



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 28 July 2025

at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

## Acknowledgement of Country

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### Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

### Declaration of Webcasting

I 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

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Public: 10

Councillor C Coleman  
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 Project Delivery
Matthew Trapp	Director Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People and Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

## Apologies

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All being present there were no apologies.

## Declaration of Interest

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Councillor D Goodwin declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.2 for the reason that he is a Director at the Lithgow Workmen's Club which holds a liquor licence. Councillor D Goodwin undertook that he would not vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed but would abstain from voting.

## Confirmation of Minutes

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### 25 -183 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 30 June 2025 were taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Fredericks

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED**

## Commemorations and Announcements

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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.

## Public Forum

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At 6:33 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Mr Rob White made a statement in relation to Item 2.2 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr White for his statement.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Mr White.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahony

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Fredericks

**CARRIED**

The Mayor thanked Mr White for his statement.

The Mayor called for any further speakers from the public Gallery.

There were no further speakers.

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## 1. Mayoral Minutes

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**Report by** Councillor C Coleman – Mayor

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### 25 -184 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the vote of thanks to those mentioned in securing the funding to restore access to Wolgan Valley and to the Council Administration's staff past and present.

**MOVED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

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## 2. Administration Reports

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### 2.1. GM - 28/07/2025 - LGNSW Annual Conference

### 25 -185 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mahony as voting members to the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference.
2. Endorse attendance at the 2025 LG NSW Annual Conference by Councillor Fredericks as part of her professional development as a non-voting member funded from the training and conference budgets.
3. Endorse the General Manager or his delegate to attend the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference.
4. Endorse the two proposed motions for the 2025 LGNSW Annual State Conference.
5. Endorse a change to the date of the November Ordinary Meeting to 1 December 2025 due to the Conference conflicting with the planned 24 November 2025 meeting date.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

### 2.2. GM - 28/07/2025 - Council Resolution Action Register

### 25 -186 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the July quarterly report on the Council Resolution Action Register.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

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**2.3. F&G - 28/07/2025 - Draft Volunteer Policy****25 -187 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. The draft Volunteer Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. If no submissions are received during the public submission period or in the General Manager's view the submissions do not warrant referral to Council, the Policy be adopted.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahony

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED**

**2.4. F&G - 28/07/2025 - Investment Report June 2025****25 -188 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$58,703,525 and cash of \$184,286 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 30 June 2025 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 Mahony

**SECONDED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

**2.5. LATE REPORT - P&P - 28/07/2025 - Call In Report – DA051/25 – 81 Martini Parade, Lithgow – construction of 4 dwellings****25 -189 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. Council note the information provided in relation to DA051/25 – 81 Martini Parade, Lithgow.
2. An onsite meeting be organised for staff, Councillors and residents.
3. Council note that a report will be submitted to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination of DA051/25 – 81 Martini Parade, Lithgow.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

### 3. Council Committee Reports

#### 3.1. WWW - 28/07/2025 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 8 July 2025

##### 25 -190 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the Minutes of the WWW&W Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2025.
2. Endorse a policy to continue to maintain common sewer lines until the extent of the issues are understood via the infrastructure mapping program and that a Sewer Fix Program be investigated and determined for a way forward.
3. Not apply for membership with the Energy and Water Ombudsman and continue referring complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman NSW.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony

**CARRIED**

#### 3.2. P&P - 28/07/2025 - Community Development Minutes - 8 July 2025

##### 25 -191 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Community Development Committee held on 8 July 2025.
2. Investigate delivering a Health Expo in partnership with the community and the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Refer the proposal for a Health Expo to the Health Working Party for consideration.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

#### 3.3. GM - 28/07/2025 - Emerging Economy Committee Meeting Minutes - 9 July 2025

##### 25 -192 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Defer the minutes of the Emerging Economy Committee Meeting to the 25 August Council meeting to allow a review of the meetings recording to rectify several errors in the recommendations.
2. Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Emerging Economy meeting.
3. Appoint Councillor Ray Smith as a member of the Emerging Economy Committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

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## 4. Delegates Reports

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### 4.1. GM - 28/07/2025 - Delegates Report - National General Assembly (NGA 2025)

**Report by** Ross Gurney - General Manager

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#### 25 -193 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the report from the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager on the National General Assembly, held in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

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## 5. Questions with Notice

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### 5.1. QWN - 28/07/2025 - Cr Ticehurst - Hutchinson Road Ben Bullen

**Report by** Councillor Martin Ticehurst

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The Question with Notice was tabled.

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## 6. Notices of Motion

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### 6.1. NOM - Cr Evangelidis - 28/07/2025 - Waiver of DSP Fee for Black and Gold Hotel

**Report by** Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

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#### MOTION

THAT Lithgow City Council waive the DSP fee for the Black and Gold Hotel for their upcoming DA for the addition of forty hotel rooms.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

#### Amendment

THAT due to Black Gold Cabins being outside of the DSP Plan zone, Council enter into good faith and transparent negotiations with Black Gold Cabins to come to an agreement of a fee, prior to the DA being submitted.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Fredericks

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Ticehurst

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Councillor M Ticehurst called a point of order on Councillor T Evangelidis.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order as it was not related to the Code of Meeting Practice.

The Amendment was PUT.

**LOST**

The original motion was PUT.

**MOTION**

THAT Lithgow City Council waive the DSP fee for the Black and Gold Hotel for their upcoming DA for the addition of forty hotel rooms.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Ring

**LOST**

**6.2. NOM - Cr Evangelidis - 28/07/2025 - Liquor License for the Union Theatre**

**Report by** Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

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**25 -194 RESOLVED**

THAT Lithgow City Council obtain a liquor license for the Union Theatre.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

**6.3. NOM - Cr Evangelidis - 28/07/2025 - Lithgow City Council Appoint a Venue Manager/Booker**

**Report by** Councillor Tommy Evangelidis

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**MOTION**

THAT Council appoint an active venue Booker/manager for our venues and remove the online booking form.

**MOVED:** Councillor T Evangelidis

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony

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**AMENDMENT**

That Lithgow City Council refer the issue of maximising the financial return on its venues to the Events Working Party.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham

The Amendment was PUT.

**CARRIED**

The Amendment became the Motion.

**25 -195 RESOLVED**

That Lithgow City Council refer the issue of maximising the financial return on its venues to the Events Working Party.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham

**CARRIED****7. Business of Great Urgency**

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

Councillor E Mahony raised the matter of Pipers Flat Road and asked that the condition of the road be looked at as a matter of urgency.

Councillor E Fredericks asked for a report to come to Council outlining the funding received for the Wolgan Valley Access Project, specifically on the amounts received from State and Federal Governments.

Councillor M Statham raised the matter of the condition of the Upper Nile Road.

Councillor R Smith asked for information on the Council's position on the Lithgow Locomotive Workshop site sale.

The Administration will respond to the above matters.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:54 pm.