



# **MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting  
Thursday, 20 November 2025**

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM  
ON THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Frank Standfast, Cr Jacob Mutton, Cr Adrian Lenton, Cr Julie Dorries

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Louise Knol (Chief Executive Officer), Kirby Reents (Minutes Secretary), Harish Nair (Executive Manager Finance)

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgement of Country.

**2 APOLOGIES**

NIL

**3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Cr White invited Councillors to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

**4 CHAIR OF THE WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD REPORT**

**Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd  
Chair's Report 2025**

2025 has been a significant year in that we welcome new staff from Council, including CEO Louise Knol. We thank retiring Director Sallyanne Atkinson for her major contribution. Our board, not only as a board constituted under ASIC regulations but also as an advisory committee to Council, has had the Waltzing Matilda Centre as its focus. We look forward to 4 meetings next year.

It has been very pleasing to see such positive outcomes right across the operations of WMC Ltd. The cafe has been very stable this year, we notice the evolution of stock offerings in the shop space, we have enjoyed the displays in the Regional Gallery, seen the use of the Banjo Paterson reading room increase, and marvelled at the upgrades our joint venture partner, the Winton District Historical Society, has made. It is also exciting to see that the centre is being used as a venue - Vision Splendid Outback Festival, Outback Writers' Festival, Opal Festivals and the Outback Opera amongst others. These all bring increased patronage, particularly to the cafe.

The Board has for some years has facilitated WALTZING MATILDA DAY and this year has not been an exception. We were very fortunate post rain event to have media here in Winton and to have so many filming opportunities available on the day. One of the very early goals in choosing the date was to get in pre-season. Thank you to the board team who put this together and to our helpers. We hope to increase the promotion of the event in 2026.

We were able to purchase for use by Council the smaller bronze swaggies. Bases will be made at the Men's Shed.

We had a couple of visits by Alf and Sharon from Yoeval Banjo Paterson Museum and made the recommendation to Council that their offer be accepted. If we are able to get the statue of Banjo in war correspondent uniform that will be a major lift to our displays.

Many thanks to our volunteer board members for your time and input. Thank you to the Councillors also on the Board. We look forward to continuing our support of the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

Jeff Close  
Chair

## MOTION – CHAIRS REPORT

### RESOLUTION 2025/145

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the chair of the waltzing matilda centre board report be received.

**CARRIED 6-0**

## 5 DECISIONAL REPORTS

### 5.1 WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Review of the 'Waltzing Matilda Board of Directors' rotation schedule

### RESOLUTION 2025/146

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the report be received

**CARRIED 6-0**

### RESOLUTION 2025/147

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Frank Standfast

THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that the proposed rotation of the Directors of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd be endorsed subject to:

#### Waltzing Matilda Board of Directors Rotation Schedule

Director	2025	2026	2027	2028
Council Representative - Mayor	C	C	A	C
Invited: Mr Jeff Close	A	C	C	A
Council Rep: Cr Frank Standfast	C	A	C	C
WDHS&M Rep: Mrs Janice Evert	C	A	C	C
WDHS&M Rep: Mrs Robyn Stephens	C	C	A	C
Council Rep: Cr Tina Elliott	C	C	A	C
Arts Representative –Mrs Lyn Fraser	C	A	C	C
Community Representative – Mr John Paynter	C	C	A	C

**A - Appointed C – Continuing**

Election / Appointment of Waltzing Matilda Centre Board LTD OFFICE Bearers

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that the following be confirmed as continuing Directors on the Board of Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited:
  - Mayor Cathy White
  - Cr Frank Standfast
  - Mrs Janice Evert
  - Mrs Lyn Fraser
  - Mrs Robyn Stephens
  - Cr Tina Elliott
  - Mr John Paynter
2. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mr Jeff Close**, be reappointed as a Director of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.
3. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as the Chair: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mr Jeff Close**, be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

**CARRIED 6-0**

Consideration of the appointment of a Secretary, to be taken to the Waltzing Matilda Board LTD to discuss potential candidates and make a recommendation. The final decision will be referred to a Council Special Meeting for approval.

4. THAT Council as the sole member of the Company appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Company Secretary of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

## **5.2 RECEIPT OF WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD LTD ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2024/2025**

**RESOLUTION 2025/148**

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the report be received

**CARRIED 6-0**

**RESOLUTION 2025/149**

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott  
Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

1. THAT the audited Annual Financial Statements for the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited for the year ended 30 June 2025 be received.
2. THAT Council appoint William Buck QLD, as auditors for the Waltzing Matilda Centre LTD for the year ended 30 June 2026.

**CARRIED 6-0**

## **6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting 11 December 2025

**The Meeting closed at 1:14pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Winton Shire Council held on 11 December 2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**