



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 28 January 2025

at 6:30 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:30 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

The Mayor went on to inform all those in attendance at this meeting, that the meeting is being webcast and that those in attendance should refrain from making any defamatory statements concerning any person, Councillor or employee, and refrain from discussing those matters subject to Closed Council proceedings as indicated in clause 14.1 of the code of meeting practice.

Present

Public: 112

Councillor C Coleman - Mayor
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Statham
Councillor M Ticehurst

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney	General Manager
Vanessa Browning	Director Finance and Governance
Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
Matthew Trapp	Executive Manager Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People & Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

Apologies

All being present, there were no apologies received.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

Councillor T Evangelidis declared a non-significant pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.5 as he is the sole director of the company / beneficiary event and undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor R Smith noted a possible conflict of interest regarding Items 2.7 and 2.8 on the agenda stating that he had not yet determined that he had a conflict regarding the items.

Councillor C Coleman declared a non-significant pecuniary interest in item 2.3 on the Business Paper as she is employed by the organisation which is a subject of the item. Mayor Coleman undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor E Mahony declared a non significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.10 for the reason that he is a member of a local sporting group that pays to use Council facilities. Cr Mahony stated that he would not vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor M Ticehurst requested that the minutes be adjusted to read that "he will vacate the Chambers" in the Declarations of Interest.

Cr M Statham raised that the Mayor stated at the November 2024 meeting, that all Councillors were able to be on any Council committee was not minuted and sought clarification on the Item.

Clarification was given.

25 – 1 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 25 November 2024 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

25 - 2 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 11 December 2024 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Commemorations and Announcements

On behalf of Lithgow City Council, the Mayor expressed sincere sympathy and condolences to families who had lost loved ones since the last Council meeting.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the staff of Lithgow City Council for organising the Australia Day event.

The Mayor acknowledged the Wallerawang Progress Association for the event that they organised on Australia Day in Wallerawang.

The Mayor went on to acknowledge the organisers of the Portland Australia Day event.

The Mayor congratulated the all those nominated and winners of Australia Day awards.

Public Forum

At 6:38 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Michelle Jonkers-Daley made a statement in relation to Item 2.4 on the Business Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Michelle Jonkers-Daley.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Ms Jonkers-Daley for his statement.

Rob White made a statement in relation to Item 2.6 on the Business Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Rob White.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr White for his statement.

Henry Herron made a statement in relation to Item 2.6 on the Business Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Henry Herron until he has finished his statement.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Herron for his statement.

Greg Guest of Lithgow Golf Club made a statement in relation to Item 2.2 on the Business Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Greg Guest until he has finished his statement.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor thanked Mr Guest for his statement.

Deanna Goodsell made a statement in relation to Item 2.2 on the Business Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Deanna Goodsell.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Deanna Goodsell made a statement in relation to Item 2.2 on the Business Paper.

The Mayor thanked Ms Goodsell for her statement.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT

Item 2.4 and 2.10 be brought forward and dealt with after the Mayoral Minute.

Items 2.5 and 3.9 be dealt with concurrently.

Item 3.16 be dealt with at the beginning of the Administration Reports.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.1. Mayoral Minute - Lithgow Community Private Hospital and Specialist Centre

Report by Mayor – Councillor Cassandra Coleman

25 - 3 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council endorse the Mayoral Minute to encourage community support for Lithgow residents to utilise Lithgow Community Private if a specialist is available.
2. The issue of specialist services is referred to the Health Working party to investigate and provide a report to the March 2025 Council meeting on the specialist services offered at the Lithgow Private Hospital, Lithgow Public Hospital, GP Clinics and general practitioners with specialisation.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Cr Ticehurst called a Point of Order in relation to management comments made on the Notices of Motion in the Business Paper which do not identify who made the comments.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order and asked the General Manager to identify the author of the Management Comments as the Council moved through the items as there had been Acting General Managers in early January who had authorised comments.

2.4. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - Request Mayor, Council and Health Working Group to petition Health Minister Ryan Park MP and the State Government

Report by Councillor Elizabeth Fredericks

This item was brought forward with a previous procedural motion.

MOTION

THAT the Mayor, Councillors and Health working group, petition Ryan Park MP, Health NSW and the NSW Government for the following,

- A full time paediatrician to be based at Lithgow Hospital.
 - A paediatrics wing to be created and reopened at Lithgow Hospital.
 - Extra staff to be funded and employed in radiology and pathology to reduce issues arising with calling any in during out of hours.
 - Funding for more paramedics to be employed.
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- A change in transport procedures to cut back transport times, push transfers via paramedics to be pushed ahead of emergency departments to prevent redoing triage at the transfer hospital.
- Seeing if possible, having some emergencies being transferred to Bathurst Hospital, depending on severity.
- Funding for more surgical doctors to be enticed to Lithgow Hospital for our theatre to be utilised.
- Funding for a minimum of another 2 nurses/midwives.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor Ticehurst as he felt he was interfering with the discussion.

The Mayor called Act of Disorder Clause 15.11.

Amendment

THAT the issues raised in the report by Cr. Fredericks be referred to the Health Working Party for consideration.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

Councillor S Ring and Councillor E Fredericks agreed to amalgamate their Motions.

Councillor S Ring withdrew his Amendment.

25 - 4 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The Mayor, Councillors and Health working group, petition Ryan Park MP, Health NSW and the NSW Government for the following,

- A full time paediatrician to be based at Lithgow Hospital.
- A paediatrics wing to be created and reopened at Lithgow Hospital.
- Extra staff to be funded and employed in radiology and pathology to reduce issues arising with calling any in during out of hours.
- Funding for more paramedics to be employed.
- A change in transport procedures to cut back transport times, push transfers via paramedics to be pushed ahead of emergency departments to prevent redoing triage at the transfer hospital.
- Seeing if possible, having some emergencies being transferred to Bathurst Hospital, depending on severity.
- Funding for more surgical doctors to be enticed to Lithgow Hospital for our theatre to be utilised.
- Funding for a minimum of another 2 nurses/midwives.

2. The issues raised in the report be referred to the Health Working Party for consideration.

3. Council create an anonymous online survey seeking Community feedback on the local health

services.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor E Fredericks

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor R Smith, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

AGAINST: Nil

2.10. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - Lithgow City Council 2023-24 Financials for Lithgow Golf Club Ltd ACN 001 037 823.

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents note the Lithgow City Council 2023-24 Income and Expense Financials for the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd ACN 001 037 823 and the attached Financial Report to ASIC for 2023-24 from the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd ACN 001 037
2. Council notes that under point 2. of Council Resolution 24 -266 as made on the 25 November 2024, the General Manager will be including the (2023-24) Draft / Final Annual Report, all financial information with respect to Council Resolution 21-119, a Property Lease with Lithgow Golf Club Ltd (ACN 001 037 823).
3. Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents note the current online advertised 2024-25 Membership Fees for the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd ACN 001 037 823
4. Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents note that a Lithgow City Councillor Information Session with the management of the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd. Has been scheduled at the Lithgow Golf Club for Tuesday 11 February 2025, which will include discussions regarding a new lease, a Volunteer Policy and a Working Party with the Council.
5. Council's General Manager, following point 4, is to provide a full report back to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Lithgow City Council on Monday 24 February 2025.
 1. Council continues where and when necessary, to engage their Lithgow Golf Course employees within the works of the Council's Parks and Gardens Department.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

LOST

Cr D Goodwin asked that the Motion be PUT.

The Motion was PUT and LOST.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 pm and reconvene in 10 minutes.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting is reconvened at 8:20pm.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2.6. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Council request that EA amend their documents by omitting the Lake Lyell Hydro Project

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

Cr M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Cr D Goodwin stating that matters being raised are not allowed under the Code of Meeting Practice and cannot be brought up in a Council Meeting.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order in accordance with Clause 15.11(d) of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The Mayor asked Cr Goodwin to withdraw his comments.

Cr D Goodwin withdrew his comments.

Cr E Mahony called a Point of Order on Cr S Ring as he took exception to comments made regarding the status of the pumped hydro project.

Cr S Ring withdrew his comment.

25 - 5 RESOLVED

THAT Council Administration request:

1. Energy Australia to delete using the Lithgow Councils LEEP Plan off its documents and newsletters.
2. Energy Australia to either release the core sample results obtained in their borehole studies or explain why.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor S Ring

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor R Smith and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor M Statham, Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor S Ring

2.7. NOM- 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Lithgow Council be requested to provide a written submission opposing the Lake Lyell Hydro Project

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

Cr Ring called a Point of Order stating that all Councillors are required to vote if they are in the Chamber.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

25 - 6 RESOLVED

THAT Council administration be requested to present a submission opposing the Project, when and if they are to be submitted.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED**2. Notices of Motion**

2.1. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr D Goodwin - Waiver of Water Bill Balance

Report by Councillor Darryl Goodwin

Councillor M Ticehurst called a procedural Motion to PUT the Motion.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order stating that the Code of Meeting Practice requires that there needs to be two speakers for and two speakers against.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order and the vote was PUT for the Procedural Motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Item is PUT.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED**25 - 7 RESOLVED**

THAT Council waive the remaining balance of \$734.10 on lot 80 DP26218.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED**2.2. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - Proposed new Lithgow City Council Cost of Living webpage**

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

25 - 8 RESOLVED

THAT Council establish its own new Lithgow City Council Cost of Living webpage to assist its ratepayers and residents.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED**2.3. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - Request to State Government for the waiving of Penalty Notices of \$55 for non-voting arising from the 2024 Lithgow City Council Election**

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

Due to an earlier declaration of interest, Mayor Coleman left the Chamber and upon doing so, she vacated the Chair at 8:49pm.

Deputy Mayor Cr Ring took the Chair.

MOTION

THAT Council write to Premier Chris Minns, Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig; the Elections NSW Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner of Fines Administration to request the waiving of any future Penalty Notices of \$55 being issued to any of the 2025 enrolled voters who did not cast a vote in the 2024 Lithgow City Council Election, given the high excellent voter turnout of 87.25%, multiple Pre-Poll voting restrictions, absentee voting not being available and voters unfortunately holding Covid health symptoms concerns on the official Election Day, Saturday 14 September 2024.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

LOST

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor E Fredericks

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks and Councillor R Smith

AGAINST: Councillor M Statham, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

The Chair utilised his casting vote against the motion (in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice 20.16) .

The Mayor returned to the Chamber and took the Chair at 9:07 pm.

2.4. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - Request Mayor, Council and Health Working Group to petition Health Minister Ryan Parks MP and the State Government

Report by Councillor Elizabeth Fredericks

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2.5. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr T Evangelidis - Lithgow Tourism Rebrand

Report by Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 9:21 pm.
Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 9:21 pm.

25 - 9 RESOLVED

THAT any future tourism re-brand shall include Lithgow in the title.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Ticehurst

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks and Councillor R Smith

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

3.9. P&P - 28/01/2025 - Seven Valleys Brand Style Adoption

Due to an earlier procedural Motion, Item 3.9 was to be dealt with concurrently with Item 2.5.

25 – 10 RESOLVED

THAT Council acknowledge the findings of the consumer and industry brand market research for Seven Valleys (Lithgow LGA) and endorse the development of the Seven Valleys place brand strategy and marketing plan and the development of the brand creative.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 9:45 pm.

2.6. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Council request that EA amend their documents by omitting the Lake Lyell Hydro Project

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2.7. NOM- 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Lithgow Council be requested to provide a written submission opposing the Lake Lyell Hydro Project

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2.8. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Mayoral and Councillors participation on all Committees

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Cr Statham called a Point of Order on Cr Ring as she took issue with the comments made by Cr Ring regarding the staff input and management comments on Notices of Motion.

The Mayor asked Cr Ring to withdraw his comments.

He refused to withdraw his comments and continued.

The Mayor quoted from the Code of Meeting Practice and asked Cr Ring to withdraw his comments and continue.

25 - 11 RESOLVED

That:

1. All future Lithgow City Council committees include Councillor participation.
2. Two Councillors and the Mayor are elected to the established Lithgow Future Jobs & Investment Committee.
3. Terms of Reference align with all Committees ToR that the Mayor is able to Chair the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Mayor asked for nominations for the positions of two Councillors delegates were determined to be Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor S Ring.

2.9. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr R Smith - Introduction of an Opening Prayer added to the agenda of Council Ordinary Meetings

Report by Councillor Ray Smith

Councillor Ticehurst asked for the matter to be PUT.

Cr Ring called a Point of Order quoting section 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

MOTION

THAT council add the prayer into the Meeting agenda and Council Administration confer with Religious denominations to proceed on a rostered timetable.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

LOST

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor T Evangelidis and Councillor R Smith

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT there be a 10 Minute adjournment at 10:08 pm

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Council readjourn at 10:18 pm

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.10. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - Lithgow City Council 2023-24 Financials for Lithgow Golf Club Ltd ACN 001 037 823.

Report by Councillor Martin Ticehurst

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2.11. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr E Mahony - Review of Primary School Crossing Safety in the Lithgow Local Government Area

Report by Councillor Eric Mahony

25 – 12 RESOLVED

THAT all traffic zones surrounding primary schools within the Lithgow Local Government Area (LGA) be scheduled to undergo a review by Transport for NSW. The review should focus on improving sight lines at school crossings, parking and other child safety issues, with any proposed improvements reported back to the Council for requested implementation by Transport for NSW.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.12. NOM - 28/01/2025 - Cr E Mahony - Development of a Council Volunteer Policy

Report by Councillor Eric Mahony

25 - 13 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council endorses the first stage of the development of the Lithgow City Council Volunteer Policy by referring the attached draft document to the relevant committees (suggested are Strategic Review Committee (formerly Operations Committee), Community Development, Environmental Advisory, Finance Committee, and staff for review.
2. The Draft Policy be brought back to the April Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.16. W&WW - 28/01/2025 - Watermains Cleaning - Tender Evaluation**25 - 14 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. In accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the tender submission and lump sum amount of \$252,605.76 ex GST from H&S Maintenance Pty Ltd.
2. Council authorise the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Council under delegated authority, between Council and H&S Maintenance Pty Ltd in accordance with the tender for Watermains Cleaning Program.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

3. Administration Reports**3.1. GM - 28/01/2025 - Request for Information - Cr Ticehurst****25 - 15 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the report on the request for information.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.2. GM - 28/01/2025 - Disclosure of Councillors - Post Election**25 - 16 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the tabling of Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters by the newly elected Councillors (as listed in the report) and Director Finance and Governance, lodged for the period 1/7/2024 to date of commencement with Council.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

3.3. F&G - 25/01/2025 - Investment Report November 2024**25 - 17 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$71,103,684 and cash of \$3,029,269 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 30 November 2024 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.
3. The commentary on cashflow and funding requirements for restricted reserves be noted.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.4. F&G - 25/01/2025 - Investment Report December 2024**25 - 18 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$69,804,067 and cash of \$376,115 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 31 December 2024 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.
3. The commentary on cashflow and funding requirements for restricted reserves be noted.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.5. P&P - 28/01/2025 - 2023/24 Annual Report

25 - 19 RESOLVED

THAT the Council endorse the 2023/24 Annual Report.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.6. P&P - 28/01/2025 - State of the Region Report 2021-2024

25 - 20 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council receive and note the State of the Lithgow LGA Report 2021-2024.
2. Council endorses the Our Place, Our Future – Community Strategic Plan – Community Engagement Strategy.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.7. P&P - 28/01/2025 - Financial Assistance Recommendations

25 - 21 RESOLVED

THAT Council approve \$10,470 Round 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance for the following ten (10) projects:

Applicant Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Lithgow Flash Dragons Boat Club Assistance with operating costs including insurances, boat and equipment maintenance.	\$1,400	\$1,000
Blue Mountains Historical Society Blue Mountains Rail Trail Brochure Print and distribute a brochure and web page showing all rail and industrial heritage sites in the Blue Mts and Lithgow	\$590	\$590
Capertee and District Progress Association Purchase catering items to enable the Association to hold events at their hall.	\$400	\$400

Walanbang Malungang - Strong Girls Run weekly BBQ's in Portland Park to support high school aged girls who have become disengaged in school and disconnected from community.	\$1,500	\$1,500
Lithgow View Club Purchase computer, printer and software to support the administrative and financial record keeping of Lithgow View Club.	\$2,500	\$1,000
Mountains Youth Services Team Hold a school holiday event around easter 2025 to engage with local young people.	\$3,000	\$2,000
First Australian Muzzle Loading Gun, Rifle & Pistol Club and Lithgow Valley Archers Rate reimbursement for the Muzzle Loaders and Lithgow Valley Archers venue.	\$1,617	\$1,000
Lithgow District Car Club Rate reimbursement for the Portland Motorsport Park.	\$1,474	\$1,000
Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre Rainbow Tea party events at Wallerawang Library for LGBTQI+ teenagers.	\$480	\$480
Lithgow Event Series Partnership between the Event Co and in conjunction with local churches Provide free accessible events to promote local artists and creatives and to build stronger community connections.	\$3,000	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$15,961	\$10,470

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.8. P&P - 28/01/2025 - Lithgow Comedy Festival Sponsorship Request

Due to a previous declaration of conflict of interest, Cr Evangelidis left the Chambers at 10:53 pm. Cr Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Cr Ring, as he felt he was verbally attacking Cr Evangelidis. The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

25 - 22 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the approach of Lithgow Comedy Club and offer support by way of a commercial day use fee waiver for the Lithgow City Council Union Theatre valued at \$795.00 as per the 2024-2025 adopted fees and charges.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor R Smith, Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor M Statham and Councillor S Ring

Councillor T Evangelidis returned to the meeting at 11:05 pm.

3.9. P&P - 28/01/2025 - Seven Valleys Brand Style Adoption

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

3.10. P&P - 28/01/2025 - DA090/95 MODDA002/24 Metromix Quarry Extension, 122 Oakey Forest Road Marrangaroo**MOTION**

THAT

1. A decision on DA090/95 MODDA002/24 is deferred until an onsite meeting is arranged and more information is provided to Councillors on potential health risks
2. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

Amendment

THAT

1. Modification of Development application MODDA002/24 of DA090/95 be **APPROVED** subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached planning assessment report.
2. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 - 23 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Modification of Development application MODDA002/24 of DA090/95 be APPROVED subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached planning assessment report.
2. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor R Smith and Councillor S Ring

3.11. I&E - 28/01/2025 - Project Cost Variation for Main Street/ Cupro Street

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 11:11 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 11:13 pm.

25 - 24 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the report regarding the contract variation for the Main Street / Cupro Street stormwater improvements at Watsford Oval, Lithgow.
2. Accept a contract variation of \$238,544 (ex GST) from Keane Civil and Construction Pty Ltd for the additional site works, further design, and soil investigation, and bring the total contract amount to \$1,158,999 (excluding GST).

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.12. I&E - 28/1/2025 - Plant Replacement - Jetpatcher**25 - 25 RESOLVED**

THAT Council approve the purchase of a Transpaver Jetpatcher Trans Bitumen Services Pty Ltd for a cost of \$687,395, excluding GST (\$756,134.50 including GST).

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.13. I&E - 28/10/2024 - Naming of the Burton Street Causeway**25 - 26 RESOLVED**

THAT Council name the Farmers Creek Causeway (immediately adjacent to Burton Street) the "George Pearce Memorial Crossing".

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

3.14. I&E - 28/01/2025 - LEEP - Land-use and Workforce Initiatives - Regional Development Trust Fund**25 - 27 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Authorise the making of an application for the funding of the projects identified in the report under the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program or under other grant opportunities should they arise, and
2. Note the proposed funding and sources necessary to provide the co-contributions required under the grant guidelines.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor M Statham

Divisions

FOR: Councillor M Statham, Councillor C Coleman, Councillor M Ticehurst, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor R Smith and Councillor S Ring

3.15. I&E - 28/01/2025 - Tender Evaluation - Portland Sunny Corner Bus Stop & Related Civil Works**25 - 28 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Council note the tender evaluation for the Portland/Sunny Corner Road – Bus Stop and related Civil Works.
2. In accordance with Clause 178 (1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, accept the tender submission from Solve Civil for the tendered amount of \$267,730.85 (ex GST).
3. Council authorise the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Council under delegated authority.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.16. W&WW - 28/01/2025 - Watermains Cleaning - Tender Evaluation

This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

3.17. I&E - 28/01/2025 - LEEP Communications and Engagement Strategy

Cr Goodwin left the Chambers at 11:28pm.

Cr Goodwin returned to the Chambers at 11:29pm.

25 - 29 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council endorse the LEEP Engagement Plan before it is released to the public.
2. The development of additional working parties or committees is referred to the Emerging Economy Committee with their recommendations being presented to Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4. Council Committee Reports

4.1. FIN - 28/01/2025 - Audit Risk Improvement Committee (ARIC) Minutes 10 December 2024

25 - 30 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the Minutes of the 10 December 2024 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting.
2. Endorse the final version of the Internal Audit Charter which is included as an attachment.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

5. Delegates Reports

5.1. GM - 28/01/2025 - Central NSW Joint Organisation Board Meeting Report 13 November 2024

Report by Ross Gurney - General Manager

25 – 31 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meetings 13 and 14 November 2024 and seek a presentation from CNSWJO on its program, including value to this Local Government Area.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

5.2. Delegates Report - Cr E Fredericks - 28/01/2025 - Search Dogs Sydney

Report by Councillor E Fredericks

25 - 32 RESOLVED

THAT Council note Cr E Frederick's delegate report on Search dogs Sydney.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

6. Business of Great Urgency

The Mayor asked if there were any matters to be considered as matters of great urgency.

Cr Statham raise the condition of the Old Portland Hospital, requesting that the condition of the property be dealt with by Council.

The Mayor considered the matter to be of great urgency.

25 - 33 RESOLVED

THAT the request the condition of the Old Portland Hospital be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham	SECONDED: {seconder}
CARRIED	

The Mayor declared the matter to be of great urgency in accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations.

25 - 34 RESOLVED

That a report be brought back to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on the condition of the Old Portland Hospital and grounds.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

Cr Ticehurst raised the matter of the condition of Tooma Park in Tooma Crescent which is extremely overgrown.

The Mayor asked the Administration to address this matter with the Department of Housing.

7. Closed Council

The Mayor asked if there were any objections from the public with regards to the listed reports being in a session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

There were Nil objections.

25 - 35 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 11:40 pm.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

The Mayor informed the Public that the webcasting will be turned off at this point in the meeting and will be reopened at the end of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public.

25 - 039 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to return to open Council and inform the public of the resolutions of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public at 11:48.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

The General Manager read the resolutions of the closed Council session to the Public as resolved in Closed Council.

7.1. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 28/01/2025 - Approval of Specialist Services for Wolgan Road Reconstruction Project

25 - 36 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Appoint GHD Pty Ltd as Technical Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) acting on Councils behalf with an upper limiting fee of \$605,748.70 excl GST which is based on their tendered fee of \$526,738.00 plus a contingency of \$79,010.70 (15% of the fee).
2. Appoint BD Infrastructure Pty Ltd as Environmental & Sustainability and Community and Stakeholder Specialists acting on Councils behalf with an upper limiting fee of \$671,289.50 excl GST which based on their tendered fee of \$583,730.00 plus a contingency of \$87,559.50 (15% of the fee).

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

7.2. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 28/01/2025 - Geotechnical Investigation and Options Assessment for Browns Gap Road Recovery

25 - 37 RESOLVED

THAT Council vary WSP's engagement by \$754,567 excl. GST, increasing the total contract value to \$7,603,748.50, for the purpose of providing expert geotechnical assessment, options analysis and strategic design services to the Browns Gap Rehabilitation project, funded entirely by the disaster recovery prepayment provided by the NSW and Australian Governments.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

7.3. CONFIDENTIAL - I&E - 28/05/2025 - Project Management Services - Browns Gap Road**25 - 38 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Vary Wassabi Group's engagement by \$304,408 excl GST, increasing the total contract value to \$2,002,137, for the purpose of providing expert project management services to the Browns Gap Rehabilitation project, funded entirely by the disaster recovery prepayment provided by the NSW and Australian Governments.
2. Increase the 2024/25 budget for the Browns Gap Rehabilitation project by \$1,063,945.51 to a total value of \$1.4 million to facilitate the completion of the Essential Public Asset Reconstruction application prior to 30 June 2025.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11:52 pm.