MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

held on Thursday 4 December 2025 commencing at 5:30 PM
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

M I N U T E S

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Mayor Bim Lange who declared the meeting open at 5:30 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs John Angas, Don Barrett, David de Vries, Tony Hurn, Kathryn Schilling, Cathy Troup, Jane Evans, Rick Lane and Heidi Thompson

Apologies

Cr Bruce Preece

Not Present

Cr Jess Greatwich

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. DEBATE REPORTS

2.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

2.1.1 LYNDOCH CRICKET CLUB APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY LOAN - PITCH ROLLER REPLACEMENT
25/95904

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council having reviewed the financial model and position of the Lyndoch Cricket Club:

(1) Approve a Local Government Finance Authority Community Loan of $50,000 over a maximum period of 10 years.

(2) Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign seal and execute any relevant documentation to give effect to part 1 of this resolution including the requisite loan funding agreement, application, debenture documentation and statutory declaration to the Local Government Finance Authority.

(3) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make an advanced payment of the loan to the club, on condition the club exchanges letters of commitment to enter into the loan funding agreement once the loan is approved on the conditions provided by the Local Government Finance Authority.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/860**

PURPOSE

To review and approve access to the Local Government Finance Authority Community Loan to assist the Lyndoch Cricket Club to purchase a pitch roller replacement.

REPORT

Background
The Lyndoch Cricket Club Incorporated (LCC) has worked extensive with Council in achieving one of the high priority phase 1 projects under The Big Project, Barossa Park and has applied for a loan to purchase new equipment, please see Attachment 1 which provides the necessary evidence of the committee's endorsement of the loan.

Introduction
As a key stakeholder and with the investment made by Council, the State and community along with themselves they are now looking to replace their pitch roller to maintain the turf cricket pitch.

Discussion
The Club during the planning and development phases have contributed both financially and in-kid to set up the new facility that will bring social and community benefit and tourism spending when clubs visit.

Officers have worked with the club to assist with modelling their financial accounts and understanding the loan types available and how they function with the Local Government Finance Authority.

The replacement of the roller will benefit the club, is low risk to Council and can be easily funded by the club within its existing resource and future estimated net financial outcomes.

Council is alerted that community borrowings are in essence access to our sectors borrowing capacity, but should they not be paid by the club, the liability falls to Council. In terms of Councils financial indicators, the borrowing costs and repayments in terms of principal and interest are neutral. They are neutral as the interest and principal owed is reimbursed to Council over the life of the loan, and in terms of the balance sheet the loan (being a liability) is offset by a debt owed to Council (an asset) and these values balance off to zero each financial year.

A due diligence assessment has been undertaken and financial model developed and that is provided at Attachment 2. We are in receipt of multiple years of financial information, and this is reflected in the financial model. The financial model demonstrates capacity to repay the funds over the requested 10-year loan period. There is one further step that the club needs to take to access the loan in accordance with Policy and that is to enter into a loan agreement with Council which will be completed once the loan is approved, and the payment schedule and final interest rate are known. The draft agreement is at Attachment 3.

The loan is in alignment with clause 3.2.2 of the Treasury Management Policy. Eligibility criteria under 3.2.2.8 are met with significant fit out, furniture and other club related costs already borne by the club to set up the site for use. They also are paying a lease and licence fee in alignment with the Lease and Licence Policy.

Summary and Conclusion
The club has and continues to strongly support and the community with The Big Project and the long-term benefits that brings the club and community. Having demonstrated capacity to service the borrowings it is recommended to support the Club's request.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Authorised Committee Minutes for the Loan
Attachment 2	Financial Model and Associated Information
Attachment 3	Loan Agreement
Attachment 4	Community Loan Balance as at 25 November 2025

Supporting references
Treasury Management Policy - THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

Our Places

Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome
- We plan for and deliver infrastructure to enhance our places.

Corporate Plan

CS3 Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation and Stormwater)

CS6 Community - To help the prosperity and wellbeing of the community. Community grants programs. Support for community groups – networking, advice, input to The Big Project

Legislative Requirements
Local Government Act 1999 sections 121, 122, 123

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY
Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Support service delivery by the club on behalf of the community.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT
Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL
Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no impacts on Councils key financial indictors as outlined in the body of the report.

With this loan community loan funding and the current loan balance 3.41% of revenue is committed to community loans well under the maximum amount of 7.5%. The calculations and current position of community loans is presented at Attachment 4

4. PEOPLE
Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION
Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There has not been any community consultation on this matter nor is it recommended the club are responsible for the turf pitch management and this will aid them in doing so at no cost to Council.

2.2 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

2.2.1 2024-25 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NURIOOTPA CENTENNIAL PARK AUTHORITY
25/96289

MOVED Cr de Vries

That the Council, having reviewed the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority Annual Financial Statements for the 2024-25 financial year, and noting the Audit and Risk Committee endorsement:

(1) Adopts the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority Annual Financial Statements for the 2024-25 financial year as presented at Attachment 1.

(2) Receives and notes the Draft Audit Report for the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority from Council's external auditor Mr Tim Muhlhausler of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(3) Receives and notes the draft Management Representation Letter, which will be provided to Mr Tim Muhlhausler of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(4) Notes the draft Certificate of Audit Independence attached as part of the 2024-25 Annual Financial Statements which will be signed by Mr Tim Muhlhausler of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants.

(5) Notes the analysis contained within this report comparing the audited 2024-25 annual financial statements with the audited 2023-24 annual financial statements.

(6) Notes the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority 2024-25 Annual Financial Statements will be signed by the Chair and Business Manager of the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority following endorsement by the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority Audit and Risk Committee at its 11 December 2025 meeting.

SECONDED Cr Troup **CARRIED 2022-26/861**

PURPOSE

To present the Annual Financial Statements for the 2024-25 financial year for the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority for review and adoption.

REPORT

Background
The 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statement and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with *Section 127* of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires that the Financial Statements of a Council subsidiary be prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Model Financial Statements.

Introduction
The draft Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority annual financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year are presented at Attachment 1. These have been audited by the Council's external auditor Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants and we are awaiting final audit clearance on this version of the financial statements. It is anticipated that a draft unmodified opinion on the financial statements will be provided and this will be circulated prior to the meeting or tabled at the meeting when this is received. If there are any material changes between the version of the financial statements attached and the final version we receive audit clearance on, these changes will be tabled at the meeting.

A copy of the management representation letter for the year ended 30 June 2025 has not yet been provided by Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants but this will also be circulated prior to the meeting or tabled at the meeting when this is received.

The Barossa Council Audit and Risk Committee has reviewed and endorsed for adoption the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority Annual Financial Statements for the 2024-25 financial year at its 1 December 2025 meeting.

The Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority Audit and Risk Committee has not yet met to endorse the financial statements with this due to occur at its 11 December 2025 meeting.

Key results of the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statements include:

- 2024-25 operating deficit of $364,753 compared to $38,330 deficit for 2023-24.
- 2024-25 net surplus after capital adjustments of $3.247 million (2023-24 $60,108 deficit).
- Net Assets increased to $18.659 million as at 30 June 2025 from $13.087 million as at 30 June 2024.
- Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2025 totalled $735,528 (2023-24 $318,674).
- Total borrowings have decreased by $98,815, from $624,288 to $525,473 at 30 June 2025.

Discussion
Total income increased by $279,318 or 10.79% for 2024-25. This is predominately due to increased site activity resulting in a $128,267 increase in cabin fees, a $100,913 increase in site fees and a $33,166 increase in other caravan park user charges.

Total expenditure increased by $605,741 or 23.06% for 2024-25. This is due to the following:

- A $95,422 increase in employee costs associated with general increases.
- A $144,509 increase in depreciation and amortisation costs associated with $3.658 million in new and upgraded assets acquired during 2024-25.
- A $372,610 increase in Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses with $200,000 of that increase associated with the contribution made towards the Nuriootpa Soccer Club building redevelopment. This amount should have been recognised as an expense in 2023-24, however was recorded in WIP as at 30 June 2024 and therefore only expensed in 2024-25.

Physical Resources received free of charge increased significantly in 2024-25 from $2,122 million in 2023-24 to $3.619 million in 2024-2025. In 2024-25 the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority received gifted assets from Council as a result of capital works completed for the Nuriootpa soccer facility.

Net Assets increased to $18.659 million as at 30 June 2025 from $13.087 million as at 30 June 2024, an increase of $5.572 million. This is due to:

- A $4.387 million increase in Buildings and Other Structures, largely due to an additional $2.870 million in New/Upgraded assets (largely associated with the Nuriootpa soccer facility), a revaluation increment of $1.952 million, offset by a depreciation expense of $465,354.
- A $656,902 increase in Infrastructure, largely due to an additional $710,391 in New/Upgraded assets (largely associated with the Nuriootpa soccer facility) and a revaluation increment of $129,533 offset by a depreciation expense of $183,022.

Summary and Conclusion
The draft 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statements for the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Authority are presented for review at Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 NCPA Annual Financial Statements 2024-2025

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

Legislative Requirements
Section 126(4) of the Local Government Act 1999
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   N/A

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   N/A

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   All known financial and resourcing requirement as at 30 June 2025 have been included in the annual financial reports.

4. **PEOPLE**
   Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   N/A

5. **REPUTATION**
   Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

   N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No separate consultation is required under Council's Public Consultation Policy. The Financial Statements are public documents, accessible to the community via Council's website after Council adoption.

2.2.2 2024-25 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE BAROSSA COUNCIL
25/96299

MOVED Cr Angas

That the Council, having reviewed the consolidated Barossa Council entity 2024-25 annual financial statements at Attachment 1, and noting the Audit and Risk Committee endorsement:

(1) Adopts the consolidated Barossa Council entity annual financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year as presented at Attachment 1 and endorses the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign the certification of the 2024-25 annual financial statements in accordance with Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

(2) Receives and notes the draft audit report for the consolidated Barossa Council entity from Council's external auditor Mr Tim Mulhauser of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(3) Receives and notes the management representation letter, which will be signed by the Mayor and CEO at the same time as the annual financial statements, and will be provided to Mr Tim Mulhauser of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(4) Notes the draft audit certificate of audit independence as part of the 2024-25 annual financial statements, which will be provided by Mr Tim Mulhauser of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants.

(5) Notes the analysis contained within this report comparing the audited 2024-25 annual financial statements with the 2024-25 original adopted budget and the audited 2023-24 annual financial statements.

SECONDED Cr Barrett **CARRIED 2022-26/862**

PURPOSE

To present the annual financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year for the consolidated Barossa Council entity for review and Council adoption.

REPORT

Background
The 2024-25 annual financial statements of the Barossa Council consolidated entity and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires that the financial statements of a Council be prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the model financial statements.

Regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires a report showing the audited financial results of each item shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Balance Sheet of the budgeted financial statement compared with the estimated financial result set out in the budget, presented in a manner consistent with the model financial statements.

Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* requires that the annual financial statements of a council be certified by the Chief Executive Officer and the principal member of the Council.

Introduction
The consolidated Barossa Council entity annual financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year are presented at Attachment 1. These have been audited by the Council's external auditor, Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants. It is anticipated that an unmodified opinion on the financial statements will be provided and this will be circulated to Council or tabled at the meeting when received.

A copy of the management representation letter for the year ended 30 June 2025, which will be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor at the same time as the annual financial statements, has also been presented for your information and noting at Attachment 2.

The Barossa Council Audit and Risk Committee has reviewed and endorsed for adoption the consolidated Barossa Council entity annual financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year at its 1 December 2025 meeting.

Key results of the Barossa Council consolidated entity 2024-25 annual financial statements include:

- 2024-25 operating surplus of $493,000, compared to a $1.139m operating deficit in 2023-24.
- Taking into account the early payment of 2025-26 financial assistance and local roads grants in June 2025 totalling $1.372m, the adjusted and true underlying operating result in 2024-25 is a deficit of $879,000, compared to a $947,000 adjusted and true operating surplus in 2023-24.
- 2024-25 net surplus after capital adjustments of $32.819m compared to $1.535m surplus in 2023-24.
- 2024-25 total comprehensive income after changes in revaluation surplus and share of other comprehensive income of equity-accounted Council businesses of $49.572m, compared to total comprehensive income of $4.306m in 2023-24. This includes a revaluation increment in 2024-25 of $16.753m.
- Net assets increased to $457.295m as at 30 June 2025 from $407.809m as at 30 June 2024.
- Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2025 totalled $844,000 compared to $3.153m as at 30 June 2024.
- Total borrowings have increased by $17.573m from $15.429m as at 30 June 2024 to $33.002m as at 30 June 2025.
- Future commitments for capital expenditure are recorded at Note 13 of the annual financial statements and totalled $13.879m.

Discussion
The financial analysis below is a requirement of Regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and has previously been

provided in a separate report to Council. To avoid an additional report to Council, this financial analysis has been provided as part of this agenda item in 2024-25.

The tables below compare the 2024-25 audited financial result to both the 2024-25 adopted original budget and the 2023-24 audited financial result.

- Table 1 – Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Table 2 – Statement of Financial Position
- Table 3 – Financial Indicators
- Table 4 – Asset Revaluation Reserve movements
- Table 5 – Underlying Performance Outcome

Statement of Comprehensive Income:

Table 1: Statement of Comprehensive Income	2024-25 Actual $'000	2024-25 Original Budget $'000	Variance to Budget $'000	Variance to Budget %	Notes	2023-24 Actual $'000	Variance to 2023-24 actual $'000	Variance to actual %	Notes
Income									
Rates	39,947	39,840	107	0%		37,956	1,991	5%	A1
Statutory charges	923	825	98	12%		830	93	11%	
User charges	4,038	3,991	47	1%		3,827	211	6%	A2
Grants, subsidies and contributions - capital	1,028	604	424	70%		483	545	113%	A3
Grants, subsidies and contributions - operating	5,457	3,451	2,006	58%	B1	1,420	4,037	284%	A4
Investment income	233	150	83	55%		277	-44	-16%	
Reimbursements	2	74	-72	-97%		3	-1	-33%	
Other income	973	582	391	67%	B2	1,243	-270	-22%	A5
Net gain - equity accounted Council businesses	100	0	100	0%	B3	-47	147	-313%	A6
Total income	52,701	49,517	3,184	6%		45,992	6,709	15%	
Expenses									
Employee costs	18,798	18,382	416	2%		17,817	981	6%	A7
Materials, contracts and other expenses	20,223	18,869	1,354	7%	B4	17,533	2,690	15%	A8
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	11,643	10,816	827	8%	B5	11,010	633	6%	A9
Finance costs	1,544	1,887	-343	-18%	B6	771	773	100%	A10
Total expenses	52,208	49,954	2,254	5%		47,131	5,077	11%	
Operating surplus/(deficit)	493	-437	930	-213%		-1,139	1,632	-143%	
Physical resources received free of charge	7,268	2,211	5,057	229%	B7	2,832	4,436	157%	A11
Asset disposal and fair value adjustments	-973	-878	-95	11%		-2,497	1,524	-61%	A12
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	26,031	6,725	19,306	287%	B8	2,339	23,692	1013%	A13
Net surplus / (deficit)	32,819	7,621	25,198	331%		1,535	31,284	2038%	
Other comprehensive income									
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	16,753	0	16,753	0%	B9	469	16,284	3472%	A14
Share of other comprehensive income - equity accounted council businesses	0	0	0	0%		2,302	-2,302	-100%	A15
Total Other Comprehensive Income	16,753	0	16,753	-		2,771	13,982	505%	
Total Comprehensive Income	49,572	7,621	41,951	550%		4,306	45,266	1051%	

Where the variance is greater than +/- 5% and +/- $100,000, a comment is provided below.

Reference	***Explanation***
B1	Largely due to $1.372m in Financial Assistance and Local Roads Grants for 2025-26 being paid early in 2024-25. Given these grants are untied, they are recognised when received, rather than in the year that they relate to.
B2	Actual includes $333,000 in insurance recoupments which were not budgeted for in the original budget. These were budgeted for later in the year as the amounts became known.
B3	Council's share of the net income of its joint venture entities (Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority and Northern and Yorke Local Government Association) are not budgeted for.

B4	Made up of a large number of accounts with variances between actuals and original budget with the more significant variances including: - Direct Purchases - Other $252,000 more than budgeted - Contractors - Works Contract Labor Staff - $213,000 more than budgeted offset with greater recoveries from insurance claims - Contractors - Other $200,000 more than budgeted - Electricity - $198,000 more than budgeted - Water - $148,000 more than budgeted - Software - Annual Licence Fees - $130,000 more than budgeted - Septic tank cleaning - $125,000 more than budgeted Offset by a number of significant underspends to budget including: - Contract Management Fees - $392,000 less than budgeted - Consultants - Other - $124,000 less than budgeted - Waste disposal - $100,000 less than budgeted
B5	Higher than originally budgeted for, most significantly due to a change in how the State wanted to account for Barossa Park. Originally this asset was going to be recognised in the State's books and leased back to the Council. Barossa Park is now recognised in the Council's accounts and therefore depreciation was required to be recognised in 2024-25 for the portion of the asset capitalised from the date of Gather Round. Depreciation was also significantly higher than originally budgeted due to a full revaluation of the Council's building assets being performed and other material asset classes being indexed in line with inflation as at 1 July 2024, resulting in an overall revaluation increment in 2024-25 of $16.753 million.
B6	Lower than budgeted due to better cash flow outcomes than originally budgeted for therefore reducing interest costs on borrowings with the Local Government Finance Authority. Also, lower than budgeted interest rates throughout year.
B7	Not fully budgeted for throughout the year.
B8	Largely relates to $19.387m in funding recognised from the State Government for its contribution to Barossa Park. Based on our original agreement with the State this was not going to be recognised in Council's accounts as revenue and therefore was not budgeted for. Due to a change in how the State wanted Barossa Park accounted for, this revenue was therefore required to be recognised in 2024-25. This amount does not include a portion of the revenue received from the State which is being held as a liability for the State's future use of the facility. This liability totals $1.717 million.
B9	Changes to the asset revaluation reserve are not budgeted for.
A1	The increase is represented by a general rate increase, growth in rateable properties, and an overall increase to the waste, recycling and green organics collection service charge and CWMS service charge.
A2	Largely represented by a $210,000 increase in caravan park fees.
A3	Mostly relates to $400,000 in special local roads funding received in 2024-25 for Bethany Road.

A4	Largely due to the timing of the payment of Financial Assistance Grants.
A5	Represented by a $216,000 decrease in sundry income and a $270,000 decrease in contributions, offset by a $173,000 increase in insurance and other recoupments.
A6	Based on the operating results of the joint venture entities (Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority and Northern and Yorke Local Government Association)
A7	Largely a result of a $1.233 million increase to salaries and wages brought about by general annual increases in enterprise agreements and a slight increase to FTE from approved organisational growth.
A8	Made up of a large number of accounts with variances between current year actuals and prior year actuals with the more significant variances including: - $1.119 million increase in contractors - $335,000 increase in parts, accessories and consumables - $268,000 increase in water - $242,000 increase on communications and information technology - $223,000 increase in contributions and donations Offset by a $335,000 decrease in maintenance costs.
A9	Refer to comment at B5.
A10	Higher than prior year due to additional borrowings associated with Barossa Park.
A11	This balance generally relates to assets gifted from developers and therefore dependent on the development work that occurs during the year.
A12	Less in 2024-25 due to some large disposals in 2023-23 including surplus land ($255,000 loss on disposal) and buildings ($945,000 loss on disposal).
A13	Refer to comment at B8.
A14	Due to a full revaluation of the Council's building assets being performed as at 1 July 2024, land being revalued per Valuer-General valuations as at 1 January 2025 and other material asset classes being indexed in line with inflation as at 1 July 2024, resulting in an overall revaluation increment in 2024-25 of $16.753 million.
A15	No revaluation increments associated with joint ventures required to be recognised in 2024-25.

Statement of Financial Position:

Table 2: Statement of Financial Position	2024-25 Actual $'000	2024-25 Original Budget $'000	Variance to Budget $'000	Variance to Budget %	Notes	2023-24 Actual $'000	Variance to 2023-24 actual $'000	Variance to actual %	Notes
ASSETS									
Current assets									
Cash and cash equivalent assets	844	39	805	2064%	B1	3,153	-2,309	-73%	A1
Trade and other receivables	2,970	2,966	4	0%		3,248	-278	-9%	A2
Inventories	233	245	-12	-5%		123	110	89%	A3
Total current assets	4,047	3,250	797	25%		6,524	-2,477	-38%	
Non-current assets									
Trade and other receivables	2,087	985	1,102	112%	B2	1,228	859	70%	A4
Equity accounted investments in council businesses	4,618	2,263	2,355	104%	B3	4,518	100	2%	
Other non-current assets	37,258	0	37,258	0%	B4	5,724	31,534	551%	A5
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	452,571	474,818	-22,247	-5%	B5	414,613	37,958	9%	A6
Total non-current assets	496,534	478,066	18,468	4%		426,083	70,451	17%	
TOTAL ASSETS	500,581	481,316	19,265	4%		432,607	67,974	16%	
LIABILITIES									
Current liabilities									
Trade and other payables	4,441	5,077	-636	-13%	B6	5,355	-914	-17%	A7
Borrowings	698	37,697	-36,999	-98%	B7	3,558	-2,860	-80%	A8
Provisions	3,376	3,008	368	12%	B8	3,292	84	3%	
Total current liabilities	8,515	45,782	-37,267	-81%		12,205	-3,690	-30%	
Non-current liabilities									
Trade and other payables	1,676	0	1,676	0%	B9	0	1,676	0%	A9
Borrowings	32,304	2,908	29,396	1011%	B10	11,871	20,433	172%	A10
Provisions	791	682	109	16%	B11	722	69	10%	
Total non-current liabilities	34,771	3,453	31,318	907%		12,593	22,178	176%	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	43,286	34,561	8,725	25%		24,798	18,488	75%	
Net assets	457,295	411,995	45,300	11%		407,809	49,486	12%	
EQUITY									
Accumulated surplus	137,824	114,759	23,065	20%	B12	106,561	31,263	29%	A11
Asset revaluation reserve	302,429	304,871	-2,442	-1%		285,676	16,753	6%	A12
Other reserves	17,042	12,314	4,728	38%	B13	15,572	1,470	9%	A13
Total equity	457,295	431,944	25,351	6%		407,809	49,486	12%	

Reference	***Explanation***
B1	Better than budgeted cash flow outcomes throughout the year.
B2	Higher than budgeted receivables as at 30 June 2025.
B3	Better than budgeted outcomes of joint ventures (Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority and Northern and Yorke Local Government Association) throughout the year.
B4	This relates to WIP and is not budgeted for.
B5	Less than budgeted for given WIP is not budgeted for and therefore movement in WIP actuals versus budget needs to be looked at in conjunction with this movement. When combined, overall actual WIP and IPPE balance is $15 million higher than budgeted due to $53.995 million in actual capital expenditure throughout the year against a budget of $44.512 million.
B6	Lower than budgeted payables as at 30 June 2025.
B7	Budgeted to be current borrowings when in fact actuals largely recognised as non-current borrowings as at 30 June 2025. Borrowings approximately $7.6 million less than originally budgeted due to better-than-expected cash outcomes in 2024-25.

B8	Provisions for employee benefits increased more than budgeted largely due to a $180,000 correction to long service leave balances which were understated in 2023-24.
B9	Refer to comment at A9.
B10	Refer to comment at B7.
B11	Refer to comment at B11.
B12	Better than budgeted net surplus in 2024-25 due to the State's contribution to Barossa Park being recognised as revenue in 2024-25. This was not budgeted for given there was a change in how the State required Barossa Park to be accounted for throughout the year.
B13	Other Reserves increased throughout the year rather than decreased as budgeted.
A1	Cash reserves kept at a minimum in 2024-25 with excess cash held moved against our borrowings in an effort to reduce interest costs throughout the year.
A2	Largely due to a $259,000 decrease in rates and other debtors due to efforts throughout the year to follow up outstanding debtors. Also due to a $128,000 decrease in GST recoupment.
A3	Largely a result of a $104,000 increase in rubble held at Council's quarry due to no rubble crush in 2023-24 and therefore rubble reduced to low levels as at 30 June 2024.
A4	Largely due to a $833,000 increase in receivables due to loans to community groups with new loans taken out with Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Tanunda Football Club, Barossa Rugby and Barossa Districts Football and Netball Club in 2024-25.
A5	Largely relates to WIP for Barossa Park which was not capitalised as at 30 June 2025 due to ongoing works. WIP for Barossa Park as at 30 June 2025 totalled approximately $33.4 million.
A6	Relates to $34.179 million in additions and $16.753 million in revaluation increments, offset by $11.6 million in depreciation and $1.3 million in disposals. Additions throughout the year included transfers from WIP for the two Barossa Park ovals.
A7	Due to: - a $1.461 million decrease in goods and services payables, largely a timing issue - a $568,000 decrease in accrued expenses - employee entitlements with no salaries and wages accrual needing to be recognised as at 30 June 2025 - a $439,000 decrease in other payments in advance Offset by a $1.389 million increase in accrued expenses. This includes an amount of $832,000 relating to works performed at Barossa Park but unpaid as at 30 June 2025.
A8	Higher than prior year due to additional borrowings associated with Barossa Park.

A9	Liability for the State's future use of Barossa Park recognised for the first time in 2024-25. This relates to revenue paid in advance to Council for the State's future use of Barossa Park for up to 6 events per year across a 42-year agreement term.
A10	Refer to comment at A8.
A11	Reflects result for year adjusted for movements in Other Reserves.
A12	Movement in Asset Revaluation Reserve throughout 2024-25.
A13	Movement in Other Reserves throughout 2024-25.

Financial Indicators:

Table 3: Financial Indicator	Notes	2024-25 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2023-24 Actual	Adopted Target
Operating Surplus Ratio	1	0.9%	(0.9%)	(2.5)%	(2%) – 10%
Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio	1a	(2.5)%	(0.9%)	2.0%	(2%) – 10%
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	2	71%	93.6%	37%	0% - 100%
Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	2a	76%	93.6%	36%	0% - 100%
Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	3	84%	129.4%	123%	80% - 110%

Notes	Explanation
1	Operating surplus ratio within the adopted target range and exceeded budget expectations.
1a	Adjusted operating surplus ratio less than budgeted largely due to early payment of 2025-26 financial assistance and local roads grants in 2024-25.
2	Net financial liabilities ratio is below budgeted amount and within target range.
2a	Adjusted net financial liabilities ratio is below budgeted amount and within target range.
3	Asset renewal funding ratio is lower than budgeted but within the adopted target range due.

Asset revaluation reserve movements:

A full independent revaluation of Council's building assets, as well as Council's land assets classified as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, was performed as at 1 July 2024 by Liquid Property Consultants.

Land assets classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy were revalued as at 1 January 2025 applying site values per the Valuer-General's valuation. Council considers the Valuer-General's value to be an appropriately accurate approximation of fair value. The number and/or value of unobservable inputs into these valuations are of a magnitude such that the valuation is most fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs. For crown land, community land and other land subject to restrictions classified as level 3, whilst no discount rate has been applied, a significant unobservable input is a discount that theoretically applies to these land values in recognition of the 'restrictions' associated with the land, in particular the lack of ability to sell the land or put it to an alternative use.

Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants recommended in its 2023-24 Audit Completion Report that Council should index the fair values of its building and infrastructure assets between the five-yearly revaluation cycle to allow for more accurate costing information between revaluations for asset management and budgeting purposes. Based on this, a desktop valuation of Council's infrastructure assets (bridges, floodways and major culverts; stormwater and drainage; community wastewater management system; transport; recreation) was performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.

Table 4 below outlines the revaluation movements in 2024-25 as reported at Note 9(a).

Table 4:

Asset class	Increment/(Decrement)	Explanation
Land – community (level 3)	$5,023,000	Desktop valuation performed as at 1 January 2025 applying site values per the Valuer-General's valuation.
Land – other (level 2)	$340,000	Full independent valuation performed as at 1 July 2024 by Liquid Property Consultants.
Buildings and other structures (level 2 and 3)	$1,040,000	Full independent valuation performed as at 1 July 2024 by Liquid Property Consultants.
Infrastructure – Bridges, Floodways & major culverts	$902,000	Desktop valuation performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.
Infrastructure – stormwater and drainage	$1,594,000	Desktop valuation performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.
Infrastructure – community wastewater management system	$1,424,000	Desktop valuation performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.
Infrastructure - Transport	$5,827,000	Desktop valuation performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.
Infrastructure – Recreation	$603,000	Desktop valuation performed by Council staff as at 1 July 2024 using the indexation rate

		for capital from the Local Government Price Index as at 30 June 2024.

Underlying operating performance outcome:

The analysis in Table 1 and Table 2 above looks at final 2024-25 performance outcomes compared to the original approved budget. We think it is important for the committee to understand the final operating performance outcome compared to the final budget approved by Council for 2024-25 (in quarter 3) and to adjust this for more material once-off transactions impacting the operating performance outcome to come up with a 'true' underlying operating performance outcome.

Table 5:

NCPA Underlying Operating Outcome Compared to Q3 Budget				
	Actual	**Q3 Budget**	**Variance**	**%**
Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**(364,753)**	**272,843**	**(637,596)**	**-233.7%**
Once off adjustments				
Correction to 2023-24 financial year contribution to soccer development - incorrectly recignised in WIP	200,000	0	200,000	
Underlying Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**(164,753)**	**272,843**	**(437,596)**	**-160.4%**
The Barossa Council Underlying Operating Outcome Compared to Q3 Budget				
	Actual	**Q3 Budget**	**Variance**	**%**
Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**857,753**	**(1,164,213)**	**2,021,966**	**173.7%**
Once off adjustments				
2025-26 Financial Assistance Grants paid in advance	(1,372,096)	0	(1,372,096)	
Long Service Leave correction to 2023-24 accounts in 2024-25	180,245		180,245	
Underlying Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**(334,098)**	**(1,164,213)**	**830,115**	**71.3%**
The Barossa Council Consolidated Entity Underlying Operating Outcome Compared to Q3 Budget				
	Actual	**Q3 Budget**	**Variance**	**%**
Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**493,000**	**(891,370)**	**1,384,370**	**155.3%**
Once off adjustments				
Financial Assistance Grants paid in advance	(1,372,096)	0	(1,372,096)	
Long Servce Leave correction to 2023-24 accounts in 2024-25	180,245		180,245	
Correction to 2023-24 financial year contribution to soccer development - incorrectly recognised in WIP	200,000	0	200,000	
Underlying Operating Performance - Surplus / (Deficit)	**(498,851)**	**(891,370)**	**392,519**	**44.0%**

Management representation letter and audit completion report:

The 2024-25 draft management representation letter is attached for your information and noting at Attachment 2. This letter will be signed by the Mayor and CEO at the same time as the annual financial statements, and will be provided to Mr Tim Mulhauser of Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The 2024-25 draft audit report is not yet available from Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants for the year ended 30 June 2025 although will be circulated prior to the meeting or tabled at the meeting for noting once received.

Summary and Conclusion

The draft 2024-25 annual financial statements of the Barossa Council consolidated entity are presented for review at Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Draft 2024-25 Annual Financial Statements - Barossa Council Consolidated Entity - with Galpins for final audit clearance
Attachment 2	2024-25 Draft Management Representation Letter - Barossa Council Consolidated Entity

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

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Legislative Requirements

Section 126(4) of the Local Government Act 1999

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. **SERVICE DELIVERY**
   Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

   Nil

2. **SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**
   Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

   Nil

3. **FINANCIAL**
   Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

   All known financial and resourcing requirements as at 30 June 2025 have been included in the annual financial statements.

4. **PEOPLE**
   Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

   Nil

5. **REPUTATION**
   Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

   Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No separate consultation is required under Council's Public Consultation Policy. The annual financial statements are publicly available documents which can be accessed via the Council's website after Council adoption.

3. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

3.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

3.1.1 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026 - CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
25/92932

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

SECONDED Cr Troup **CARRIED 2022-26/863**

The meeting moved into confidence at 5.32pm

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 3 December 2025 in relation to item 3.1.1 Australia Day Awards 2026 - Citizen of the Year be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the annual review of confidential orders and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Angas **CARRIED CO 2022-26/864**

Resumption of open council meeting at 5.34pm

3.1.2 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026 - AWARD FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
25/94613

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Lane

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

SECONDED Cr Troup **CARRIED 2022-26/865**

The meeting moved into confidence at 5.34pm

MOVED Cr Troup

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 3 December 2025 in relation to item 3.1.2 Australia Day Awards 2026 - Award for Active Citizen be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the annual review of confidential orders and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Lane **CARRIED CO 2022-26/866**

Resumption of open council meeting at 5.35pm

Pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Schilling disclosed a Conflict of Interest in the matter Item number 3.1.3 – Australia Day Awards 2026 – Community Event of the Year as she was the nominator for one of the nominations, and advised the Council that she would leave the meeting.

Cr Schilling left the meeting at 5.36pm.

3.1.3 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026 - COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR
25/94611

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED 2022-26/867**

The meeting moved into confidence at 5.36pm

MOVED Cr Hurn

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on

3 December 2025 in relation to item 3.1.3 Australia Day Awards 2026 - Community Event of the Year be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the annual review of confidential orders and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr de Vries **CARRIED CO 2022-26/868**

Resumption of open council meeting at 5.37pm

Cr Schilling returned to the meeting at 5.38pm

3.1.4 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026 - YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
25/94614

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that they contain private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

MOVED Cr Troup

That Council:

(1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999:*

information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award;

(2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that they contain

private information of nominees and those who nominated them for an Australia Day Award including contact details, addresses and personal testimonials.

SECONDED Cr Hurn **CARRIED 2022-26/869**

The meeting moved into confidence at 5.38pm

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

(1) Council resolution

(2) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999,* makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 3 December 2025 in relation to item 3.1.4 Australia Day Awards 2026 - Young Citizen of the Year be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the annual review of confidential orders and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Evans **CARRIED CO 2022-26/870**

Resumption of open council meeting at 5.40pm

4. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 December 2025 at 5.30pm

5. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 16 December 2025

Date:………………………………. Mayor:…………………………………