



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 29 April 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: 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
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 S Ring declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 1.10 for the reason that he is the President of the Lithgow District Chamber of Commerce and has a working relationship with Energy Australia. Councillor S Ring undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

26 -69 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 23 March 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items brought forward and dealt with at this point in the meeting by exception: 1.8, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1.

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

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Items 1.10, 2.5, 4.1, 5.5, 1.3 are moved to this point in the meeting.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: {seconder}

CARRIED

1. Administration Reports

1.8. F&G - 29/04/2026 - Review of Privacy Management Plan

26 -70 RESOLVED

That Council adopt and implement revised Policy 9.15 - Privacy Management Plan with immediate effect.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.1. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 11 March 2026**26 -71 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 11 March 2026.
2. Reduce the committee quorum to three (3) committee members and one (1) Councillor.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: {second}

CARRIED

2.2. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes - 31 March 2026**26 -72 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 31 March 2026.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.3. I&PD - 29/04/2026 - Local Transport Forum Meeting Minutes - 2 April 2026**26 -73 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Local Transport Forum held on 2 April 2026; and
2. Item 9.3 - install 'No Stopping' zones on the approaches to the intersection of Church Street and Maple Crescent (Item 9.3); and
3. Item 9.3 - undertake linemarking for:
 - a. Give Way line in Church Street at Bridge Street Intersection
 - b. Give Way lines around the traffic island at Maple Crescent / Church Street intersection (x3)
 - c. Double middle lines from the Lithgow Aged Care driveway in Maple Crescent to the 40 School Zone in Church Street
4. Item 9.4 - endorse the proposal for National Parks and Wildlife Service to change traffic conditions on Old Great Western Highway, Hartley in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan to conduct the Back to Hartley Event between 6:00am and 5:00pm on Sunday 3 May 2026.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

3.1. EXEC - 29/04/2026 - SEGRA Conference 2026**26 -74 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the report on SEGRA 2026 and the key outcomes for the Lithgow Local Government Area.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

1.10. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro EIS Submission**26 -75 RESOLVED**

That Council rejects the Draft Submission by Council Administration regarding the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project and Endorses the Submission written by Councillor Ray Smith.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

A **DIVISION** was called by the Mayor

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor D Goodwin

2.5. I&PD - 29/04/2026 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 7 April & 15 April 2026**MOTION**

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2026 and the subsequent meeting held on 15 April 2026; and
2. Note the report detailing the core logic supporting the Administration's decision to reinstate access on the currently closed section of Wolgan Road, in an interim capacity as soon as practicable (Item 7.1).
3. Note that the decision to reopen the Wolgan Road temporarily was driven by the Ministers announcement in November 2025.
4. Note that Council carries the full risk in the event of any incident as our insurers will not underwrite this road and that the Government has declined to provide Council with assistance in the event of a claimable incident.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

Amendment

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2026 and the subsequent meeting held on 15 April 2026; and
2. Note the report detailing the core logic supporting the Administration's decision to reinstate access on the currently closed section of Wolgan Road, in an interim capacity as soon as practicable (Item 7.1).
3. Note the information from the Wolgan Road Reconstruction Project Executive Oversight Committee.
4. Note that the Wolgan Valley community have been regularly using the Wolgan Valley Road over the past 12 months in an 'ad hoc' manner and with tacit approval of the Lithgow City Council.
5. Request the Council's new locum Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery provide an urgent report to the June Ordinary Meeting of Council on:
 - Providing formal approval for the urgent re-opening of the Wolgan Road, Wolgan Valley for the safe and practicable interim access for residents and Bonafide business operations with signed Civil Liability waivers. This includes escorted customer, supplier, and trade access, similar to arrangements for Donkey Steps.
 - Providing Council with advice on the possibility of additional works on the current Donkey Steps road, including with the lowering of the current Optic Cable and roadway at the top the Donkey Steps and additional upgrade roadway and road safety improvements along the road route.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

MOTION

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MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

LOST

26 -76 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council Note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2026 and the subsequent meeting held on 15 April 2026.
2. A report be brought to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council regarding the status of the Kremer Park matter.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4.1. QWN - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Stage 2 construction works for the Lithgow Main Street Footpath and Foot Crossing Restoration Project

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5.5. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Re-opening of Wolgan Road, Wolgan Valley for local residents and businesses

This Item was dealt with as part of Item 2.5.

1.3. P&P - 29/04/2026 - DA011/25 Residential Flat Buildings and Subdivision, 214 Main Street Lithgow

26 -77 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Development Application DA011/25 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 S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor E Mahony called a Point of Order – supporting Councillor E Frederick's right to reserve her right to speak until after others have spoken.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order and explained the Code of Meeting Practice.

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order stating that the item Councillor T Evangelidis is not speaking to the business at hand.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Motion of Dissent was called by Councillor S Ring.

The meeting was suspended to deal with the Motion of Dissent.

MOTION of DISSENT was PUT and LOST.

The Point of Order was overruled.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on T Evangelidis, stating that he believed is a conflict of Interest in the matter.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis stating that he perceived that there to be a conflict of Interest in the matter for the Councillor.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis stating that he perceived that there to be a pecuniary conflict of Interest after his continued statements.

The Mayor did not rule on this matter.

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order on Councillor T Evangelidis stating that he was not speaking to the topic.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor Ring called a Point of Order believing that Councillor E Fredericks is provoking another Councillor.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor T Evangelidis

1.1. WWW - 29/04/2026 - Proposed Borrowing — Wastewater Capital Works Program

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:55 pm.
Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Motion

THAT Council refer this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in August 2026.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

Amendment

THAT Council:

1. Approve the sourcing of a Wastewater loan of \$5.5 million from a lending institution approved by the Office of Local Government.
2. Note that the purpose of the loan is to fund the delivery of the Wastewater capital works program and to continue Wastewater services to the community.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

26 -78 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Approve the sourcing of a Wastewater loan of \$5.5 million from a lending institution approved by the Office of Local Government.
2. Note that the purpose of the loan is to fund the delivery of the Wastewater capital works program and to continue Wastewater services to the community.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT a five minute recess be held at 8:19pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

1.2. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting reconvene at 8:24pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

26 -79 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Operational Plan 2026/27 to be placed on public exhibition for no less than 28 days, including the following documents:
 - a. Draft Operational Plan 2026/27.
 - b. Draft Revenue Policy 2026/27.
 - c. Draft Fees and Charges 2026/27.
2. Note the proposed changes to the rating structure from 1 July 2026 to harmonise the residential and business subcategories of Lithgow, Portland and Wallerawang to Urban.
3. Note that the closing date for submissions is intended to be Friday, 29 May 2026.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

The Mayor rule Councillor E Frederick's proposed amendment out of order.

1.4. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Housekeeping Planning Proposal**26 -80 RESOLVED**

THAT the Council;

1. Resolve to endorse the Lithgow Housekeeping Planning Proposal to proceed to finalisation.
2. Request the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure to make the plan pursuant to section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make the supported amendments to the Housekeeping Planning Proposal before forwarding the Planning Proposal to the Department for Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure for finalisation.
4. 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 D Goodwin

CARRIED

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

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

1.5. GM - 29/04/2026 - Council Resolution Action Register**26 -81 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the April 2026 quarterly report on the Council Resolution Action Register.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED**1.6. EXEC - 29/04/2026 - Active Regional Communities Grant Application - Youth Transition Hub & Pathways Program**

Councillor T Evangelidis left the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Councillor T Evangelidis returned to the meeting at 9:16 pm.

The Mayor noted a Matter Arising.

26 -82 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the submission of an application to the NSW Government's Active Regional Communities Package - Community Participation Stream for the Lithgow Youth Transition Hub & Pathways Program by 1 May 2026.
2. Endorse a grant funding application of \$1,200,000 (GST exclusive) comprising a grant request of \$960,000 and a Council co-contribution of \$240,000 from the LEEP reserve, subject to final confirmation of eligible costs and grant requirements.
3. Note that the proposed project is intended to activate part of the Charles Hoskins Memorial Building as the principal delivery base, subject to final internal operational, property and governance approval.
4. Authorise the General Manager to finalise the project scope, budget, supporting documentation and lodgement of the application, including minor amendments required to strengthen alignment with the grant guidelines and assessment criteria.
5. Note that the execution of any successful grant applications by Council officers will not proceed until the successful outcomes are reported to Council and Council endorses the acceptance of the grants if it is obtained.
6. That all Councillors will be forwarded a confidential copy of the grant application once submitted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

The Mayor put the Matter Arising noted earlier in the meeting.

26 -83 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Endorse a submission if time permits to apply for the NSW Community Building Partnership 2026 to look at upgrading local sports and recreation facilities.
2. Authorise the General Manager to finalise the project scope, budget, supporting documentation and lodgement of the application, including minor amendments required to strengthen alignment with grant guidelines and assessment criteria.
3. Refer this matter to the Sports Advisory Committee

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

1.7. F&G - 29/04/2026 - Investment Report March 2026**26 -84 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Investments of \$47,300,000 and cash of \$703,146 (which is mostly restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 31 March 2026 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 S Ring

CARRIED

1.9. F&G - 29/04/2026 - Alternate Fuel Rebate Policy - Rescind**MOTION**

THAT Council retain the Policy 5.7 Alternate Fuel Rebate for a further a 12 month trial period.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

Amendment

THAT Council defer this rescission on Policy 5.7 Alternate Fuel Rebate until the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

26 -85 RESOLVED

THAT Council defer this rescission on Policy 5.7 Alternate Fuel Rebate until the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

2. Council Committee Reports

2.4. P&P - 29/04/2026 - Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes - 7 April 2026

26 -86 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting held on 7 April 2026.
2. Commit its support to the 16 Days Against Gender Based Violence campaign in Lithgow.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

2.6. I&PD - 29/04/2026 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 8 April 2026

Councillor Goodwin noted a matter arising.

26 -87 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 April 2026.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Councillor Goodwin tabled the Matter Arising noted earlier in the meeting.

26 -88 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Proceed to rename the Bill Ashley Grandstand as the Barry Rushworth Grandstand, subject to community comment consistent with Policy 10.3 Naming of Council Facilities.
2. Place the proposal on public exhibition for a period of 28 days prior to the matter returning to Council to consider community comments at the next available Council meeting.
3. Undertake efforts to contact any living relatives of William "Bill" Ashley to inform them of the proposal and provide an opportunity for comment.
4. Upon approval of the renaming of the grandstand or any other appropriate place, install an appropriate plaque or information board at an agreed local on near the grandstand acknowledging the life and achievements of William "Bill" Ashley, including reference to the grandstand's original name and subject to available funds.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be recessed at 10:30pm tonight and adjourn on Monday.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

LOST

3. Delegates Reports

The Delegates report was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

4. Questions with Notice

4.2. QWN - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Ironfest 2026

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4.3. QWN - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Transport for NSW Traffic Counts

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4.4. QWN - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Categories of Land for Rating

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5. Notices of Motion

5.1. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Fredericks - Traffic Management and Diversion Routes

The matter was laid on the table and deferred to next month.

5.2. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Mahony - Role of Council Car Parks in supporting Main Street retail and in transit tourism**26 -89 RESOLVED**

THAT

1. Council works with Transport for NSW to make our carparks more visible through the strategic location and use of compliant signage.
2. Refer the use of the Hoskins Institute car park for public use to the Traffic Area Local Forum and to the Infrastructure Committee for consideration and advice to Council.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be extended to 11pm.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

CARRIED

5.3. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Smith - Advocation for the Bells Line Expressway

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 10:32 pm.

26 -90 RESOLVED

That Council note the management comment.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

5.4. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Numbered Street Addresses for all Lithgow City Council Facilities

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 10:33 pm.

The Matter was laid on the table and moved to the next meeting.

5.6. NOM - 29/04/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - 194-Year Celebration of the Victoria Pass and 'Mitchells Bridge' in 2032

26 -91 RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor and Council Administration request that the Great Western Highway Community Coordination Taskforce investigate and conduct public celebrations of the now historic 194-year-old Mitchells Convict Bridge, prior to any future replacement or removal of the Bridge and whilst the Great Western Highway remains closed, both at Mount Victoria and the Little Hartley.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

6. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor D Goodwin raised the DA application that is on 14 days exhibition for an event that is scheduled in the near future.

Councillor D Goodwin's request That the DA 058/26 on exhibition at present; be called in and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

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

26 -92 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The matter be declared a matter of great urgency
2. DA058/26 be called in and dealt with at an extra Ordinary Meeting of Council

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin	
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CARRIED	
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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.

26 -93 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at 10:40pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

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.

7.1. CONFIDENTIAL - GM - 29/04/2026 - Grant Application

26 -94 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Accept the successful grant application, subject to the execution of the funding deed.
2. Add project income and expenditure budgets of \$258,500 excluding GST, with no co-contribution as proposed, and note that the full payment schedule is to be confirmed in the funding deed.

3. Authorise the General Manager to finalise and execute the funding deed and associated documentation, subject to the final terms being satisfactory and consistent with the submitted application and budget allocation.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

26 -95 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 10:43 pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10:43 pm.