



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 25 May 2026

at 6:30 PM

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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.

Public Attendance

In accordance with the mandatory requirements of the NSW Local Government Code of Meeting Practice, clause 15.20, members of the public attending a meeting of Council

- (a) must remain silent during the meeting unless invited by the chairperson to speak,
- (b) must not bring flags, signs or protest symbols to the meeting, and
- (c) must not disrupt the meeting.

Council Meeting Emergency Procedures

Procedures were outlined in the meeting.

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
Richard Jane	Interim 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 S Ring declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 3.3 as it is in regard to EnergyAustralia, however, as it is a Question with Notice and with no voting on the item, Councillor S Ring undertook to not vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor E Mahony asked that Item 1.3, Point of Order be corrected, as he was supporting Councillor E Fredericks' right to speak.

Councillor D Goodwin asked for an update on Item 2.6 matter arising. The General Manager took the question on notice.

26 -96 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 April 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

1. Administration Reports

1.1. GM - 25/05/2026 - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2026

26 -97 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Set the remuneration in 2026/2027 for Councillors to \$16,021.
2. Set the remuneration in 2026/2027 for the Mayor to \$33,928.
3. Set the 2026/2027 car lease payable by the Mayor to nil.
4. Note Councillors E Fredericks and Councillor M Ticehurst will donate any amount over \$15,000 that they receive as Councillor fees from Lithgow City Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

1.2. F&G - 25/05/2026 - Quarter Three Budget Review**26 -98 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the contents of the report and the projected consolidated operating result (before capital) of \$513K surplus for the 2025/2026 Operational Plan as detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.
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

1.3. P&P - 25/05/2026 - Alternate Fuel Rebate Policy - Rescind

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 6:53 pm.

26 -99 RESOLVED

THAT Council rescind Policy 5.7 Alternate Fuel Rebate.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

1.4. P&P - 25/05/26 - Future Use of the Charles Hoskins Memorial Building**26 -100 RESOLVED**

THAT the General Manager bring to the 24 August 2026 Ordinary Meeting, a proposal for addressing the provision of contemporary staff office accommodation, including associated timeframe, costing and funding proposals, including consideration of commercial lease arrangements.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

1.5. GM - 25/05/2026 - Proposed Transfer of 144 Mort Street, Lithgow to VRA Rescue NSW

26 -101 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Approve the transfer of Lot 1 in DP 534993 to VRA Rescue NSW Limited. The property is currently held in trust by Council.
2. Authorise the General Manager to sign all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to the transfer of Lot 1 DP 534993 to VRA Rescue NSW Limited, on terms to be agreed by the General Manager.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

2. Council Committee Reports

2.1. WWW - 25/05/2026 - Water, Wastewater & Waste Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 5 May 2026

26 -102 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the WWW&W Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 5 May 2026.
2. A future report on Council's drought response options and financial implications to be brought to an Infrastructure Committee meeting, including Council drought management and plans for drought.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.2. I&PD - 25/05/2026 - Local Transport Forum Meeting Minutes - 7 May 2026

Councillor S Ring noted that he will put a Matter Arising.

26 -103 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Local Transport Forum held on 7 May 2026: and
2. Not support any proposal to utilise the Hoskins Building car park as a public car park (Item 9.1); and
3. Support the traffic changes proposed by Transport for NSW created to improve efficiencies of the Great Western Highway closure detour route resulting in improvements to accessing local transport networks (Item 9.2); and
4. Work with Transport for NSW to continue to monitor impacts on the detour route and local roads and make appropriate amendments to the proposed changes as deemed necessary (Item 9.2).

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

MATTER ARISING**26 -104 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Note the successful \$1.1.M grant application which was the subject of Council's endorsement to submit an application at the 23 February 2026 meeting.
2. Accept the successful grant application subject to the execution of the funding deed.
3. Add project income and expenditure budgets of \$1,100,000 (excluding GST), including a \$100,000 co-contribution funded from the SRV transition management reserve and note that the full payment schedule is to be confirmed in the funding deed.
4. 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 C Coleman

CARRIED

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order stating that this is a matter of Great Urgency and not a Matter Arising.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

Councillor M Ticehurst moved a Motion of Dissent.

The Mayor PUT the Motion of Dissent.

The Motion of Dissent was LOST.

3. Questions with Notice

3.1. QWN - 25/05/2026 - Cr Ticehurst - Wastewater Loan to fund the delivery of the Wastewater Capital Works Program

The Question with Notice was tabled.

3.2. QWN - 25/05/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant

The Question with Notice was tabled.

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 7:41 pm.

3.3. QWN - 25/05/2026 - Cr Smith - Questions Concerning the Opposition to the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Project Submission & Following Responses

The Question with Notice was tabled.

3.4. QWN - 25/05/2026 - Cr Fredericks - Chifley Police on the Diversion Route

The Question with Notice was tabled.

4. Notices of Motion

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

26 -105 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council seek the feedback of Lithgow's Local Emergency Management Committee to determine whether our emergency services consider that this project would assist their operations.
2. This information then be considered by its Infrastructure Committee, with a recommendation being subsequently made to the Council.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

5. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor E Mahony raised the matter:

That the Administration continue the conversation with interested rail tourism operators to discuss key time critical issues to their industry including:

1. The last of the V-Set trains relocation,
2. The removal of Inch Street / Bells Road Rail Bridge and discussions with TfNSW for future planning.

26 -106 RESOLVED

THAT the request the matter raised by Councillor E Mahony be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony	SECONDED: Councillor R Smith
CARRIED	

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

26 -107 RESOLVED

That the Administration continue dialogue with interested rail tourism operators to discuss key time critical issues to their industry including:

1. Opportunities for the last of the V-Set trains stored in Lithgow.
2. The restoration of Inch Street / Bells Road Rail Bridge and discussions with TfNSW for future planning.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor R Smith

CARRIED

6. 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 -108 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to move into Closed Council to consider the confidential reports as listed in the business paper at {time}.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

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

6.1. CONFIDENTIAL - I&PD - 25/05/26 - Kremer Park - Retaining Wall Update

26 -109 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the update on the resolution of the issues with the retaining wall at Kremer Park, Portland.
2. Refer the matter to the next Infrastructure Committee for further discussion.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

26 -110 RESOLVED

THAT Council resolve to return to open Council and inform the public of the resolution of the session of the meeting that is closed to the public at 8:17 pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

The General Manager informed the public of the Closed Council resolution.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

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