



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 23 February 2026

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: 4

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 E Mahony declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest in Item 2.8 on the agenda as he is an employee of Blue Mountains City Council but will not be speaking on behalf of the BMCC or any of its citizens. Councillor E Mahony undertook that he would not vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

26 -27 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 January 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.2. Mayoral Minute - 23/02/2026 - Wild Food Festival - Thanks & Compliments

Report by Mayor – Councillor Cassandra Coleman

26 -28 RESOLVED

THAT Council acknowledges and thanks the Lithgow City Council staff involved with delivering Saturday's Wild Food Festival and those who contributed behind the scenes leading up to the event.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. GM - 23/02/2026 - Update - Ordinary Meetings of Council Dates 2026

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items brought forward to this point in the meeting and moved by exception: 2.1, 2.2, 2.6, 3.3, 3.6.

The items are to be adopted as recommended in the business paper.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Carried

26 -29 RESOLVED

THAT Council endorse the schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2026, usually being the fourth Monday of each month (except for January, April, June and November; and December, there being no meeting):

- 28 January 2026 (Wednesday due to the Australia Day Public Holiday)
- 23 February 2026
- 23 March 2026
- 29 April 2026 (Wednesday due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday)
- 25 May 2026
- 29 June 2026 (5th Monday due to the National General Assembly)
- 27 July 2026
- 24 August 2026
- 28 September 2026
- 26 October 2026
- 30 November 2026 (5th Monday due to the LGNSW Conference)

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.2. GM - 23/02/2026 - NGA Conference 2026 Proposed Motions

26 -30 RESOLVED

THAT Council endorse the proposed motions to the 2026 NGA Conference, which are due to be submitted by Friday 27 February 2026.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.6. Supply and Delivery of Concrete Stormwater Drainage Pipes

26 -31 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Accept and sign a contract with Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete Stormwater Drainage Pipes.
2. Advise the Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decision.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.3. I&PD - Extra Ordinary Infrastructure Strategic Review Committee Meeting Minutes - 22 January 2026**26 -32 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 22 January 2026.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.6. I&PG - Local Transport Forum (LTF) Meeting Minutes - 5 February 2026**26 -33 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Local Transport Forum Meeting held on 5 February 2026; and
2. The temporary closure of Main Street at the eastern end near the Bridge Street intersection for a period of four (4) days and nights to undertake pedestrian crossing replacement works be noted (Item 8.1 - Main Street, Lithgow Temporary Closure); and
3. Subject to successful consultation with St Joseph's Primary School, Council relocate the existing bus shelter and implement a formal bus zone at a suitable safe location in Williwa Street, Portland (Item 8.2 - Bus Zone Relocation – Williwa Street, Portland); and
4. Council seek feedback from residents with properties bordering Brook Street Lane, JR Richards and the general community on the support for implementing a one way traffic flow in the lane from the southern intersection with Brook Street to the northern intersection (Item 9.1 - Brook Street Lane – Sight Distance Concerns); and
5. Council contact the property owner on the southern boundary of the corner of Brook Street Lane and request that appropriate vegetation management be undertaken, and for this vegetation maintenance to occur regularly (Item 9.1 - Brook Street Lane – Sight Distance Concerns); and
6. Council contact the property owner on the southern boundary of the corner of Brook Street Lane and request that vehicles not be parked within 10 metres of the intersection, as per NSW Road Rules (Item 9.1 - Brook Street Lane – Sight Distance Concerns); and
7. Council approve and arrange the installation of a new accessible parking space and kerb ramp in Lithgow Street, located closest to the southern end of the St Patricks School boundary (Item 9.2 - Lithgow Street, Lithgow – Accessible Parking Space); and
8. Feedback be requested from JR Richards and Lithgow Buslines regarding the impacts of the recently installed No Parking zone in High Street, Lithgow, and for a further report to be brought back to the Committee (Item 9.3 - High Street, Lithgow – Review of No Parking Zone); and
9. Council consider marking out the identified seven (7) bus zones in Main Street, Lithgow in the 2026/27 financial year for a trial period with a review to be reported to LTF after twelve (12) months, and seek grant funding if available (Item 9.4 - Bus Zone Linemarking Request).

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.3. Safer Cities: Her Way 2 - Infrastructure Stream Grant Application**26 -34 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the submission of an application to the NSW Government under the Safer Cities: Her Way 2 - Infrastructure Stream for funding to deliver the Safe Arrival & Departure Corridor for Women - Station to Main Street project, as outlined in this report.
2. Supports in principle a co-contribution of \$100,000 within the existing Transitions Management SRV reserve, subject to the application being successful.
3. Note that the execution of any successful grant application by Council officers will not proceed until the successful outcomes are reported to Council and Council's endorsement to proceed with the grants is obtained.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

The Mayor put forward a matter arising.

That currently there are applications open for Round 22 of the Festivals Australia Program in regard to projects and community events in remote and regional Australia and believe that Council should endorse a submission from Council.

26 -35 RESOLVED

THAT Council endorse a submission to Round 22 of the Festivals Australia Program for arts and community events in regional and remote Australia.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED**2.4 F&G – 23/02/2026 - 2025/2026 Quarter Two Budget Review****26 -36 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the contents of the report and the projected consolidated operating result (before capital) of \$1.6M surplus for the 2025/2026 Operational Plan as detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 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

2.5. I&PD - 23/02/2026 - Tender Evaluation - Pavement Rehabilitation and Sealing at Browns Gap Road - TEN01/26**26 -37 RESOLVED**

THAT Council

1. Note the tender evaluation for the Pavement Rehabilitation and Sealing at Browns Gap Road.
2. Accept the Administration's Recommendation as shown in the confidential Tender Evaluation attachment.
3. That prior to signing the tender document, the Director of Finance and Governance and the Director of Infrastructure and Project Delivery organise for key personnel to meet with the recommended tenderer to ensure their financial and operational capacity to complete the works.
4. Authorise the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Council under delegated authority.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2.7. I&PD - 283/02/2026 - Draft Unformed and Unmaintained Roads Policy

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Councillor S Ring foreshadowed a Motion if the matter is not resolved.

26 -39 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The draft Unformed and Unmaintained Roads 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.
3. The current matter of 35 Honeysuckle Falls Road Tarana is not included in the draft policy.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.8. I&PD - 23/02/2026 - Sydney to Central West Corridors - White Paper**26 -40 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the approach suggested by the Administration regarding a response to the Sydney to Central West Corridors – White Paper; and
2. Provides any alterations or additions to the proposed response.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Nil

2.9. WWW - 23/02/2026 - Draft Water Services Restriction Policy

26 -41 RESOLVED

THAT Council adopt the draft Water Services Restriction Policy.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.10. WWW - 23/02/2026 - Cancellation of Tender for Lithgow STP Trickling Filter Demolition

Councillor S Ring foreshadowed a Motion.

26 -42 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Decline to accept any of the tender submissions and postpone the proposal for the contract in accordance with Clauses 178 (1)(b) and (3)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation and,
2. Decline to invite fresh tender submissions due to the need to prioritise available funding for the completion of the Lithgow STP Inlet Works in accordance with (4)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Councillor S Ring put forward a matter arising.

26 -43 RESOLVED

That Council's commitment to sourcing 100% of electricity from renewable sources and initiatives to decarbonise operations in parallel with the NSW 2035 emission reductions and Net Zero are referred to the Finance and Infrastructure Committees for discussion.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3. Council Committee Reports

3.1. P&P - Combined Community Committee's Meeting - CDC, WAC, Crime Prevention - Minutes - 20 January 2026

Councillor T Evangelidis left the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Councillor T Evangelidis returned to the meeting at 8:09 pm.

26 -44 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The minutes of the 20 January 2026 combined Community Development, Crime Prevention and Women's Advisory Committees be noted.
2. The establishment of the Community Initiatives Advisory Committee is progressed with the development of respective terms of reference, inclusive of the identified working group structure, with consideration of the Sporting and Recreation Working Group to be discussed further at an upcoming Sports Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

3.2. P&P - Seven Valleys Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes - 21 January 2026

26 -45 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the Seven Valleys Tourism Committee meeting held on 21 January 2026.
2. The Committee confirms it remains a Council committee, with:
 - Less presentation and more dialogue,
 - Broader invitations extended to industry across Greater Lithgow, and
 - Open attendance for wider industry participation.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

3.4. I&PD - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 3 February 2026**26 -46 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Infrastructure Strategic Review Committee held on 3 February 2026.
2. An investigation of Council's responsibility for road reserve relocations is sought from Council's legal advisors, and
3. Council's Administration proceed with the Clarence Sands matter.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony**CARRIED****3.5. EXEC - Emerging Economy Committee Meeting Minutes - 4 February 2026****26 -47 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the 4 February 2026 Emerging Economy Committee Meeting.
2. The committee establish a working party with all Councillors to bring back a position on LEEP to the next Emerging Economy Committee Meeting.
3. The Committee include the LEEP Engagement Plan in the proposed workshop with the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Cr E Mahony**CARRIED****4. Notices of Rescission****4.1. NOM - 23/02/2026 - Cr Ring - Notice to Rescind Resolution - Min. No. 25-272**

Report by Councillor Steve Ring
Councillor Cassandra Coleman
Councillor Eric Mahony

26 -48 RESOLVEDTHAT Council **RESCIND** Min: 25-272 as adopted at the 1 December 2025 Ordinary Meeting:

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 S Ring

CARRIED

The foreshadowed motion was PUT.

26 -49 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a formal agreement with Lithgow High School to deliver the Lithgow Net Zero STEAM and Community Skills Partnership endorsed at the Emerging Economy Meeting held on 4 February 2026.
2. Council endorse a \$50,000 budget allocation to Lithgow High School from the Economic Transition component of the SRV allocation.
3. Commencement of the program is to be determined between the General Manager and the Principal of Lithgow High School, subject to the availability of the funds.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

5. Questions with Notice

5.1. QWN - 23/02/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - Linemarking Inch Street

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5.2. QWN - 23/02/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - Cash Management

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6. Notices of Motion

6.1. NOM - 23/02/2026 - Cr T Evangelidis - Golf Club Residence Renovation

MOTION

THAT the Administration investigate the proposal set out in this Notice of Motion to renovate the Golf Club residence in exchange for a free lease period and report back to Council.

MOVED: Councillor T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

AMENDMENT

THAT Council defer consideration of this matter pending a report from the General Manager, in accordance with Section 3.10 of the Code of Meeting Practice, outlining the availability of funds required to implement the recommendation should it be adopted.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

Point of Order was called by Councillor S Ring in relation to the addition of a further point, bringing the deferred report back to Council, is required.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

26 -50 RESOLVED

THAT Council defer consideration of this matter pending a report from the General Manager, in accordance with Section 3.10 of the Code of Meeting Practice, outlining the availability of funds required to implement the recommendation should it be adopted.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

7. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor Ticehurst raised the matter of the top end of Main Street being closed within the next few weeks for a four day period.

THAT the request to consider the matter of Main Street being closed within the next few weeks for a four day period, be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst	
LOST	

The Mayor declared the matter not to be of great urgency in accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations.

There no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:59pm.