

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 10 FEBRUARY 2026



PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

The Mayor and Councillors attendance is respectfully requested:

Mayor: L Anderson (Chair).

Councillors: R Armstrong, G Arnott, C Doohan, N Errington, P Francis, P Le Mottee, B Niland, M Watson, J Wells.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

TIME	ITEM	VENUE
5:30pm:	Public Access (if applied for)	Council Chambers
Followed by:	Ordinary Meeting	Council Chambers

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1. PROPOSED SALE OF 528 HUNTER STREET, NEWCASTLE

BUSINESS

- 1) Opening meeting.
- 2) Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Worimi people as the original Custodians and inhabitants of Port Stephens. We acknowledge and pay respects to Worimi elders past and present. May we walk the road to tomorrow with mutual respect and admiration as we care for the beautiful land and waterways together.
- 3) Prayer
 - i. We recognise the rich cultural and religious diversity in Port Stephens and pay respect to the beliefs of all members of our community, regardless of creed or faith.
 - ii. Almighty God, we ask for your blessing as we meet together on behalf of our community. So that today and into the future, you would direct and favour our deliberations to advance the welfare, safety and prosperity of our region. Amen.
- 4) Apologies and applications for a leave of absence from Mayor and Councillors.
- 5) Attendance by audio visual link.
- 6) Disclosures of interests.
- 7) Confirmation of minutes.
- 8) Mayoral minute(s).*
- 9) Committee of the Whole.
- 10) Motions to close meeting to the public.*
- 11) Reports to Council.
- 12) General Manager reports.*
- 13) Questions with Notice.
- 14) Questions on Notice.
- 15) Notices of motions.*
- 16) Rescission Motions.*
- 17) Confidential matters.*
- 18) Conclusion of the meeting.

**if submitted*

PRINCIPLES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Port Stephens Council is a local authority constituted under the Local Government Act 1993. The Act includes the Principles for Local Government for all NSW Councils.

The object of the principles for councils is to provide guidance to enable councils to carry out their functions in a way that facilitates local communities that are strong, healthy and prosperous.

Guiding principles for Council

1) Exercise of functions generally

The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by Council. Council should:

- a. provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
- b. carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.
- c. plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.
- d. apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.
- e. work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
- f. manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.
- g. work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.
- h. act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.
- i. be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.

2) Decision-making

The following principles apply to decision-making by Council (subject to any other applicable law). Council should:

- a. recognise diverse local community needs and interests.
- b. consider social justice principles.
- c. consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.
- d. consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- e. Council decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.

3) Community participation

Council should actively engage with their local communities, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.

Principles of sound financial management

The following principles of sound financial management apply to Council. Council should:

- a. spend responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.
- b. invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.
- c. have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following:
- d. performance management and reporting,
- e. asset maintenance and enhancement,
- f. funding decisions,
- g. risk management practices.
- h. have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following:
 - (i) policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations,
 - (ii) the current generation funds the cost of its services.

Integrated planning and reporting principles that apply to Council

The following principles for strategic planning apply to the development of the integrated planning and reporting framework by Council. Council should:

- a. identify and prioritise key local community needs and aspirations and consider regional priorities.
- b. identify strategic goals to meet those needs and aspirations.
- c. develop activities, and prioritise actions, to work towards the strategic goals.
- d. ensure that the strategic goals and activities to work towards them may be achieved within council resources.
- e. regularly review and evaluate progress towards achieving strategic goals.
- f. maintain an integrated approach to planning, delivering, monitoring and reporting on strategic goals.
- g. collaborate with others to maximise achievement of strategic goals.
- h. manage risks to the local community or area or to the council effectively and proactively.
- i. make appropriate evidence-based adaptations to meet changing needs and circumstances.

PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Local Government Act requires Council to adopt a Community Strategic Plan (10+ years). The Plan includes a Delivery Program (4 years), Annual Operational Plan and a Resource Strategy, it also includes the Council's budget.

The Community Strategic Plan is organised into 4 focus areas:

OUR COMMUNITY – An accessible and welcoming community respecting diversity, heritage and culture.

OUR PLACE – A liveable and connected place supporting community wellbeing and local economic growth.

OUR ENVIRONMENT – Port Stephens' environment is protected, enhanced, sustainable and resilient.

OUR COUNCIL – Port Stephens Council leads, manages and delivers valued community services in a responsible way.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Port Stephens Council is a quality and a customer service focused organisation. We use the Business Excellence Framework as a basis for driving organisational excellence. The Framework is an integrated leadership and management system that describes elements essential to organisational excellence. It is based on 9 principles.

These outcomes align with the following Business Excellence principles:

- 1) Clear direction and mutually agreed plans enable organisational alignment and focus on achievement of goals.
- 2) Understanding what customers and other stakeholders value, now and in the future, enables organisational direction, strategy and action.
- 3) All people work in a system. Outcomes are improved when people work on the system and its associated processes.
- 4) Engaging people's enthusiasm, resourcefulness and participation improves organisational performance.
- 5) Innovation and learning influence the agility and responsiveness of the organisation.
- 6) Effective use of facts, data and knowledge leads to improved decisions.
- 7) Variation impacts predictability, profitability and performance.
- 8) Sustainable performance is determined by an organisation's ability to deliver value for all stakeholders in an ethically, socially and environmentally responsible manner.
- 9) Leaders determine the culture and value system of the organisation through their decisions and behaviour.

MEETING PROCEDURES SUMMARY

Starting time – All meetings must commence within 30 minutes of the advertised time.

Quorum – A quorum at Port Stephens Council is 6.

Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary – Councillors who have a pecuniary interest must declare the interest, not participate in the debate and leave the meeting.

Non-Pecuniary – Councillors are required to indicate if they have a non-pecuniary interest, should a Councillor declare a significant non-pecuniary they must not participate in the debate and leave the meeting. If a Councillor declares a less than significant non-pecuniary they must state why no further action should be taken. Councillors may remain in the meeting for a less than significant non-pecuniary.

Confirm the Minutes – Councillors are able to raise any matter concerning the Minutes prior to confirmation of the Minutes.

Public Access – Each speaker has 5 minutes to address Council with no more than 2 for and 2 against the subject.

Motions and Amendments

Moving Recommendations – If a Committee recommendation is being moved, ie been to a Committee first, then the motion must be moved and seconded at Council prior to debate proceeding. A Councillor may move an alternate motion to the recommendation.

Amendments – A Councillor may move an amendment to any motion however only one amendment or motion can be before Council at any one time, if carried it becomes the motion.

Seconding Amendments – When moving an amendment, it must be seconded or it lapses.

Incorporating Amendments – If a motion has been moved and the mover and seconder agree with something which is being moved as an amendment by others, they may elect to incorporate it into their motion or amendment as the case may be.

Voting Order – When voting on a matter the order is as follows:

- 1) Amendment (if any)
- 2) Motion

NB – Where an amendment is carried, there must be another vote on the amendment becoming the motion.

Voting – an item is passed where a majority vote for the subject. If the voting is tied the Chairperson has a second (casting) vote which is used to break the deadlock.

Closed Session – There must be a motion to close a meeting. Prior to voting on the motion the chairperson will invite the gallery to make representations if they believe the meeting shouldn't be closed. Then Councillors vote on the matter. If adopted the gallery should then be cleared and the matter considered in closed session. Any decision taken in session closed is a resolution. There must be a motion to reopen the Council meeting to the public. If decision occurred in 'closed session', the meeting is advised of the resolution in 'open session'.

Procedural Motion – Is a motion necessary for the conduct of the meeting, it is voted on without debate, eg defer an item to the end of the meeting (however, to defer an item to another meeting is not a procedural motion), extend the time for a Councillor to speak etc.

Urgency Motion – Is a motion that can be moved at a meeting to have a matter considered at a meeting. An urgency motion (procedural motion) can be moved and seconded to have a matter considered and, if passed (where all Councillors are present), then the substantive motion can be moved, seconded and debated as a motion. If all Councillors are not present, then the Mayor must also rule on the urgency motion. If the procedural motion is lost or the Mayor does not rule the matter is of great urgency, the motion fails to proceed any further and Council resumes to normal business listed on the agenda.

Points of Order – when any of the following are occurring or have occurred a Councillor can rise on a 'Point of Order', the breach is explained to the Chairperson who rules on the matter.

A Point of Order can be raised where:

- 1) There has been any non-compliance with procedure, eg motion not seconded etc.
- 2) A Councillor commits an act of disorder if the Councillor, at a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council:
 - (a) contravenes the Act, the Regulation or this code, or
 - (b) assaults or threatens to assault another Councillor or person present at the meeting, or
 - (c) moves or attempts to move a motion or an amendment that has an unlawful purpose or that deals with a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the Council or the committee, or addresses or attempts to address the Council or the committee on such a motion, amendment or matter, or
 - (d) uses offensive or disorderly words, or

- (e) makes gestures or otherwise behaves in a way that is sexist, racist, homophobic or otherwise discriminatory, or, if the behaviour occurred in the Legislative Assembly, would be considered disorderly, or
- (f) imputes improper motives to or unfavourably personally reflects upon any other Council official, or a person present at the meeting, except by a motion, or
- (g) says or does anything that would promote disorder at the meeting or is otherwise inconsistent with maintaining order at the meeting.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest – Definitions

Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated as provided in Clause 7 of the Code of Conduct.

Non Pecuniary interests are private or personal interests the council official has that do not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Code of Conduct. These commonly arise out of family or personal relationships or involvement in sporting, social or other cultural groups and associations and may include an interest of financial nature.

The matter of a report to council from the conduct review committee/reviewer relates to the public duty of a Councillor or the general manager. Therefore, there is no requirement for Councillors or the General Manager to disclose a conflict of interest in such a matter.

The political views of a Councillor do not constitute a private interest.



Form of Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

1. This form must be completed using block letters or typed.
2. If there is insufficient space for all the information you are required to disclose, you must attach an appendix which is to be properly identified and signed by you.

Important information

This information is being collected for the purpose of making a special disclosure of pecuniary interests under clause 4.36(c) of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code of Conduct).

The special disclosure must relate only to a pecuniary interest that a councillor has in the councillor's principal place of residence, or an interest another person (whose interests are relevant under clause 4.3 of the Model Code of Conduct) has in that person's principal place of residence.

Clause 4.3 of the Model Code of Conduct states that you will have a pecuniary interest in a matter because of the pecuniary interest of your spouse or your de facto partner or your relative or because your business partner or employer has a pecuniary interest. You will also have a pecuniary interest in a matter because you, your nominee, your business partner or your employer is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter.

"Relative" is defined by clause 4.4 of the Model Code of Conduct as meaning your, your spouse's or your de facto partner's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descendant or adopted child and the spouse or de facto partner of any of those persons.

You must not make a special disclosure that you know or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular. Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local Government and may result in disciplinary action by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

This form must be completed by you before the commencement of the council or council committee meeting at which the special disclosure is being made. The completed form must be tabled at the meeting. Everyone is entitled to inspect it. The special disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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Special disclosure of pecuniary interests by [full name of councillor]

in the matter of [insert name of environmental planning instrument]

which is to be considered at a meeting of the PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

to be held on the _____ day of _____ 20__

Pecuniary interest	
Address of the affected principal place of residence of the councillor or an associated person, company or body (the identified land)	
Relationship of identified land to the councillor [Tick or cross one box.]	<input type="checkbox"/> The councillor has an interest in the land (eg is the owner or has another interest arising out of a mortgage, lease, trust, option or contract, or otherwise). <input type="checkbox"/> An associated person of the councillor has an interest in the land. <input type="checkbox"/> An associated company or body of the councillor has an interest in the land.
Matter giving rise to pecuniary interest ¹	
Nature of the land that is subject to a change in zone/planning control by the proposed LEP (the subject land) ² [Tick or cross one box]	<input type="checkbox"/> The identified land. <input type="checkbox"/> Land that adjoins or is adjacent to or is in proximity to the identified land.
Current zone/planning control [Insert name of current planning instrument and identify relevant zone/planning control applying to the subject land]	

1 Clause 4.1 of the Model Code of Conduct provides that a pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person. A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter, or if the interest is of a kind specified in clause 4.6 of the Model Code of Conduct.

2 A pecuniary interest may arise by way of a change of permissible use of land adjoining, adjacent to or in proximity to land in which a councillor or a person, company or body referred to in clause 4.3 of the Model Code of Conduct has a proprietary interest.

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Proposed change of zone/planning control [Insert name of proposed LEP and identify proposed change of zone/planning control applying to the subject land]	
Effect of proposed change of zone/planning control on councillor or associated person [Insert one of the following: "Appreciable financial gain" or "Appreciable financial loss"]	

[If more than one pecuniary interest is to be declared, reprint the above box and fill in for each additional interest.]

Mayor/Councillor's signature _____

Date _____

[This form is to be retained by the council's general manager and included in full in the minutes of the meeting]



Declaration of Interest form

Agenda item No. _____

Report title _____

Mayor/Councillor _____ declared a

Tick the relevant response:

<input type="checkbox"/>	pecuniary conflict of interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	significant non pecuniary conflict of interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	less than significant non- pecuniary conflict of interest

in this item. The nature of the interest is _____

If a Councillor declares a less than significant conflict of interest and intends to remain in the meeting, the councillor needs to provide an explanation as to why the conflict requires no further action to manage the conflict. (Attach a separate sheet if required.)

OFFICE USE ONLY: (Committee of the Whole may not be applicable at all meetings.)

Mayor/Councillor left the Council meeting in Committee of the Whole at _____pm.

Mayor/Councillor returned to the Council meeting in Committee of the Whole at _____ pm.

Mayor/Councillor left the Council meeting at _____ pm.

Mayor/Councillor returned to the Council meeting at _____ pm.

MOTIONS TO CLOSE

ITEM NO. 1

FILE NO: 26/19805
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-03964

MOTION TO CLOSE

REPORT OF: TIMOTHY CROSDALE - GENERAL MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That pursuant to section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Committee and Council resolve to close to the public that part of its meetings to discuss Confidential Item 1 on the Ordinary agenda namely **Proposed Sale of 528 Hunter Street, Newcastle**.
 - 2) That the reasons for closing the meeting to the public to consider this item is that the discussion will include information containing:
 - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
 - 3) That on balance it is considered discussion of the matter in open Council would be contrary to public interest, as the receipt and discussion of any information needs to be carried out confidentially to protect the commercial interests of Council.
 - 4) That the report remain confidential and the minute be released in accordance with Council's resolution.
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COUNCIL REPORTS

ITEM NO. 1

**FILE NO: 26/29039
EDRMS NO: 89-2026-10-1**

2026 KOORI KNOCKOUT EVENT

REPORT OF: ADAM STEWART – ACTING ASSETS SECTION MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Endorses entering into a sponsorship agreement with the Newcastle Yowies for hosting of the 2026 Koori Knockout at King Park, Raymond Terrace.
- 2) Approves a contribution of \$200,000 made up of \$110,000 works in kind and \$90,000 for infrastructure contribution.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide further details of a sponsorship model following the Council meeting on 9 December 2025 where it was resolved that a fully costed proposal was to be brought back to Council in the new year for a final decision on the sponsorship, Minute No. 289 (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

Recognised as one of the most significant sporting and cultural events, the Koori Knockout combines a premier rugby league tournament with vibrant celebrations of culture and community. It attracts thousands of participants and spectators from across New South Wales, to showcase Aboriginal talent and foster cultural pride.

King Park, Raymond Terrace has been identified as the suitable location. To attract the 2026 Koori Knockout to Port Stephens, the event organisers have requested a sponsorship package.

A sponsorship package has been recommended by staff and includes the following:

- 1) \$110,000 of staff wages to cover venue planning, event support and field renovations.
- 2) \$90,000 contribution of chosen infrastructure items.

Based off REMPLAN data, an event bringing 40,000 visitors into Raymond Terrace could generate \$10.6 million in economic benefit to the region.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Infrastructure, facilities & connections	Deliver asset and engineering services to meet customer demand

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of hosting the Koori Knockout Tournament can be met through a combination of in kind and financial funding sources to the value of up to \$200,000. The first funding source (up to \$110,000) is an in kind contribution through the allocation of existing staff labour from the Parks and Gardens and Roadside and Drainage and Assets business units, which will support event preparation, setup and reinstatement activities.

The second funding source (up to \$90,000) is investment income derived in the 2026 financial year that is forecast to be above budget and not otherwise committed. This surplus investment income could be allocated to a financial reserve in the current year to meet the tournament costs in the following financial year. It is noted that, under normal circumstances, any above budget investment income would be allocated towards improving road conditions.

In addition, the redirection of staff resources will have an operational impact on routine maintenance programs, particularly for non-essential assets, including sports grounds, boat ramps, roadside mowing and similar maintenance activities, which may experience temporary service level reductions during the delivery period.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes		
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		
External Grants	No		
Other	Yes		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no foreseen legal, policy or risk implications.

The recommendations have been made in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy.

Risk	<u>Risk Ranking</u>	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that Council may set a precedent when allocating funds to the event and an expectation those funds will always be available.	Low	Adopt the recommendations.	Yes
There is a risk of adverse impacts to regular users of the facility.	Low	Adopt the recommendations.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

Hosting the Koori Knockout in Port Stephens is anticipated to deliver substantial benefits, including an estimated \$10 million boost to the local economy through tourism, hospitality and associated services. It represents a unique opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal culture and strengthen community connections and national exposure through NITV’s broadcast that will showcase Port Stephens to a national audience.

The event will help create opportunities for young Aboriginal athletes, foster cultural pride in Port Stephens, and stimulate growth in a region that is ready to showcase its potential.

With regards to natural environmental impacts, the event is proposed within the footprint of the existing King Park Sports Complex and adverse impacts are not anticipated.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council’s Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

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COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

COLLABORATE	If endorsed, Council will partner with Newcastle Yowies to deliver the 2026 Koori Knockout.
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Internal communications and engagement

Consultation has been undertaken by the Assets Section with:

- Financial Services Section.
- Public Domain and Services Section.
- Communications and Customer Experience Section.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) 9 December 2025 - Ordinary Council - Minute No. 289. [↓](#)

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL - 9 DECEMBER 2025**MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Cr Nathan Errington moved to introduce a matter of urgent business under clause 9.3 a) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 9 DECEMBER 2025**MOTION**

288	Councillor Nathan Errington Councillor Jason Wells It was resolved that the urgency motion be considered at the meeting.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Peter Francis, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

The Mayor ruled the matter as urgent business in accordance with clause 9.3 b) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 9 DECEMBER 2025**MOTION**

289	Councillor Nathan Errington Councillor Giacomo Arnott It was resolved that Council staff continue to negotiate with the Newcastle Yowies for the sponsorship and hosting of the 2026 Koori Knockout. Council's contribution is to be capped at \$200,000 with \$110,000 works in kind and \$90,000 for infrastructure contributions, funded from existing budget. A fully costed proposal is to be brought back to Council in the new year for a final decision on the sponsorship.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Peter Francis, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with Section 10A, of the Local Government Act 1993, Council can close part of a meeting to the public to consider matters involving personnel, personal ratepayer hardship, commercial information, nature and location of a place or item of Aboriginal significance on community land, matters affecting the security of Council, Councillors, staff or Council property and matters that could be prejudice to the maintenance of law.

Further information on any item that is listed for consideration as a confidential item can be sought by contacting Council.