



Annual General Meeting 2025 Minutes

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025

6.00 PM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025

PRESENT:

The meeting commenced at 6.01pm with the Mayor (Cr B A Blomeley) in the Chair and with Councillors:

A Ritchie (Deputy Mayor)
H Chong
J Darko
E Goyne
D Hulme (arrived at 6.02pm)
B Hunter
R James
W Kennedy
T Mulder
J Walker
B Warren; present.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer
(Mr I Nelson)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(Mr R Graham)

Chief Financial Officer
(Ms J Murrell)

Head of Community and Culture
(Ms T Cockburn)

Head of Strategic Development Communications and Engagement
(Ms G Wicks)

Head of City Planning
(Mr D Marr)

Head of Governance
(Ms C Shea)

Head of Regulatory Services
(Mr R Brennan)

Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer
(Ms J Ellis)

The Meeting closed at 6.38pm



1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor made the following statement:

“Before proceeding, I pay my respects to the Mumirimina people as the traditional and original custodians of the lands on which we meet, and I acknowledge the continuing connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people to the skies, land and waterways. I pay respect to Elders past and present.”

2. Declare meeting open

The Mayor:

- declared the Meeting open at 6.01pm and welcomed those present.
- invited those present to pause for a moment of quiet reflection and respect before commencing the meeting
- advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and that what is said at the meeting was not protected by privilege. A link to the Agenda is available via Council’s website.

3. Introduction of Councillors

The Mayor introduced the Councillors present at the Meeting.

4. Apologies from Councillors

Nil.

5. Meeting Procedures

The Mayor referred to the Procedural information contained in the Agenda.

6. Confirmation of Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Decision:	MOVED: Cr Warren SECONDED: Cr Chong
	“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 2 December 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



7. Annual Report

a) **Presentation and general overview of achievements by the Mayor**

The Mayor tabled the Annual Report and provided a general overview of Council's achievements and highlights which occurred during the year.

On behalf of Council the Mayor thanked the Chief Executive Officer and his staff for their dedication and their professional advice and support provided to Council and the City of Clarence.

The Mayor conveyed his appreciation to his fellow councillors, for another year of dedication, hard work and commitment to the community.

b) **Presentation by Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer provided a summary of the operational activities of the City of Clarence over the past 12 months. He acknowledged the dedication and professionalism of the staff and thanked the Mayor and Councillors for their leadership and decision making over the past twelve months.

c) **Presentation of Council's Financial Report by the Chief Financial Officer**

The Chief Financial Officer gave a detailed overview of the Financial Statements in the Annual Report and Council's overall financial performance.

d) **Summary of any submissions received – none received**

The Mayor advised the Meeting that there were no submissions on the Annual Report received prior to the meeting.

e) **Discussion on submissions received – none received**

As there had been no submissions received no discussion occurred in respect to this item.

f) **Motion to adopt Annual Report**

Before putting the Motion the Mayor invited questions from Councillors regarding the Annual Report.

Cr James asked the following questions

Question 1

On page 66 of the Annual Report under Buildings it shows fair value at 30 June 2025 of 75 million at 2024 - 50.5 million less accumulated depreciation of 8 and 7 million respectively. My question is that increase from 50 to 75 the purchase of 30 Gordons Hill Road and if so is there any accumulated depreciation in the 2025 amount which is shown on page 66?

**ANSWER**

The Chief Financial Officer advised that some of that amount would be the purchase of 30 Gordons Hill Road and as that was purchased late at the end of June there would be very little depreciation.

Question 2

There was 66 million in profit for the year ending 2025 of which 34 million is part of the revaluation. There is another 32 million, can you explain the source of that?

ANSWER

The Chief Financial Officer advised that there is 36 million from the revaluation of stormwater assets, and there would also be contributions of 15 million associated with contributed assets and the revaluation of Taswater as well as some other small items

Cr Mulder asked the following Question

Regarding the cash balance which we have just been advised has decreased by 10 million dollars over the last financial year, what is the balance now in real terms and what is the balance projected to be under our ten year financial strategy?

ANSWER

The Chief Financial Officer advised that as at 30 June the balance was 81.5 and took the second part of the question on notice



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Cr Walker asked the following questions

Question 1

Page 71 refers to the defined benefit plan and that there are still employees under that plan. where are we going with that are our liabilities increasing each year or are we starting to tail down in this area?

ANSWER

The Chief Executive Officer advised that advice had been received some weeks ago that there are no additional contributions required from council for defined benefits because the fund has sufficient to generate the income it needs.

Question 2

I assume that depending on how the investment class goes we could still be asked to make a call if things go south?

ANSWER

The Chief Executive Officer advised that was correct but for several years there has not been a call, and that council receives updates each year following 30 June.

There being no further questions it was:

Decision:

MOVED: Cr Kennedy **SECONDED:** Cr Ritchie

“That the 2024/25 Annual Report be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8. Report of Activities and Achievements of Council Committees and Authorities

The following reports were provided by Councillors:

- Cr Mulder provided an update from the Australian Coastal Councils Association on the issues affecting coastal councils and the advocacy role undertaken by the Association.
- Cr James advised that the Tracks and Trails Working Group is celebrating 20 years of activities associated with Clarence's tracks and trails network and asked if any event had been planned to celebrate that milestone. The Chief Executive Officer took that matter on notice for consideration.
- Cr Kennedy acknowledged the work of the Cultural Creative Advisory Committee overseeing the numerous events throughout the year and those to come, noting that next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Clarence Jazz Festival. Cr Kennedy thanked her colleagues on the Advisory committee, the community members and staff involved.
- Cr Hulme reported from the Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group highlighting the attendance at the group's end of year event of the inaugural Disability Commissioner and further noted the group's input throughout the year into various council projects.
- Cr Hunter
 - reported from the Sustainability Advisory Committee and the expected finalisation of the Sustainability Action Plan; and
 - noted the input of the Bicycle Advisory Working Group into various projects throughout the year.
- Cr Chong acknowledged the work of the outgoing Chairperson of the Audit Panel, Mr Richard Easter after the conclusion of his eight year term as independent Panel Member.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their involvement at a Committee and Working Group level and acknowledged the input from community members.

9. Motions on Notice – none received

10. Questions on Notice – none received



11. Questions without Notice

The Mayor invited Questions from members of the public present. No questions were received.

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.38pm.