

# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Riverina Water County Council held on Thursday 27 November 2025

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**The meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board was declared open at 9:03AM.**

## **Present**

Councillor Gail Driscoll  
Councillor Patrick Bourke  
Councillor Allana Condon  
Councillor Brian Liston  
Councillor Jenny McKinnon  
Councillor Lea Parker  
Councillor Dallas Tout

## **In Attendance**

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| Chief Executive Officer                        | (Andrew Crakanthorp) |
| Director Corporate Services                    | (Emily Tonacia)      |
| Director Engineering                           | (Troy van Berkel)    |
| Manager Finance & Sourcing                     | (Natasha Harris)     |
| Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer | (Melissa Vincent)    |
| Customer & Communication Team Leader           | (Josh Lang)          |
| IT Officer                                     | (Alex Corneliusen)   |
| Crowe  | (Jason Gilbert)      |
| Associate Director NSW Audit Office            | (Min Cui)            |

## **Livestreaming of Meeting**

Board meetings, including public address speeches, are recorded and webcast live on Council's website. If you are addressing a meeting, your image, voice and name, will form part of the webcast.

## **Statement of Ethical Reminders**

Board members are reminded of the Oath or Affirmation of Office that they made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993. Board members and staff are also reminded of their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

## **Acknowledgment of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

## Apologies

### 25/165 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and D Tout

**That an apology for non-attendance was received from Chairperson Tim Koschel.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Georgie Davies had advised that she would arrive later during the meeting.

## Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

No declarations were received.

## Open Reports

### R1 2024/25 Financial Statements - Independent Audit Reports

### 25/166 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Parker and J McKinnon

**That Council receives and notes the 2024/25 Independent Auditor's reports, being:**

- a) Independent Auditor's Report on the General Purpose Financial Statements:**
- b) Independent Auditor's Report on the Special Purpose Financial Statements:**
- c) Report on the Conduct of the Audit:**
- d) Engagement Closing Report:**
- e) Management Letter for the Final Phase of the Audit; and**
- f) 2024/25 Financial Statements – 3 in 1 Report.**

**CARRIED**

Jason Gilbert and Min Cui left the meeting at 9:22am

## Questions and statements

The following questions and statements were made by those present:

1. Cllr Parker enquired regarding the decrease in funding under grants and contributions. Management noted the decrease in renewals are in relation to s64 contributions and the timing of developments.
2. Cllr Tout followed up asking about the timing with developer contributions. Management advised that developer contributions are paid prior to the issuing of construction certificates. Cllr Tout then asked if there was a set figure for developer charges or if they are variable. Management advised that there are two types of contribution fees, one being the Developer Servicing Charge levied for each new residential lot (or DA) and the other charge being the developer paying for the construction of new water reticulation mains (installed by Riverina Water) on a fee for service basis
3. Cllr Driscoll sought confirmation that fees are self-generating in that fees will be lower if developers are not developing.

4. Cllr Liston enquired when the developer charge is to be reviewed. Management confirmed it was last reviewed in 2022 and will be reviewed again this financial year.

**This concluded the meeting of the Riverina Water County Council Board which rose at 9:28am.**