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**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Mayor Adam Roberts  
Councillor Lauren Edwards  
Councillor Mark Hornshaw  
Councillor Lisa Intemann  
Councillor Chris Kirkman  
Councillor Nik Lipovac  
Councillor Danielle Maltman  
Councillor Rachel Sheppard  
Councillor Hamish Tubman

**Other Attendees:**

Chief Executive Officer (Dr Clare Allen)  
Director Business and Performance (Keith Hentschke)  
Director Community, Planning and Environment (Melissa Watkins)  
Director Community Infrastructure (Robert Fish)  
Group Manager Governance (Michael Ferguson)  
Legal Counsel (Anthea Gilmore)  
Governance Officer (Tania Ellis)

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The meeting opened at 10.01am.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Mayor opened the Meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all in attendance in the Chamber and viewing on line.

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**02 REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

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Nil

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**03 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRAYER**

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Pastor Greg Campion from the Grace Church delivered the Local Government Prayer.

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**04 APOLOGIES**

Nil.

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**05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*RESOLVED: Maltman/ Edwards*

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2024 be confirmed.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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**06 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Maltman declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in Item 13.02 Lake Cathie Natural Resource Management Monthly Update Report. The reason being that Councillor Maltman is a non-financial life member and former President of the community organisation Revive Lake Cathie Incorporated. Councillor Maltman intends to remain in the meeting, participate and vote in the matter as this perceived conflict will not influence her decision making in the matter.

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**07 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil.

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**08 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Nil

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**09 ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH BY EXCEPTION**

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*RESOLVED: Lipovac/Maltman*

**That Items 10.02, 10.14, 10.15, 10.16 and 10.17 be considered as a block resolution.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

*RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That all recommendations listed in the block resolution be adopted by Council.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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**10.02 MAYORAL DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS - 1 AUGUST TO 2 OCTOBER 2024**

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*BLOCK RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That Council note that there were no allocations made from the Mayoral Discretionary Fund for the period 1 August to 2 October 2024 inclusive.**

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**10.14 INVESTMENTS AND LOANS - AUGUST 2024**

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*BLOCK RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That Council note the Investment and Loans Report for August 2024.**

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**10.15 INVESTMENTS AND LOANS - SEPTEMBER 2024**

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*BLOCK RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That Council note the Investment and Loans Report for September 2024.**

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## 10.16 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2024

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*BLOCK RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the adjustments in the September 2024 Adjustments section of the Monthly Budget Review – September 2024 report and associated attachment.**
- 2. Amend the 2024-2025 Operational Plan to include all budget adjustments approved in this report.**

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## 10.17 CONTRACTS AWARDED UNDER S377 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

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*BLOCK RESOLVED: Maltman/Edwards*

**That Council note the contracts awarded under s377 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.**

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## 10.01 CREATION OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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*RESOLVED: Sheppard/Lipovac*

**That Council:**

- 1. Create the Office of Deputy Mayor.**
- 2. Set the term of the Office of Deputy Mayor to be 12 months.**
- 3. Elect the Deputy Mayor by way of open voting, if more than one nomination for Deputy Mayor is received.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*

*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*

*AGAINST: Nil*

The Chief Executive Officer, acting as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer, advised that a nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor had been received for Councillor Edwards, nominated by four Councillors and accepted by Councillor Edwards.

As there was only one nomination, the Returning Officer declared Councillor Edwards elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the period of 12 months as resolved by Council.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Edwards on the election to the Office of Deputy Mayor.

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Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edwards, thanked the Council for her election as Deputy Mayor.

Item 10.02 Mayoral Discretionary Fund Allocations - 1 August to 2 October 2024, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

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### 10.03 STATUS OF REPORTS FROM COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

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*RESOLVED: Edwards/Tubman*

**That Council note the information contained in the Status of Reports from Council Resolutions report.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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### 10.04 NOTICE OF MOTION - NSW STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS - HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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*RESOLVED: Edwards/Lipovac*

**That Council request the Chief Executive Officer, at the earliest convenience, to request opportunities for Port Macquarie-Hastings Councillors to meet with the following NSW State and Federal Government Ministers to discuss matters relating to Housing and Infrastructure:**

- 1. The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth and the North Coast.**
- 2. The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MLA, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.**
- 3. The Hon. Clare O'Neil MP – Minister for Housing and Homelessness.**
- 4. The Hon. Catherine King MP – Minister Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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### 10.05 NOTICE OF MOTION - LIBRARY FACILITIES

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**MOTION:**

*MOVED: Hornshaw/Intemann*

That Council:

1. Request that the Chief Executive Officer provide Councillors by end December 2024, a written brief detailing the following information about Council's policies and obligations in relation to publications and videos held in Council's library collections that contain sexually explicit content:
  - a. Accessibility of materials to people of different age groups, and any potential options for ensuring access is age appropriate
  - b. Consideration of complaints or concerns raised by community members
  - c. Child safety, including NSW Child Safe Standards
  - d. Wellbeing of general patrons
  - e. Wellbeing of Council staff
  - f. Prevention of peoples from using materials for criminal purposes, including but not limited to grooming, domestic and gendered violence.
  - g. The Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 and whether Council libraries meet the definition of 'publish' under the act, and whether Council has any obligation to obtain a classification of any 'submittable publications' prior to displaying or distributing such a publication via its library network.
  - h. Any other matter staff identify as relevant
  - i. Whether Council is meeting any required obligations.
2. Request that the Chief Executive Officer provide Councillors written information by the same date, in relation to implications of the judgement *Gaynor v Minister for Communications* [2024] FCA 1186 in relation to Council's library facilities.

#### **AMENDMENT**

*MOVED: Sheppard/Edwards*

That Council request that the Chief Executive Officer provide Councillors by end December 2024, a written brief detailing the following information about Council's policies and obligations in relation to publications and videos held in Council's library collections that contain sexually explicit content:

- a. Accessibility of materials to people of different age groups, and any potential options for ensuring access is age appropriate
- b. Consideration of complaints or concerns raised by community members
- c. Child safety, including NSW Child Safe Standards
- d. Wellbeing of general patrons
- e. Wellbeing of Council staff
- f. Prevention of peoples from using materials for criminal purposes, including but not limited to grooming, domestic and gendered violence.
- g. The Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 and whether Council libraries meet the definition of 'publish' under the act, and whether Council has any obligation to obtain a classification of any 'submittable publications' prior to displaying or distributing such a publication via its library network.
- h. Any other matter staff identify as relevant
- i. Whether Council is meeting any required obligations.

*LOST: 4/5*

*FOR: Edwards, Intemann, Sheppard and Tubman*

*AGAINST: Hornshaw, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman and Roberts*

**THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS LOST**

**THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED**

*RESOLVED: Hornshaw/Intemann*

**That Council:**

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  - a. Accessibility of materials to people of different age groups, and any potential options for ensuring access is age appropriate
  - b. Consideration of complaints or concerns raised by community members
  - c. Child safety, including NSW Child Safe Standards
  - d. Wellbeing of general patrons
  - e. Wellbeing of Council staff
  - f. Prevention of peoples from using materials for criminal purposes, including but not limited to grooming, domestic and gendered violence.
  - g. The Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995 and whether Council libraries meet the definition of 'publish' under the act, and whether Council has any obligation to obtain a classification of any 'submittable publications' prior to displaying or distributing such a publication via its library network.
  - h. Any other matter staff identify as relevant
  - i. Whether Council is meeting any required obligations.
2. Request that the Chief Executive Officer provide Councillors written information by the same date, in relation to implications of the judgement *Gaynor v Minister for Communications [2024] FCA 1186* in relation to Council's library facilities

*CARRIED: 5/4*

*FOR: Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Maltman and Roberts*

*AGAINST: Edwards, Lipovac, Sheppard and Tubman*

Councillor Hornshaw tabled supplementary information to Item 10.05 Library Facilities.

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## 10.06 OUTCOME OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM - REDUCTION IN COUNCILLOR NUMBERS

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*RESOLVED: Intemann/Maltman*

**That Council note the outcome of the Constitutional Referendum conducted at the 2024 Local Government Elections being that the number of Councillors for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council will be reduced to seven (7), comprising the Mayor and six (6) Councillors at the 2028 Local Government Elections.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

Councillor Tubman left the meeting, the time being 11:22am.

Councillor Tubman returned to the meeting, the time being 11:23am.

Councillor Kirkman left the meeting, the time being 11:26am.

Councillor Kirkman returned to the meeting, the time being 11:27am.

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## 10.07 COUNTBACK ELECTION

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### MOTION

*MOVED: Intemann/Sheppard*

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, declare that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 that are required to be filled, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Electoral Commissioner for NSW of Council's decision within 7 days of this decision.
  2. Note the 51.89% Yes vote in the constitutional referendum held at the 2024 Local Government elections to reduce Councillor numbers from nine (9) to seven (7).
  3. Note that under clause 294 of the Act, a Referendum to change Councillor numbers takes effect immediately, such that, pursuant to the 2024 Referendum result referred to in clause 2, above, the first two (2) vacancies that may occur during this Council term are not to be filled.
  4. Note that prior to voting on the Referendum, Councillors and the community were advised in media and Council reports that the Referendum would not take effect until the 2028 Local Government election, contrary to the actual implications under clause 294 of the Act.
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5. In view of the lack of any pre-voting advice being given to Councillors or the community on the immediate restrictive implications of a Yes vote in the Referendum to reduce Councillor numbers, write to the Minister of Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig, through Member for Port Macquarie, the Hon Leslie Williams, requesting consideration of relief being given to council and the community from the relevant requirements of clause 294 of the NSW Local Government Act during this council term.
  6. Request the Chief Executive Officer to provide Councillors with a copy of the letter as sent consequent to clause 5, above.

LOST: 4/5

FOR: *Intemann, Lipovac, Sheppard and Tubman*  
AGAINST: *Edwards, Hornshaw, Kirkman, Maltman and Roberts*

### THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS LOST

#### MOTION

RESOLVED: *Roberts/Maltman*

#### That Council:

1. **Note that with the successful constitutional referendum held at the 2024 Local Government elections that resulted in a reduction of Councillor numbers from 9 to 7, the first 2 vacancies that may occur during this Council term are not to be filled in accordance with the result of the referendum.**
2. **Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, declare that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 that are required to be filled, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Electoral Commissioner for NSW of Council's decision within 7 days of this decision.**

CARRIED: 7/2

FOR: *Edwards, Hornshaw, Kirkman, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
AGAINST: *Intemann and Lipovac*

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### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: *Roberts/Lipovac*

**That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Item 10.12 to be brought forward and considered next.**

CARRIED: 9/0

FOR: *Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
AGAINST: *Nil*

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair - Stephen Coates joined the meeting for this item

**10.12 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE END OF TERM REPORT**

*RESOLVED: Sheppard/Edwards*

**That Council**

- 1. Note the information contained within this report.**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to schedule an information session with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairperson for interested Councillors to discuss the end of Term Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee report by the end of December 2024.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*

*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*

*AGAINST: Nil*

**10.08 FORMATION OF AND COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

*RESOLVED: Sheppard/Edwards*

**That Council:**

- 1. Form the following Committees and Groups and appoint Councillor representation to them included in the respective charters as indicated:**

<b>Committee / Steering Group</b>	<b>Councillor Representation</b>
<b>Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee</b>	<b>Councillor Sheppard and alternative Councillor Edwards</b>
<b>Local Traffic Committee</b>	<b>Mayor Roberts</b>
<b>Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council</b>	<b>Chair Councillor Lipovac and alternative Councillor Intemann</b>
<b>Development Assessment Panel</b>	<b>No Councillor representation</b>
<b>Hastings Youth Voice</b>	<b>No Councillor representation</b>
<b>Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund Sub-committee</b>	<b>To be determined</b>

**Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee representation to be for a period of 2 years**

- 2. Conduct a workshop with Councillors no later than February 2025 to review Council's Committee structure to determine its suitability to engage appropriately with the Community.**
- 3. Continue to operate the existing section 355 Committees for the operation and management of respective Council halls and facilities.**
- 4. Note that staff are currently developing a Community Engagement Strategy to meet Council's current and future engagement needs and**

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- determine that Council be provided with a briefing before the end of December 2024, which details the status of development of the Community Engagement Strategy, including how it meets criteria for Community Engagement Strategies as described the Office of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Handbook (2021).
5. Form a “Review of Discontinued Committees Working Group”, and determine that:
- a. the Working Group be chaired by Councillor Edwards, and membership comprises the Chair, Chief Executive Officer, or her delegate relevant staff as identified by the Chief Executive Officer, and any interested councillor.
  - b. The objectives of the Working Group are to:
    - i. establish the scope of a review of those committees, subcommittees and steering groups that were discontinued without review in the previous term, as at February 2022 and
    - ii. identify potential funding sources for the review,
    - iii. report the outcome of Bi and Bii to the November 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council, through the Chief Executive Officer, with a view to enabling outcomes from a review to be incorporated into the workshop identified in clause 3 above.
  - c. The future of the Working Group be determined following consideration of the Working Group’s report to Council.
6. That the determination of a Councillor representative on the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund Sub-Committee be deferred until a future Council meeting to allow investigation of various options available for the continued operation of this sub-committee.
7. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any compliant recommendations from the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund Sub-Committee for funding requests until otherwise determined by Council.

CARRIED: 9/0

FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman

AGAINST: Nil

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#### 10.09 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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RESOLVED: Lipovac/Maltman

That Council determine no Councillors will attend the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre from 17 to 19 November 2024.

CARRIED: 9/0

FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman

AGAINST: Nil

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## 10.10 DISCLOSURES REGISTER - ANNUAL RETURNS 2023-2024

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*RESOLVED: Roberts/Sheppard*

**That Council:**

- 1. Note the information in the Disclosure Register for 2023-2024.**
- 2. Note that the Chief Executive Officer determines Designated Persons of the organisation under delegation.**
- 3. Note that a further report will be presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting tabling the outstanding Annual Disclosure Returns as detailed in this report.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

The Chairperson tabled the disclosures register of the Annual Returns 2023-2024 listed above.

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## 10.11 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURN - DESIGNATED PERSONS

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*RESOLVED: Roberts/Kirkman*

**That Council note the Disclosure of Interest return for the following positions.**

- 1. Community Infrastructure - Contracts Administrator**
- 2. Community Utilities - Project Manager Cowarra Thrumster Major Projects**
- 3. Community Utilities - Group Manager Utilities Operations**
- 4. Community Infrastructure Planning and Design - Engineer Stormwater**
- 5. Community Utilities - Senior Asset Officer**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

The Chairperson tabled the disclosures of interest return of the Designated Persons listed above.

Item 10.12 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee End of Term Report, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Councillor Sheppard left the meeting, the time being 12:03pm.

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### 10.13 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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*RESOLVED: Lipovac/Maltman*

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the actions of staff in referring to audit the draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.**
- 2. That the Statement by Councillors and Management be signed by the Responsible Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive Officer, the Mayor and one Councillor as required by the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 3. Note that a further report will be tabled for consideration by Council at the November 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council for the adoption of the final Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, together with the auditor's report.**

*CARRIED: 8/0*

*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts and Tubman*

*AGAINST: Nil*

Item 10.14 Investments and Loans - August 2024, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 10.15 Investments and Loans - September 2024, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 10.16 Monthly Budget Review - September 2024, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 10.17 Contracts Awarded under s377 Local Government Act, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Councillor Sheppard returned to the meeting, the time being 12:05pm.

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### 10.18 OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL FIRMS TO DO BUSINESS WITH PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL

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*RESOLVED: Lipovac/Maltman*

**That Council:**

- 1. Note the information provided in this report.**
- 2. Note a future report will be presented to the Ordinary Council meeting in October 2025, that details Council's commitment to supporting local business through its tendering and purchasing process during the financial year.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*

*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*

*AGAINST: Nil*

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Councillor Maltman left the meeting, the time being 12:06pm.

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**10.19 POLICY REVIEW - DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK - FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

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*RESOLVED: Edwards/Intemann*

**That Council:**

- 1. Defer consideration of the Draft Policy Framework until the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer provide the Draft Policy Framework Procedure in conjunction with the Draft Policy Framework to the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting for the consideration of Council**

*CARRIED: 8/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

Councillor Maltman returned to the meeting, the time being 12:08pm.

Councillor Hornshaw left the meeting, the time being 12:09pm.

Councillor Tubman left the meeting, the time being 12:09pm.

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**11.01 RECOMMENDED ITEMS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS SPORTING FUND**

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*RESOLVED: Lipovac/Roberts*

**That Council endorse the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sporting Fund Sub-Committee recommendations as follows:**

- 1. Payment of \$250 to Zac Stubbs to attend World Martial Arts Tournament in Japan on 13 October 2024.**
- 2. Payment of \$250 to Ollie McCormick to attend World Martial Arts Tournament in Japan on 13 October 2024.**

*CARRIED: 7/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts and Sheppard*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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## 12.01 MAJOR EVENT GRANTS 2025 - ROUND 1

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*RESOLVED: Lipovac/Kirkman*

That Council, pursuant to provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, grant financial assistance from the Major Events Grant Program Round 1, 2025, to the total amount of \$15,500 for the following major events:

a) Laurieton Multisport Challenge	\$2,500
b) LatinFest	\$3,000
c) Water Ski Australia National Titles	\$5,000
d) Reflections Cadet Cup	\$5,000

*CARRIED: 7/0*

*FOR: Edwards, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts and Sheppard*

*AGAINST: Nil*

Councillor Hornshaw returned to the meeting, the time being 12:12pm.

Councillor Tubman returned to the meeting, the time being 12:16pm.

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## 13.01 NOTICE OF MOTION - TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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*RESOLVED: Roberts/Maltman*

That Council:

1. Note that the Integrated Transport Plan developed in partnership with Transport for NSW, which articulates key priorities regarding congestion, road safety and modal shift (public transport and active transport), was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 August 2024.
2. Receive an update by the December 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting as relevant on the status of project development, funding availability and advocacy to other levels of government for the following locations of key traffic congestion concern:
  - Upgrading of the Oxley Highway between Wrights Road and Lake Road.
  - Duplication of Lake Road between Ocean Drive and Chestnut Road, including turning lane capacity to/from Ocean Drive into Lake Road.
  - Provision of a connection between Port Macquarie's Industrial Area off Lake Road to the Health & Education Precinct, which includes the Port Macquarie Base Hospital, and the Lake Innes precinct.
  - Network functionality in Wauchope on the High Street corridor.
  - Hastings River Drive Duplication between Boundary Street and Hughes Place.
  - John Oxley Drive Duplication from the Ruins Way to Kingfisher Drive, including the Major Innes Drive intersection.

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- **Key intersection upgrades across the LGA on the state, regional and local road networks to improve traffic flow and road safety.**
3. **Note the NSW Government will be developing a North Coast Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan for the North Coast in 2025, which will further inform NSW Government investment priorities into the future, thereby being of high importance to ensure key priorities from the Port Macquarie-Hastings Integrated Transport Plan across the state, regional and local road networks are included within that regional plan.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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### **13.02 LAKE CATHIE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT**

Councillor Maltman declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in this item. The reason being is that she is a non-financial life member and former President of the community organisation Revive Lake Cathie Incorporated. Councillor Maltman remained in the meeting, participated and voted in the matter as this perceived conflict did not influence her decision making in the matter.

*RESOLVED: Intemann/Maltman*

**That Council note the progress of natural resource management projects/initiatives within the Lake Cathie, Lake Innes and Cathie Creek Waterways and the progress of the Coastal Management Program.**

*CARRIED: 9/0*  
*FOR: Edwards, Hornshaw, Intemann, Kirkman, Lipovac, Maltman, Roberts, Sheppard and Tubman*  
*AGAINST: Nil*

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The meeting closed at 12.37pm.

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Adam Roberts  
Mayor