



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 29 June 2026

at 6:30 PM

Reconvened

Tuesday 7 July 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.

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: 10

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin - via audio visual link.
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
Paul Smith	Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery
Perrin Walsh	Acting Director Water, Wastewater and Waste
Shaun Elwood	Director People and Places
Trinity Newton	Minutes Secretary

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT under Clause 5.24 Councillor D Goodwin be approved to attend the 29 June 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council by audio-visual link on grounds of work commitments.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

Apologies

All being present there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

Councillor R Smith declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.5 for the reason that he is against the proposed project based and undertook to remain in the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor M Statham declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.7. No reason was stated but undertook remain in the Chambers when the item is discussed but will refrain from voting.

Councillor S Ring declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.5 as per his previous written declaration and undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor C Coleman declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.9 for the reason that she is a current member of the Lithgow Show Society and undertook to that she would remain in the Chamber but refrain from voting on the item.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the following items brought forward to this point in the meeting and moved by exception:

- 2.8 I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Transfer of Unformed Road - Tooral Street, Glen Davis
- 3.2 EXEC - Emerging Economy Committee Meeting Minutes - 19 May 2026
- 3.3 F&G - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 May 2026
- 3.5 I&PD - Local Transport Forum Meeting Minutes - 4 June 2026
- 3.7 I&PD - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 10 June 2026

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

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

Carried

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 6:37 pm.

2.8. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Transfer of Unformed Road - Tooral Street, Glen Davis

26 -113 RESOLVED

THAT Council

1. Advertise the proposed transfer of Tooral Street, Glen Davis from Yarool Street to the end to National Parks and Wildlife Service for incorporation into the Wollemi National Park (NP) on Council's website and local media outlets, and directly notify emergency authorities, local community groups and adjoining residents in the area, calling for submissions to be made for the statutory period of twenty-eight (28) days after which:

- a. If no submissions against the proposal are submitted, Council proceed with the gazettal process of the road transfer to NPWS and notifies all residents and emergency authorities accordingly; and
- b. If submissions against the proposal are submitted, a report will be furnished to the next available Council meeting.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.3. F&G - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 May 2026

26 -115 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 20 May 2026 and endorse the business paper recommendations arising from the Committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.5. I&PD - Local Transport Forum Meeting Minutes - 4 June 2026

26 -117 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note the minutes of the Local Transport Forum (LTF) held on 4 June 2026; and
2. A further report detailing any changes on Hartley Vale Road be brought back to the Forum once Transport for NSW have assessed the Council's suggestions (item 9.1); and
3. The request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in Bridge Street be investigated and considered in Eskbank Precinct Local Area Traffic Management Plan (Item 9.3); and
4. The current 5-minute parking zone in Lithgow Street (St Patricks School) be timed from 8:00am to 9:30am school days, and operated as an informal drop off zone, reverting to 1 hour between 9:30am and 6:00pm weekdays (Item 9.4).

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

3.7. I&PD - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 10 June 2026

26 -116 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2026.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

Confirmation of Minutes

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Items 1.1, 2.1 and 2.2 from the subsequent business paper are dealt with as items 1.2, 2.13, and 2.14.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

26 -118 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 25 May 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

26 -119 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 10 June 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.1. Mayoral Minute - 29/06/2026 - Great Western Highway Median Strip Maintenance

26 -120 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Return responsibility for the median strip of the Great Western Highway within the 70 km/h zone of the urban Lithgow precinct to Transport for NSW immediately.
2. Formally request that Transport for NSW preserve the mature trees located on the median strip wherever possible.
3. Endorse a public awareness campaign advocating for the preservation of mature trees and encourage the wider community to lobby Transport for NSW and the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Transport.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

MATTER ARISING**26 -121 RESOLVED**

THAT Council request that Transport for NSW carry out a safety audit on the Great Western Highway between McKanes Falls Road and the Visitors Information Centre/Coowerwull Road, paying attention to the pedestrian crossings and line marking and intersection safety.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

1.2. Mayoral Minute - 29/06/2026 - Mayors' response to NSW Budget 2026/27**26 -122 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the Mayoral Minute.
2. Continue its advocacy to ensure Lithgow receives the investment required to support future growth, including improvements to road and rail infrastructure, energy infrastructure, industrial land development, skills and workforce initiatives, and stronger connections to Western Sydney and the Central West.
3. Arrange a meeting with the leaders of the Coalition and One Nation to determine their level of support for regional development and Lithgow in particular.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Item 6.5 and 6.2 is moved to this point in the meeting.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

6.5. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Lithgow Council's Position In Regards to the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Project

Due to an earlier declaration of interest, Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:07 pm.

26-123 RESOLVED

THAT Lithgow Council:

1. Request the Project Proponents to make Public all project details, especially the High Impact areas impacting Lake Lyell's future, such as 13.5m water level variation, environmental studies, and Geotechnical results.
2. Support all pre-approvals recommended by all Government Departments such as EPA, Water NSW, NPWS and Dept of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water. If approval occurs, then Council support all post approvals as well.
3. Support the overwhelming submission responses OPPOSING the Project and support the ongoing viability of the Council's asset at Lake Lyell.
4. Engage with the present Operator of the Lake Lyell Camping Ground as to what the High Impacts will hold for the future of Council's asset and the Operator's long-term business aspirations.

MOVED: Councillor R Smith

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 E Mahony, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Councillor D Goodwin

Councillor S Ring returned to the meeting at 7:26 pm.

6.2. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Cr Fredericks - State Significant Developments

26 -124 RESOLVED

That:

1. The Administration writes to the Hon. Paul Toole seeking his support in requesting The Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to prepare a report on all current and proposed State Significant Developments within the Lithgow Local Government Area, including:
 - The nature and scale of each development;
 - The type of renewable energy or associated infrastructure proposed;
 - The amount of land required or proposed to be cleared;
 - Expected construction and operational timeframes;
 - Anticipated impacts on local infrastructure and services;
 - Anticipated impacts on future planning and land use; and
 - Any proposed community benefit, compensation or voluntary planning agreement arrangements.
2. Members of groups representing to State Significant Developments are invited to a planning working party to discuss specific concerns.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

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, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT a ten minute recess be held at 8:00pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting is reconvened at 8:08pm.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. GM - 29/06/2026 - LGNSW Annual Conference 2026

26 -125 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Council note the deadline for submitting motions for the 2026 LGNSW Annual State Conference and that proposed motions are sought from Councillors for inclusion in a future report.
2. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and two additional Councillor (to be determined at a future meeting), with a supporting Executive senior staff member, attend the LGNSW Annual Conference. The registrations will be funded from the 2026/27 budgets, in accordance with Policy.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

2.2. GM - 29/06/2026 - Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program - Grant Approval**MOTION**

THAT Council:

1. Accept the successful grant application under the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, Stream One: Precinct Development and Planning.
2. Approve the creation of project income and expenditure budgets for the Lithgow Net Zero Transition Precinct project, comprising:
 - \$1,500,000 in Australian Government grant funding; and
 - Council cash co-contribution of \$360,000 from the Lithgow Emerging Economy Plan budget.
3. Note that the project also includes in-kind and partner contributions identified in the grant application, and that these will be managed and reported in accordance with the final funding deed and project plan.
4. Authorise the General Manager to finalise, execute and administer the funding deed and any associated documentation required to give effect to the successful grant application.
5. Notes that public communications regarding the grant approval will be held until after Council's resolution on the matter.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

LOST

Point of Order called by Councillor S Ring stating that there are two distinct issues.

The Mayor overruled the Point of Order.

A **DIVISION** was called by Councillor C Coleman.

Divisions

FOR: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodwin and Councillor E Mahony

AGAINST: Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

2.3. P&P - 29/06/2026 - DA047/26, Geotechnical Investigations, Lithgow Council Road Reserve, Sunny Corner Road/Portland Sunny Corner Road**26 -126 RESOLVED**

THAT:

1. Development Application DA047/26 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 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

2.4. P&P - 29/06/2026 - Exemption from Tender - Seven Valleys Destination Campaign

26 -127 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Approve the direct engagement of Destination Store for delivery of Stage 2 of the Seven Valleys 'Echo Your Freedom' campaign, for an engagement period of one year (July 2026-June 2027), under Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, for the reasons that engagement of another organisation would result in operational and financial inefficiencies, and a risk of campaign disruption.
2. Note the justification for the direct engagement as detailed within this report.
3. Note the strong performance of the campaign as indicated in Confidential Attachment 1; and
4. Note that most of the prior expenditure has been on strategic development and digital platform establishment, forming the foundation for current campaign success.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor T Evangelidis

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor E Fredericks and Councillor M Ticehurst

2.5. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Exemption from Tender Traffic Control for Hartley Vale Road

26 -128 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note that, due to the developing Great Western Highway closure situation, expenditure to date for traffic control on Hartley Vale Road has exceeded the tender threshold, and that the appropriate procurement process could not be followed due to these extenuating circumstances.

2. Adopt the continued direct engagement of the current traffic control company to ensure continuity of service and public safety, and due to the uncertainty of the length of engagement required, under Section 55(3)(i) of the Act.
3. Undertake a tender process for the provision of traffic control services, given the timeline for the project announced by the NSW Government on Friday, 26 June 2026.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.6. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Access to Private Property off Honeysuckle Falls Road

26 -129 RESOLVED

THAT Council defer this item to the next available Council Meeting when the council is able to confirm what arrangements are in place between the neighbouring property owner for vehicle access by the owners of lot 35.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 9:16 pm.

AMENDMENT

THAT no budget be reallocated from other scheduled roadworks to construct new access to Lot 35 DP 757076, and that the owner be advised.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

The Amendment was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

2.7. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Proposed Road Naming - Karoo Drive Meadow Flat

Due to an earlier non-significant declaration of interest, Councillor M Statham left the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 9:17 pm.

26 -130 RESOLVED

THAT Council

1. Advertise the proposed road name "Karoo Drive" on Council's website and local media outlets, calling for submissions to be made for the statutory period of twenty-eight (28) days after which:
 - a. If no submissions against the proposal are submitted, Council proceed with the gazette process of the naming of "Karoo Drive", Meadow Flat and notify all residents and emergency authorities accordingly; and

- b. If submissions against the proposal are received, a report is furnished to the next available Council meeting for resolution.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

Councillor M Statham returned to the meeting at 9:20 pm.

2.9. F&G - 29/06/2026 - 2026/27 Operational Plan

Due to an earlier declaration of a Conflict of interest, Councillor C Coleman left the meeting at 9:22 pm the Mayor vacated the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

Councillor M Statham left the meeting at 9:23 pm, determining that she may have a non-significant, non-pecuniary Conflict of interest as she is a member of the Lithgow Show Society.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be adjourned for a 5-minute period at 9:25pm.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

Carried

Councillor M Statham returned to the meeting at 9:30 pm, after determining that the Conflict of Interest did not require leaving the Chamber.

The Mayor took the Chair on her return to the Chamber at 9:30pm, after determining that the Conflict of Interest did not require leaving the Chamber.

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 9:36pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 9:37pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting resume at 9:30pm

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

26 -131 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the draft 2026/27 Operational Plan as attached, noting that the Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges are addressed in a separate report to Council.
2. Receive and note the Community Engagement Report and submissions summary.
3. Provide submitters with a response comprising this Council report and the Community Engagement Report.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor M Ticehurst requested he be noted as voting against the recommendation.

2.10. F&G - 29/06/2026 - Making of Annual Rates and Charges 2026/2027

26 -132 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 (inclusive) as 9.5% per annum.
2. Adopt the following Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents:
 - a) Fees and Charges 2026/27,
 - b) Revenue Policy 2026/27, and
 - c) Rating Maps 2026/27.
3. Declare a category and sub-category of ordinary rate for each proposed category and sub-category set out in columns 2 and 3 of the Rates Categorisation Table in this Report on the corresponding basis set out in Column 4 of the table.
4. Make the Rates and Annual charges for 2026/27 rating year as detailed in the 2026/27 Revenue Policy and as listed in the tables within this report.
5. Adopt the following changes to the rating structure from 1 July 2026:
 - a) Harmonisation of the Residential Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland sub-categories into the Lithgow Urban category, and
 - b) Harmonisation of the Business Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland sub-categories into the Business Urban category
6. That Council waives the tourism membership fee of \$196 for the 2026/27 financial year to assist local businesses with the Closure of Victoria Pass.
7. Council waives the per lineal footpath trading charges of \$18 per lineal metre, both for new and renewed applications for the 2026/27 financial year, to assist local businesses with the Closure of Victoria Pass.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

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 and Councillor R Smith

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

2.11. F&G - 29/06/2026 - Proposal to Enter Licence Agreement with LSMR Limited**26 -133 RESOLVED**

THAT Council:

1. Grant preliminary approval to enter a 12-month licence agreement with Lithgow State Mine Railway Limited for the Rail Line Section of Lot 1 in DP433264.
2. Authorise the General Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of a licence agreement having regard to Council's Leasing and Licensing Policy 10.20.
3. Give public notice of the proposed licence agreement and place it on public exhibition for 28 days, in accordance with section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993.
4. Authorise the General Manager to sign all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to the licence agreement, if no submissions are received during the public exhibition period.
5. Note that the matter will be returned to Council for further consideration, if any submissions are received during the public exhibition period.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.12. F&G - 29/06/2026 - May 2026 Investment Report

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 10:09 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 10:11 pm.

26 -134 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. Investments of \$51,400,000 and cash of \$3,066,102 (which is restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 31 May 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 C Coleman

CARRIED

2.13. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Major Projects - Continuation of Project Management Services**26 -135 RESOLVED**

THAT Council

1. Endorse the continued engagement of Wassabi Group as project managers for the Wolgan Road Reconstruction project from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029, at an upper limiting fee of \$7,268,446 excl. GST, funded in full by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

- noting that this approval commits Council only to 30 June 2029 and that any continuation of services beyond that date will be the subject of a separate report and resolution;
2. Endorse the continued engagement of Wassabi Group as project managers for the Browns Gap Road Rehabilitation project from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029 (or an earlier project completion date), at an upper limiting fee of \$491,723 excl. GST, funded in full by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements;
 3. Note that the continued engagements are in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, for the following reasons:
 - a. the market was tested in 2024, and proposed annual increases are to account for the impacts of CPI,
 - b. the original tender and project brief allowed for extensions, and
 - c. changing project managers at this stage would create significant delivery risk, and prolong the impacts on the Wolgan Valley community; and
 4. Allocate annual budgets for project management of Wolgan Road and Browns Gap Road, entirely funded by DRFA grants and Council's tripartite pre-payment.
 5. Prior to execution of any contract or variation, Council obtain an independent pricing review and probity review of the proposed schedule of rates and upper limiting fee — given the 2024 competitive process related to a materially smaller engagement — and that the review be reported to the Finance Committee.
 6. The engagement be conditional on travel, accommodation and meal allowances being reimbursed against evidence of expenditure, rather than claimed without receipts.
 7. Conflict-of-interest declarations from staff and any independent panel members involved in the recommendation be recorded on the project file.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the meeting be adjourned to deal with the remaining items at a later date.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

LOST

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT Item 2.14 be dealt with prior to the meeting being adjourned to be finished the following week.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.14. I&PD - 29/06/2026 - Renaming of Bill Ashely Grandstand

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT an extension of time be granted to Councillor E Mahony.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 10:32 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 10:33 pm.

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council note the summary of survey responses provided in the report.
2. Council recommend renaming the Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sports Ground to "Barry Rushworth" Grandstand,
3. To maintain the commemorative equivalent, that Council consider renaming of either:
 - a. The Council Administration Precinct to the William Ashley Place; or
 - b. The Civic Ballroom to the William Ashley Civic Ballroom;
4. A public exhibition process be undertaken to seek submissions on the above two options;
5. A report on the outcomes of the submissions be tabled for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony
AMENDMENT

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

THAT a decision on the Renaming of the Bill Ashley Grandstand is deferred until further information is sought and brought back to Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

26 -136 RESOLVED

THAT a decision on the Renaming of the Bill Ashley Grandstand is deferred until further information is sought and brought back to Council.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Ordinary Meeting of Council 27 June 2026 be reconvened at 6:30pm Tuesday 7 July 2026.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT under Clause 5.24 Councillor M Ticehurst be approved to attend the reconvened Ordinary Meeting of Council 29 June 2026 by audio-visual link on grounds of work related.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

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 at reconvened meeting

Public: Nil

Councillor C Coleman
Councillor T Evangelidis
Councillor E Fredericks
Councillor D Goodwin - via audio visual link.
Councillor E Mahony
Councillor S Ring
Councillor R Smith
Councillor M Statham
Councillor M Ticehurst - via audio visual link.

Also in attendance

Ross Gurney

Vanessa Browning

Paul Smith

Matthew Trapp

Shaun Elwood

Trinity Newton

General Manager

Director Finance and Governance

Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery

Acting Director Water, Wastewater and Waste

Director People and Places

Minutes Secretary

3. Council Committee Reports

3.1. P&P - 25/05/2026 - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 13 May 2026

26 -137 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. note the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 13 May 2026.
2. Council staff prepare a Motion for the LGNSW Conference 2026 to advocate for residential area feral and roaming cat control in NSW

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

3.2. EXEC - Emerging Economy Committee Meeting Minutes - 19 May 2026

26 -114 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the 19 May 2026 Emerging Economy Committee Meeting.
2. Endorse the use of the three-pillar approach of Economic Transition, Economic Renewal and Economic Development as the strategic framework for the Council's emerging economy work (Item 6.1).
3. Endorse the preparation of a 2026-2031 roadmap using the three-pillar framework to organise priorities, actions, delivery and reporting (Item 6.1).

MOVED: Councillor S Ring**SECONDED:** Councillor M Statham**CARRIED**

3.4. I&PD - Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes - 2 June 2026

26 -138 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 2 June 2026; and

2. Endorse the Calare Civil Report on the Kremer Park Wall, dated 21 May 2026. and the recommendations to continue to monitor the wall and drainage matters (Item 7.1).
3. That the infrastructure committee undertake a site inspection at Sunny Corner Road with the Interim Director.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

3.6. F&G - Audit Risk Improvement Committee (ARIC) Minutes - 9 June 2026

26-144 RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council note the minutes of the 9 June 2026 ARIC Meeting.
2. The Administration provide a timeline for the completion of the grants register required as part of the 23/24 and 24/25 Management Action List to the next Finance Committee.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4. Delegates Reports

4.1. GM - 29/06/2026 - CNSWJO Board Meeting - Delegate Report 26 May 2026

26 -139 RESOLVED

THAT Council note the report from the General Manager on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting on 27 May 2026 held in Sydney.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

5. Questions with Notice

5.1. QWN - 29/06/2026 - Cr C Coleman - Honeysuckle Falls Road

The Question with Notice was tabled.

5.2. QWN - 29/06/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - NSW Parliamentary Legislative Council Questions

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6. Notices of Motion

6.1. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - Civil Class Action over ongoing closure of Great Western Hwy.

Councillor M Ticehurst deferred the item tabled, to be dealt with at the 28 July 2026 meeting.

6.3. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - OLG Circular - Consultation on Councillor Conduct Reforms.

26 -140 RESOLVED

THAT Council note NSW Office of Local Government Circular 26 – 08, seeking Consultation on Councillor Conduct Reforms.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

6.4. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Cr E Fredericks - Traffic Management During Great Western Highway Closure and Diversion Routes

MOTION

THAT Council:

1. Write to Transport for New South Wales requesting that traffic controllers be stationed and available for deployment during peak traffic periods, public holidays and long weekends at the Main Street and Mort Street intersection and the Mort Street and Bridge Street intersection, to ensure traffic can be managed safely and efficiently when congestion reaches critical levels.
2. Request that Transport for New South Wales maintain a visible operational presence within the Lithgow LGA during future long weekends and other forecast peak traffic periods (eg, The Bathurst 1000) associated with the Great Western Highway closure and diversion route.
3. Receive a written report following each Great Western Highway Taskforce meeting from Council representatives who attend, detailing matters discussed, decisions made, actions proposed and any issues of significance affecting the Lithgow LGA.
4. Investigate, in consultation with Transport for New South Wales, NSW Police and relevant stakeholders, the feasibility of implementing temporary resident-only access restrictions or other appropriate traffic control measures on residential streets impacted by rat-running during periods of significant traffic congestion.
5. Advocate strongly to Transport for New South Wales that local knowledge and concerns raised by Lithgow City Council be incorporated into future traffic management planning associated with the Great Western Highway closure and diversion arrangements.
6. Request that Transport for New South Wales provide Lithgow City Council with a written traffic management plan prior to each long weekend, public holiday period, or other forecast peak traffic event while the Great Western Highway closure and diversion route remain in place. The plan should detail proposed traffic management measures, staffing resources, traffic control locations, communication arrangements, contingency plans for traffic signal failures or incidents, and the anticipated operational presence of Transport for New South Wales personnel within the Lithgow Local Government Area.

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor M Ticehurst

AMENDMENT

THAT Council notes the Management comments.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

The Amendment was PUT.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

26 -141 RESOLVED

1. THAT Council notes the Management comments.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

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 E Fredericks and Councillor M Ticehurst

6.6. NOM - 29/06/2026 - Cr E Mahony - Reactivation of Eskbank Rail Heritage Centre / Wolgan Valley Wilderness Railway Committee

Councillor E Fredericks returned to the meeting at 7:21 pm.

26 -142 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. The Mayor and Administration provide support to reactivate the Eskbank Rail Heritage Centre / Wolgan Valley Wilderness Railway Committee to provide a forum for rail tourism across the Lithgow local government region.
2. As part of the reactivation process and with stakeholders, review the Committee's terms of reference to maximise its representative role for rail tourism ventures in the region and improve linkages with key Council committees.
3. Councillor E Mahony and Councillor D Goodwin work together as the Lithgow City Council representatives to this external committee.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

CARRIED

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Councillor E Fredericks left the meeting at 7:21 pm.

7. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor M Statham moved the motion to have hold minute of silence for Koby Hunter who recently passed in a car accident.

26 -143 RESOLVED

THAT a minute silence be held in the memory of Koby Hunter.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

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

A minute silence was held.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:25 pm.