



Ordinary Meeting of Council

held at

Council Administration Centre

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 27 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: 3

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
Paul Smith	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 D Goodwin declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2.3 as he is a member of the Board at the Lithgow Workies Club and undertook to vacate the Chambers when the item is discussed.

Councillor S Ring declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 6.6, not stating a reason, and undertook to remain in the Chambers as the item is not open for debate.

Confirmation of Minutes

26 -145 RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 June 2026 and reconvened on 7 July 2026 were taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodwin

SECONDED: Councillor M Statham

CARRIED

1. Mayoral Minutes

1.2. MAYORAL MINUTE - 27/07/2026 - Code of Meeting Practice

26 -146 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the draft 2026 Code of Meeting Practice (as attached); and
2. Authorise the person presiding at meetings under Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act to exercise the power of expulsion for acts of disorder by Councillors or disorderly conduct by members of the public.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

CARRIED

2. Administration Reports

2.1. GM - 27/07/2026 - Council Resolution Action Register

26 -147 RESOLVED

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

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

2.2. F&G - 27/07/2026 - Investment Report June 2026**26 -148 RESOLVED**

THAT the Committee:

1. Investments of \$66,200,000 and cash of \$2,045,069 (which is restricted for specific purposes) for the period ending 30 June 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 D Goodwin

CARRIED

2.3. P&P - 27/07/2026 - Proposed closure of part of Tank Union Lane and transfer to Lithgow and District Workmen's Club Ltd

Councillor D Goodwin left the meeting at 6:51 pm.

26 -149 RESOLVED

THAT Council:

1. Approve the closure of part Tank Union Lane and sale to Lithgow & District Workmen's Club Ltd, subject to development consent being granted for proposed motel additions.
2. If development consent is granted for proposed motel, authorise the General Manager to undertake all matters required and sign all documents necessary to give effect to the road closure and sale to Lithgow & District Workmen's Club Ltd in accordance with this Council report,
3. In the event of sale of the land in question, place the funds (\$240,000) in the Land and Building Reserve for the purchase of land that will be benefit Council Projects/needs.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

Councillor D Goodwin returned to the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Councillor S Ring left the meeting at 7:04 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Point 3 is lawfully constrained by the Roads Act 1993 which requires that proceeds from the sale of the lane would need to be used for acquiring land for public roads or for carrying out road work on public roads.

2.4. I&PD - 27/07/2026 - Access to Private Property off Honeysuckle Falls Road**26 -150 RESOLVED**

THAT Council make enquiries with:

1. The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) to see if they are able to arrange for this matter to be successfully mediated between the parties, including the Council and Crown Lands.
2. Legal Aid NSW to see if they are able to assist the landowners towards an application for an easement to access their home.
3. NSW Law Society to see if they are able to assist the landowners towards making of a pro-bono application with a NSW Law Firm for an easement to access their home.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

3. Council Committee Reports**3.1. WWW - 27/07/2026 - Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 7/07/2026 & 14/07/2026****26 -151 RESOLVED**

THAT Council note the minutes and actions of the WWW&W Infrastructure Committee Meetings held on 7 July 2026 and 14 July 2026.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

4. Notices of Rescission**4.1. Notice of Rescission - 27/07/2026 - Regional Precincts and Partnership Program - Grant Approval**

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order and made a Declaration of Interest (non-significant pecuniary) in this item and undertook to leave the meeting.

Councillor M Ticehurst left the meeting at 7:29 pm.

26 -152 RESOLVED

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. Note that public communications regarding the grant approval will be held until after Council's resolution on the matter.
- 6. Explore opportunities for external contributions from interested parties towards the cost of Council's cash co-contribution.

MOVED: Councillor C Coleman

SECONDED: Councillor E Mahony

CARRIED

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

Divisions

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

AGAINST: Councillor E Fredericks and Councillor S Ring

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT a five minute recess be held at 7:56 pm

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

CARRIED

Councillor M Ticehurst returned to the meeting at 7:57 pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT the Council resume the meeting at 8:03 pm

MOVED: Councillor E Fredericks

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

5. Notices of Motion

5.1. NOM - 27/07/2026 - Cr M Ticehurst - Civil Class Action over ongoing closure of Great Western Hwy.

MOTION

THAT Council liaise with Blue Mountains City Council, NSW Regional Councils and Shires in Central West NSW (CENTROC), Western NSW and impacted residents and businesses to consider Civil Class Action over ongoing closure of Great Western Hwy.

MOVED: Councillor M Ticehurst

SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

LOST

Councillor M Ticehurst called a Point of Order correcting Councillor E Mahony regarding a statement made.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order, noting that Councillor M Ticehurst was correct.

Councillor T Evangelidis called a Point of Order on Councillor M Ticehurst stating that he is not here to be berated by another Councillor.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

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

Divisions

FOR: Councillor E Fredericks, Councillor R Smith, Councillor M Statham and Councillor M Ticehurst

AGAINST: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor T Evangelidis, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor E Mahony and Councillor S Ring

6. Questions with Notice

6.1. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor M Ticehurst - DRFA Funding Clarification

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6.2. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor M Ticehurst - Access to Private Property off Honeysuckle Falls Road

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6.3. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor M Ticehurst - ARIC Minutes of 9 June Questions

The Question with Notice was tabled.

Councillor S Ring called a Point of Order on Councillor M Statham stating that she was off topic and debating during a question with notice.

The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

6.4. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor E Fredericks - Current Grants

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6.5. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor E Fredericks - Current Loans

The Question with Notice was tabled.

6.6. QWN - 27/07/2026 - Councillor R Smith - Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project

The Question with Notice was tabled.

7. Business of Great Urgency

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

Councillor E Mahony raised H5N1 Bird Flu - having the potential to infect freshwater birds via interactions with wild marine migratory birds and moving into the Central West, as well as commencing preparedness if this occurs.

MOTION

THAT relevant staff discuss with other Regional Council areas and the Department of Primary Industries to work together in preparedness on the H5N1 Bird Flu be declared as business of great urgency.

MOVED: Councillor E Mahony	
LOST	

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

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:59 pm.