thee to bless and guide this council in its deliberations so that we may truly preserve the welfare of the people whom we serve. Amen*

## 3. Present

Councillors:

Irene Grant, David Fuller, Harry Bussell, Harvey Benton, Allison Winters, Tania Maxwell

Officers:

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer; Sarah Brindley, Director Corporate and Leisure; Marcus Goonan, Director Community and Infrastructure; Stephen Swart, Director Sustainability and Culture

Administration:

Executive Services Coordinator

## 4. Absent

## 5. Acceptance of Apologies & Granting of Leave of Absence

**Resolution:**

**(Moved: Councillor T Maxwell/Councillor H Benton)**

That Cr Ashlee Fitzpatrick be granted leave of absence for the period 30 November 2025 to 12 December 2025.

**Carried**

## Order of Business

### 6. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 a councillor who has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by Council's Governance Rules and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter and any action in relation to the matter.

Clause 28.1 of Council's Governance Rules requires a councillor to indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

- (a) the item for which they have a conflict of interest; and
- (b) whether their conflict of interest is general or material; and
- (c) the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

**Immediately prior to the consideration of the item in which they have a conflict of interest, a councillor must indicate to the meeting the existence of the conflict of interest and leave the meeting.**

A councillor who discloses a conflict of interest and leaves a Council meeting must not communicate with any participants in the meeting while the decision is being made.

## Presentation Of Reports

For full transcript, please refer to the recording on the [Rural City of Wangaratta YouTube channel](#).  
Time markers are noted in (minutes:seconds) format.

## Officers' Reports

### 7. Confidential Business

#### Resolution:

**(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor H Bussell)**

That Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public in accordance with Division 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider the following items:

#### 7.1 Contractual Matter

**Item 7.1 is Confidential under the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains information relating to : (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. and (g) Private Commercial Information.**

**Carried**

Harvey Benton left the meeting at 05:02 pm.  
Harry Bussell left the meeting at 05:02 pm.  
David Fuller left the meeting at 05:02 pm.  
Irene Grant left the meeting at 05:02 pm.  
Tania Maxwell left the meeting at 05:02 pm.  
Allison Winters left the meeting at 05:02 pm.

Harvey Benton returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.  
Harry Bussell returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.  
David Fuller returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.  
Irene Grant returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.  
Tania Maxwell returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.  
Allison Winters returned to the meeting at 05:13 pm.

#### Resolution:

**(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor A Winters)**

That the Meeting be resumed.

**Carried**

## 8. Closure of Meeting

The Meeting closed at 5:14pm.