



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 1 December 2025

at 6:30 PM

Reconvened

Wednesday 10 December 2025

at 6:30 PM

Minutes

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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: 24

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

All being present there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

Councillor C Coleman declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.5 on the Business Paper as she sits on the Western Region Planning Panel that assesses the matter and undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor S Ring declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.2 as he prepared the archaeological assessment for the project and may be doing further works in 2026. Councillor S Ring undertook that he will vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

25 -265 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 27 October 2025 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Public Forum

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the time for each public forum statement be limited to 3 minutes, with no extensions.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

At 6:34 pm members of the public gallery were invited to participate in the Public Forum Session.

Monique Wilson made a statement in relation to Item 2.1.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Ms Wilson for her statement.

Anne Colvin made a statement in relation to Item 2.1.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Colvin for her statement.

Michael Cole made a statement in relation to Item 2.1.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Cole for his statement.

Nancy Cole made a statement in relation to Item 2.1.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Cole for her statement.

Ken Mitchell made a statement in relation to Item 2.1.1 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Mitchell for his statement.

Mike De Vink made a statement in relation to Item 6.6 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr De Vink for his statement.

Brieg Pennanech made a statement in relation to Item 6.6 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Pennanech for his statement.

Rich Evans made a statement in relation to Item 2.2 on the business paper.

The Mayor thanked Mr Evans for his statement.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Item 2.5 is moved to the point in the meeting after the Auditors Presentation of Financial Statement for year ended 30 June 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Presentations

Presentation - F&G - 1/12/2025 - Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2025

25 -266 RESOLVED

THAT Council receive and note the presentation regarding the 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements by a representative of Intentus on behalf of the Audit Office of New South Wales (the Council's external auditor).

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.5. F&G - 1/12/2025 - Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2025

Councillor T Evangelidis left the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Councillor T Evangelidis returned to the meeting at 8:39 pm.

25 -267 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council receive the audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 pursuant to Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

2. Pursuant to Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, endorse the Financial Statements to be made available to the public to make submissions for a period of seven days.
3. Council endorse the funding allocations to internally restricted reserves (\$8.8M) at 30 June 2025, as summarised in this report, noting the internal borrowing required to address the shortfall in unrestricted cash arising from rejected claims under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement.
4. The Mayor advocate for the reimbursement of the \$7.2 million in completed works refused under the DRFA.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.1. Mayoral Minute - 1/12/2025 - Advocacy Meetings in Sydney - November 2025

25 -268 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the advocacy undertaken by the Mayor and General Manager in Sydney from 12 to 14 November 2025.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

1.2. Mayoral Minute 01/12/2025 - Fire and Rescue Portland (423) - Time is of the essence when saving lives.

25 -269 RESOLVED

THAT Council write to:

1. Minister for Emergency Services, The Hon. Jihab Dib MP, on behalf of Fire and Rescue Portland (423) recommending that: they are utilised as a resource in time critical accidents to administer first aid and defibrillation prior to the arrival of NSW Ambulance.
2. Minister for Health and Regional Health, the Hon. Ryan Park MP, to determine the processes for establishing a Rapid Response Ambulance Service in Portland.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. P&P - 01/12/2025 - Curtin Place Childcare Facility

Councillor S Ring Foreshadowed a Motion.

MOTION

THAT

1. Development Application DA033/25 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 D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

LOST

For: Councillor T Evangelidis and Councillor D Goodwin

Against: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst
Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:45 pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Item be PUT with no further debate on the matter.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

LOST

The debate continued.

Councillor S Ring Foreshadowed a Motion:

25 -270 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Development Application DA 033-25 be **REFUSED** as it is deemed not to be in the public interest.
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 E Fredericks

CARRIED

For: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

Against: Councillor T Evangelidis and Councillor D Goodwin

2.2. P&P 1st December 2025 – DA142/24 Demolition of Shed and Subdivision into 43 lots, 38 Williwa Street, Portland

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be adjourned for a 5 minute recess at 8:02pm.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Council reconvene at 8:07pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Due to an earlier declaration of interest Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 8:01 pm.

25 -271 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Development application DA142/24 be APPROVED subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached planning assessment report.
2. Council endorse the Letter of Offer to enter a Voluntary Planning Agreement proposed for DA142/24.
3. The Voluntary Planning Agreement for DA142/24 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
4. Should no submissions be received during the public exhibition period, the Voluntary Planning Agreement be endorsed by Council's General Manager under delegated authority.
5. A DIVISION be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

Councillor S Ring returned to the meeting at 8:14 pm.

2.3. GM - 01/12/2025 - Proposal - Central West Academy of STEM Excellence**MOTION**

THAT Council:

1. Accept the partnership with the NSW Department of Education to establish a Central West Academy of STEAM Excellence.
2. Approve a Transition Management budget adjustment (within the total Transition Management SRV funded 2025/26 allocation) of \$50,302 for co-funding the Academy in the 2025/26 financial year, and a commitment of \$50,302 for the 2026/27 financial year.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

The Mayor foreshadowed a motion.

Motion lapsed due to the lack of a seconder.

25 -272 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Accept the partnership with the NSW Department of Education to establish an Academy of STEAM Excellence.
2. Approve a Transition Management budget adjustment (within the total Transition Management SRV funded 2025/26 allocation) of \$50,302 for co-funding the Academy in the 2025/26 financial year, and a commitment of \$50,302 for the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Urgently collaborate with the NSW Department of Education's Director of Educational Leadership - Lithgow Network, in the final design, delivery, and hosting of an Academy of STEAM Excellence to ensure:
 - a) Maximum benefit is delivered to the maximum number of students across both primary and high schools.
 - b) Maximum educational benefit is leveraged from Council's contributions (cash and in-kind) to the Academy of STEAM Excellence.
 - c) Council embarks on professional due diligence with all relevant education and industry stakeholders to build on and further develop relationship within the industry and education sectors.
 - d) Council organise an urgent meeting with key stakeholders to establish an Academy of STEAM prior to the end of the school year including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor if available.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED**2.4. EXEC - 1/12/2025 - Ordinary Meeting of Council Dates 2026****25 -273 RESOLVED**

THAT Council endorse the schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2026 being the fourth Monday of each month (except for January being a Wednesday, and December there being no meeting):

- 28 January 2026 (Wednesday due to the Australia Day Public Holiday)
- 23 February 2026

- 23 March 2026
- 27 April 2026
- 25 May 2026
- 22 June 2026 (subject to confirmation of the dates of the National General Assembly)
- 27 July 2026
- 24 August 2026
- 28 September 2026
- 26 October 2026
- 23 November 2026 (subject to confirmation of the dates of the LGNSW Conference)

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.6. F&G - 1/12/2025 - Investment Report October 2025

25 -274 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Investments of \$49,900,000 and cash of \$822,999 (which is restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 31 October 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 D Goodwin

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Item 6.4 is moved to be dealt with after Item 2.7.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.7. F&G - 1/12/2025 - 2025/26 Quarter One Budget Review

25 -275 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the contents of the report and the projected consolidated operating result (before capital) of \$1.5M surplus for the 2025/2026 Operational Plan as detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.
2. Note the commentary on the capital expenditure budget, cashflow and reserve balances.
3. Adopt the income, expenditure and capital budget variations to the 2025/2026 Council budget as outlined in the attached Quarterly Budget Review Report.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

6.4. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - Independent Forensic Review of Council Finances and Spending**MOTION**

THAT Council:

1. Engage an independent and suitably qualified forensic accounting firm, through a transparent and competitive process, to review Council's financials and spending for the past five (5) financial years;
2. Receive a full report on the findings and recommendations of the review; and
3. Make the final report publicly available and implement recommendations that improve Council's financial management, efficiency, and transparency.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor E Fredericks' as her statement was contradicting the Management Comment.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor E Fredericks as the statement made regarding a shortfall in the budget was not accurate and called for clarification from the Administration.

The Mayor sought Administration clarification.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor S Ring in relation to his question to Councillor E Fredericks.

Councillor S Ring apologised and withdrew his comment.

Councillor S Ring Called a Point of Order on Councillor E Fredericks stating that her comment was a personal attack.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor Ring in regard to a second question put to Councillor E Fredericks.

The Mayor called the Chamber to order.

The Mayor asked Councillor S Ring to ensure his questions are respectful and succinct.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order as the comment was an adverse comment against Councillor E Fredericks.

The Mayor called for respectful debate within the Chamber.

Councillor M Ticehurst asked for Councillor S Ring's comments to be withdrawn. He refused.

The Mayor asked for the debate to continue.

Councillor Ring foreshadowed a matter arising.

AMENDMENT

That Council note the management response.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

Councillor E Fredericks called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis stating that his comment was a personal attack on her.

The Mayor overruled and confirmed that Councillor T Evangelidis had said Councillors and was not referring to one person.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis stating that Councillor E Fredericks did not mention a Facebook post.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor E Fredericks stating that discussion has to cease with a point of order.

The Mayor called the Chamber to order.

The Mayor called Councillor E Fredericks to order for making an attacking statement towards other Councillors.

Councillor E Fredericks withdrew her statement.

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 -276 RESOLVED

That Council note the management response.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

Carried

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor M Ticehurst and Councillor M Statham

Foreshadowed Motion**25 -277 RESOLVED**

That the Administration work with the Finance Committee to determine appropriate areas for cost savings during the current year, inclusive of endorsed Councillor projects, such as Music in the Community.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor M Ticehurst

2.8. F&G - 1/12/2025 - Code of Conduct Statistics 2024-25**25 -278 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the report on the Code of Conduct complaints statistics for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis as he was talking about complainants and asked him to withdraw his comments and apologise.

Councillor T Evangelidis withdrew his comments and apologised.

The Mayor requested Councillor M Statham to withdraw her statement as it was an act of disorder.

Councillor M Statham withdrew her statement.

2.9. I&PD - 01/12/2025 - Proposed Roads Program - Conditions of Local Roads Network

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 10:10 pm.

25 -279 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Acknowledges the need to act decisively to address the back log of road works over the shortest possible duration to avoid escalating costs and to enhance public safety.
2. Given the 2024/25 Financial Result and the impact on Council's cash flow, undertake further financial modelling to determine the most opportune timing for an accelerated program.
3. Develops and incorporates a maintenance strategy for sealed roads (specifically potholes and drains) and that the strategy is assessed within the Long-Term Financial Plan.
4. Endorse the development of a governance framework, such as the engagement of an external project auditor or quality assurance expert, to independently check the status of project delivery.
5. Approve the publication of the draft Road Renewal Program to internal stakeholders, Councillors, and the community.
6. Acknowledge the current funding gap and direct that the gap be reflected in the upcoming Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).
7. Review the purpose for which funds were raised for the special rate variation to determine if additional funds can be redirected to roads maintenance under section 508A NSW local Government Act 1993.
8. Commits to ongoing advocacy for alternative funding sources including grants.
9. Supports Option A – Accelerated Road Renewal Program Strategy in principal, with the funding allocation determined by Council on annual basis.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor M Ticehurst

2.10. Submission - Draft Central West & Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 10:13 pm.

25 -280 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the preparation and lodgement of a submission to the NSW Government on the Draft Central West & Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan, reflecting the matters outlined in this report.
2. Support the commencement of joint working streams with Transport for NSW on the Bowenfels/Hospital Access Program and Marrangaroo Access and Land Release Enablers.
3. Note that further reports will be provided to the Emerging Economy Committee on progress and any additional State Government commitments arising from consultation.
4. Prioritises rail infrastructure and rail interconnectivity between the villages Lithgow LGA, Bathurst and Orange in their submission.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2.11. P&P - 01/12/2025 - Review of Lithgow Water Outage October 2025

The Mayor made a public apology during the Council meeting.

25 -281 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council endorse the recommendations of the *Review of Lithgow Water Outage 8 – 16 October 2025*.
2. Council establish an Implementation Plan and Resourcing Strategy for the adopted recommendations from the *Review of Lithgow Water Outage 8 – 16 October 2025*.
3. The Mayor apologises for the inaccurate information that was provided during the water outage regarding the time frames for the reconnection.
4. The development of an Implementation Plan and Resourcing Strategy are referred to both the Infrastructure and Finance Committee and ARIC for input and review.
5. Council make an unreserved Public apology to those Lithgow City Council employees who may have felt any personal blame or humiliation during and after the water outage.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be adjourned until a date to be set by the Administration.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the meeting adjourned at 10:40pm Monday 1 December 2025 be reconvened at 6:30pm Wednesday 10 December 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

An apology was received from:

1. Cr Evangelidis who is unable to attend due to personal business and
2. Cr Statham who is unable to attend due to personal business.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That a leave of absence be granted to :

1. Cr Evangelidis who is unable to attend due to personal business and
2. Cr Statham who is unable to attend due to personal business.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

25 -282 RESOLVED

That, in accordance with section 5.24 of Code of Meeting, Council approve the request by Councillor M Ticehurst to attend the Reconvened Ordinary Meeting of Council 1 December 2025, by audio-visual link due to working commitments.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items be brought forward to this point in the meeting and moved by exception: 3.2, 3.6 and 4.1. The items are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

Carried

3. Council Committee Reports

3.2. F&G - 1/12/2025 - Combined Infrastructure and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 22 October 2025

25 -283 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Combined Infrastructure and Finance Committee meeting held on 22 October 2025, and the business paper recommendations endorsed by the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.6. P&P - 1/12/2025 - Community Development Minutes - 11 November 2025

25 -284 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Community Development Committee held on 11 November 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

4.1. GM - 1/12/25 - CNSWJO Board Meeting - 12 November 2025 - Delegates Report

25 -285 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the report from the General Manager on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting on 12 November 2025 held in Sydney.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.1. P&P - 1/12/2025 - Women's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 October 2025

25 -286 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 October 2025.
2. A standing item on the Women's Shed be included in the Women's Advisory Committee agenda.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

3.3. P&P - 1/12/2025 - Crime Prevention Committee Minutes - 3 November 2025**25 -287 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 3 November 2025.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

3.4. EXEC - 1/12/2025 - Emerging Economy Committee Minutes - 5 November 2025**25 -288 RESOLVED**

That Council endorse the following recommendations from the Emerging Economy Meeting:

1. THAT the Committee note the submission to the review of phase 1 of the Jobs and Skills Roadmap for Regional Australia.
2. The Emerging Economy Committee note the Planning for Labour Market Change and Energy Transition in Lithgow report.
3. Any strategic or policy document contracted by the Administration in relation to either emerging economy or economic development is referred to the Emerging Economy Committee prior to formal adoption by Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.5. I&E - 1/12/2025 - TALC Minutes - 6 November 2025**25 -289 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the TALC Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2025; and
2. Adopt the Draft Local Transport Forum Terms of Reference (Item 8.1); and
3. Request the Administration to put forward a program for funding a LATMP (Local Area Traffic Management Plan) for areas surrounding the Lithgow Public School, including Mort, Bridge, Short and Eskbank Streets (Item 9.3); and
4. Request the Administration's Rangers, along with support from local law enforcement, to carry out a blitz around the school zones to encourage safe behaviour in the Lithgow Public School area (Item 9.3); and
5. Note the information regarding discussions on upgrades and improvements to Coerwull Crossings, QE Park Crossing and Eskbank Crossing (Item 9.5);
6. Note that a further report will be brought back to the Forum when discussions on potential actions are completed between Council and TfNSW (Item 9.5); and
7. Continue to advocate for safety improvements on local road crossings in Methven Street and Tank Street, Lithgow (Item 9.5); and
8. Seek permission from TfNSW to install 50km/h speed zone reminder signs between Ivatt Street and Crane Road and between Tank Street and Brown Close (Item 9.6); and
9. Install appropriate centre linemarking between Ivatt Street and Tank Street (item 9.6); and

10. Install curve warning signs from both approaches between Ivatt Street and Tank Street; (Item 9.6); and
11. Install narrow bridge signage on both approaches to the culvert between Ivatt Street and Tank Street; (Item 9.6); and
12. Request increased patrols from NSW Police to deter drivers excessively speeding in the area (Item 9.6).

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4. Delegates Reports

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

5. Questions with Notice

5.1. QWN - 01/12/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - Short-Term Rental Accommodation (Airbnb) Regulation

The Question with Notice was tabled.

3.7. F&G - 1/12/2025 - Combined Finance & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 17 November 2025

25 -290 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Combined Infrastructure and Finance Committee meeting held 17 November 2025, and the business paper recommendations endorsed by the Committee.
2. Item 6.4 Update Honeysuckle Falls Road – Crown Roads Transfer recommendation within the minutes of the Combined Infrastructure and Finance Committee meeting be excluded until further information is sought.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

6. Notices of Motion

6.1. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - 200-Year Celebrations of The Victoria Pass and 'Mitchells Bridge' in 2032

MOTION

THAT Council engage with the Blue Mountains City Council and the NSW State Government towards the holding in 2032, of 200-year Bicentenary celebrations of The Victoria Pass and 'Mitchells Bridge'.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

AMENDMENT

That the Administration through the Events Working Party engage with adjoining Councils and the NSW Government to identify specific historical events or milestones which may be relevant for celebratory recognition, including the Bicentenary of The Victoria Pass and 'Mitchells Bridge'.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Councillor M Ticehurst and Councillor E Fredericks withdrew their original motion.

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 -292 RESOLVED

That the Administration through the Events Working Party engage with adjoining Councils and the NSW Government to identify specific historical events or milestones which may be relevant for celebratory recognition, including the Bicentenary of The Victoria Pass and 'Mitchells Bridge'.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

6.2. NOM - 01/12/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - Possible Review – Conversion of Main Street to One-Way with Boot-to-Curb Angle Parking

MOTION

THAT Council:

1. Investigate the feasibility of converting the Main Street, from Lithgow Street to Bridge Street into a one-way traffic flow with the installation of boot-to-curb angle parking,
2. Send this to TALC for a report to be created,
3. If the report finds it feasible, carryout a trial, and
4. If the trial is successful, implement the One-way and boot-to-curb parking permanently.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

AMENDMENT

That Council:

1. Refer the 2016 Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan in the first instance to the Planning Working Committee and then the Emerging Economy Committee.
2. That the Planning Working Group and the Emerging Economy Committee workshop the role of placemaking in the economic development of our LGA and establish a strategic direction for debate in the Chamber.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

25 -293 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Refer the 2016 Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Action Plan in the first instance to the Planning Working Committee and then the Emerging Economy Committee.
2. That the Planning Working Group and the Emerging Economy Committee workshop the role of placemaking in the economic development of our LGA and establish a strategic direction for debate in the Chamber.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED**6.3. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr M Ticehurst - Proposed Reduction in Rural Fire and Rescue NSW Staffing Levels****25 -294 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Council lodge a formal submission opposing the NSW Government's proposed strategy to reduce the number of qualified Fire and Rescue NSW operators from four (4) per truck to two (2), on the grounds that it will place regional, rural and remote communities at increased risk; and
2. Council forward a copy of this submission to the Premier of New South Wales, the Minister for Emergency Services, and the Local State Member; and
3. The Mayor Cr. Cassandra Coleman send correspondence and a copy of the motion to the following, advocating strongly against any reduction in Fire and Rescue staffing levels across NSW.
 - The NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Jihad Dib.
 - The Premier of NSW, Chris Minns.
 - The newly elected LGNSW Board President Mayor, Cr. Darcy Byrne of the Inner West Council.
 - The President ALGWA NSW, Cr Penny Pedersen, asking she forward it onto the rest of the board members which includes four Mayors.
 - The Chair of the Joint Organisation Mayor, Cr Kevin Beatty of Cabonne Council.
 - Send Correspondence to UNION NSW Mr Mark Morey offering support.
 - Send Correspondence to Fire Brigade Employee Union State Secretary Leighton Drury also offering support.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Nil

6.5. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr E Fredericks - DA 154/25 - Request for Council Opposition and Legal Review Background

Due to an earlier declaration, Councillor Coleman left the Chamber at 7:40pm.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

25 -295 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Be provided with the assessment report for DA 154/25 in a future report, after it is sent to the Western Regional Planning Panel, to assist in its decision as to whether it will make a submission to the Panel. This action is consistent with 11.8 of the Sydney District and Regional Planning Panels Operational Procedures.
2. Receive clarification from the Administration regarding concerns raised with the original development consent.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor R Smith

CARRIED

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

Divisions

FOR: Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Nil

The Deputy Mayor vacated the Chair at 7:48pm.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and took the Chair at 7:48 pm.

6.6. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr R Smith - Community Concerns on Projects Information and Consultation**25 -296 RESOLVED**

That Council

1. Interview the council delegates to the CCC which can be placed on public record and made available to the public.
2. Recognise the lack of complete and satisfactory consultation and add it to the submission when called upon by State Planning.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

6.7. NOM - 1/12/2025 - Cr E Mahony - The Role of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2023-2027) in the construction, renewal and maintenance of Council Infrastructure**25 -297 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2023-2027) be a primary design consideration and principle in all new, and where possible, renewal projects for roads, footpaths buildings, signage and public spaces.
2. All major upgrades, construction of new assets and in the development of asset registers as part of Asset Management Plans reported to the Council clearly outline the application of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2023-2027).
3. The Infrastructure Committee and the Community Development Committee continue to highlight, to the Councillors and the community, successes and future challenges in the application of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2023-2027).

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony**SECONDED:** Councillor R Smith**CARRIED****7. Business of Great Urgency**

The Mayor informed the Council that there were two urgent matters brought to the attention of Council by the Administration.

2.13. Late Report - P&P - 10/12/2025 - Suspension of Alcohol Free Zone for Seven Valleys Wild Food Festival 21 February 2026**25 -298 RESOLVED**

THAT Council suspend the Alcohol-Free Zone at Cook St Plaza, Lithgow, from 5.00pm to 11.00pm on 21 February 2026 to allow the licensed service of alcohol as part of the Seven Valleys Wild Food Festival.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor E Fredericks**CARRIED****25 -299 RESOLVED**

That Council endorse the submission of the Get NSW Active grant application inclusive of a \$10,000 co -contribution, noting that no financial commitment is made and the matter will be returned to Council for a further decision, should the application be successful

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony**CARRIED**

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

Councillor D Goodwin raised the matter of the Christmas decorations in Main Street Lithgow which had not been installed until this week.

The Administration gave advice on the matter.
Councillor S Ring left the Chamber at 8:17pm.

Councillor S Ring returned to the Chamber at 8:18 pm.

Councillor E Mahony raised the matter of Coerwull Road, and the increasing exposure level of critical infrastructure, such as water and gas lines. Requesting that this matter receive additional attention.

The Administration gave advice on the matter.

The Mayor reminded the Council that this is the final meeting where the current model meeting code. The new Code of Meeting Practice will be taking effect in the first meeting of Council in 2026.

The Mayor wished Councillors, Staff and the Community a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:20 pm.