

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE TEC MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 1 TERTIARY EDUCATION CENTRE, 87 MAITLAND STREET, MUSWELLBROOK ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 4:56PM.

PRESENT: Cr C. Bailey (Chair), Cr R. Scholes, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr M. Morris and Cr S. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr A. Barry, Cr D. Douglas, Cr R. Mahajan, Mr D. Finnigan (General Manager), Mr M. Lysaught (Director - Infrastructure & Property), Mr J. Hogan (Chief Financial Officer), Ms S. Richards (Director - Community & Economy), Mr G. Thamo (Acting Group Manager - Infrastructure & Operations), Mr P. Chandler (Acting Project Manager - Property & Building), Ms A. Paynter (Project Co-Ordinator - Property & Building), Mr N. Mowbray (Policy Officer), Mr I. Skaines (Grant & Community Engagement Co-Ordinator), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (Governance Officer), Ms L. Ward (EA to Mayor & GM) and Mr K. Oldham (ITC Officer)

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Cr. D Hartley.

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr D. Marshall that:

The Minutes of the Infrastructure and Property Committee Meeting held on **14 October 2025**, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

In Favour: Cr C. Bailey, Cr R. Scholes, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr M. Morris and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

4 Disclosure of Any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

5 Business Arising

Nil



6 Business

6.1 Major Projects Status Report

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Hartley and Cr S. Ward that:

The Committee notes the information contained in the report.

In Favour: Cr C. Bailey, Cr R. Scholes, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr M. Morris and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

7 Adjournment into Closed Committee

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr M. Morris and Cr D. Marshall that:

The Committee adjourn into Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the provisions outlined in Section 17 below.

In Favour: Cr C. Bailey, Cr R. Scholes, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr M. Morris and Cr S. Ward

Against: Nil

8 Closed Committee

8.1 Thomas Mitchell Drive Upgrade Project

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr R. Scholes and Cr D. Marshall that:

The Infrastructure and Property Committee:

1. Notes the correspondence from Goldsprings Group Pty Ltd, who advise they are unable to execute the Contract for Tender 2025-2026-0671 Upgrade of Thomas Mitchell Drive Stage 4B;
2. Recommends not accepting any tenders submitted previously for the Upgrade of Thomas Mitchell Drive – Stage 4B; and
3. Invites, in accordance with section 167, 168 or 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2021, fresh tender submissions for Tender 2025-2026-0671 Upgrade of Thomas Mitchell Drive Stage 4B.



8.2 Safety Interface Agreement Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd - Thomas Mitchell Drive

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr D. Hartley that:

The Infrastructure and Property Committee recommends that Council:

1. Endorses the Safety Interface Agreement between Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd and Muswellbrook Shire Council (LI-HSEQ-SIA-015); and
2. Delegates to the General Manager authority to sign the Agreement.

8.3 NSW Public Works Engagement - Denman to Sandy Hollow Pipeline

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr S. Ward and Cr M. Morris that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

8.4 Bulky Waste Services Modernisation Options

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr D. Marshall and Cr L. Dunn that:

The Infrastructure and Property Committee:

1. Notes the information provided;
2. Approves proceeding with the March 2026 Bulky Waste Collection;
3. Requests communication to be held with the community regarding changes to Bulky Waste services; and
4. Requests that a further report be submitted prior to the implementation to any changes to the bulky waste.

9 Resumption of Open Committee

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr J. Drayton and Cr D. Hartley that:

The meeting return to Open Committee.

In Favour: Cr C. Bailey, Cr R. Scholes, Cr J. Drayton, Cr L. Dunn, Cr D. Hartley, Cr D. Marshall, Cr M. Morris and Cr S. Ward.

Against: Nil.



10 Date of Next Meeting

14 April, 2026

11 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 5:35pm.

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Mr D. Finnigan
General Manager

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Cr C. Bailey
Chairperson