

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 16 DECEMBER 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs B Reynolds (Mayor), R Scott (Deputy Mayor), I Dorsett, C Gosewisch, K Hutchings, S Johnston and J Newstead

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The General Manager reported the following Disclosure of Interest forms had been submitted:

Councillor /Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Cr Dorsett	Non Pecuniary (Significant)	8	38	Sustainable Collections Project 2026-2027	Cr Dorsett is a member of several of the Sustainable Collection Museum networks that this program would support.
Mark Dicker	Non Pecuniary (Less Than Significant)	9	46	Redmond Oval Licence: Department of Education	One of Mark's children attends Millthorpe Public School. Licence is with NSW Education, not Millthorpe Public School.
Cr Scott	Non Pecuniary (Significant)	16	89	Whites Quarry – Future Options	Cr Scott is associates with the owner and multiple employees of the party that has contacted Council regarding use of the quarry.

MINUTE'S SILENCE

Councillors held a minute's silence acknowledging the Bondi terrorist attack.

MAYORAL MINUTE – BONDI TERRORIST ATTACK

2512/001

RESOLVED:

That Council note the verbal report on Bondi terrorist attack.

(Reynolds)
CARRIED

**MAYORAL MINUTE – 2025 SCHOOL PRESENTATION
EVENTS**

2512/002

RESOLVED:

That Council note the verbal report on 2025 School Presentation events.

(Reynolds)

CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE – THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

2512/003

RESOLVED:

That Council note the verbal report on thanking our volunteers.

(Reynolds)

CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE – MCPHILLAMYS GOLD MINE SEARS

2512/004

RESOLVED:

That Council note the verbal report on the McPhillamys Gold Mine SEARS.

(Reynolds)

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18
NOVEMBER 2025**

2512/005

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2025, being minute numbers 2511/001 to 2511/009 be confirmed.

(Hutchings/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

JUNE 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DATE

2512/006

RESOLVED:

That Council move the June 2026 Council meeting to 6pm Tuesday 16 June 2026.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

Cr Dorsett requested her name be recorded against this resolution.

**BLAYNEY CENTREPOINT - 'POWERING OUR FUTURE:
BLAYNEY STORAGE PROJECT' CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
REVIEW**

2512/007

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Capital Expenditure Review for the Blayney CentrePoint 'Powering our Future: Blayney Storage Project'.
2. Note the project is forecast to be completed by December 2026.
3. Approve a supplementary vote of \$722,710 in the 2025/26 Operational Plan with the funding source being Grants and Contributions.
4. Include an allocation of \$273,472 in the 2026/27 Operational Plan with the funding source being Grants and Contributions.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER
2025**

2512/008

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 30 November 2025.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

2512/009

RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice and it be updated to Council's Policy Register.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2512/010 **REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Endorse the following policies and place them on public exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days.

Policy Name
Artificial Intelligence Policy
Pensioner and Hardship Policy
Privacy Management Plan
Road Hierarchy, Renewal and Maintenance Policy
Planning Agreement Policy
Pathway Hierarchy, Standard and Maintenance Policy
Fitness Instructors and Group Trainers Policy
Recycled Water Policy

2. Provided no submissions are received, adopt the policies and update Council's Policy Register.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**2512/011** **ADOPTION OF UNREASONABLE AND UNREASONABLY PERSISTENT CUSTOMER POLICY****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on Adoption of the Unreasonable and Unreasonably Persistent Customer Policy;
2. Note the one submission on the Adoption of the Unreasonable and Unreasonably Persistent Customer Policy received during the public exhibition period;
3. Adopt the Unreasonable and Unreasonably Persistent Customer Policy and it be included in Council's policy register.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

Cr Dorsett, having declared an interest, left the Chambers.

2512/012 **SUSTAINABLE COLLECTIONS PROJECT 2026 - 2027****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Provide in-principle support for contribution towards the Sustainable Collections Project of \$10k per annum, for 2 years, commencing 2026/27; and
2. Refer the consideration of the request for funding to the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Plan and 2026/27 Operational Plan deliberations.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

Cr Dorsett returned to the Chambers.

REDMOND OVAL LICENCE: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2512/013 RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Acting in its capacity as Crown Reserve Manager, consent to a licence being issued to Minister for Education and Early Learning for a period of twenty one (21) years for part of Crown Reserve R29953 (part Lot 235 DP 750384) known as Unnamed Reserve (Redmond Oval).
2. Acting in its capacity as Crown Reserve Manager, apply a licence fee of \$622 (including GST) per annum being the statutory minimum rental prescribed.
3. Endorse the Director Corporate Services to finalise the Licence agreement terms with the Minister for Education and Early Learning.
4. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign and execute the Licence and affix the Council Seal, if required.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

REVIEW OF AUDIT RISK, AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

2512/014 RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the report of the Review of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
2. Amend the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference – Clause 9.2 Dispute Resolution as follows:
 - a. Delete:
“In the event of a disagreement between the committee and the General Manager or other senior managers, the dispute is to be resolved by the governing body.”
 - b. Add:
“In the event of a disagreement between the committee and the General Manager, the dispute is to be resolved by the governing body.

In the event of a disagreement between the committee and Council staff, excluding the General Manager, the dispute is to be resolved by the General Manager”.

3. Arrange for the Mayor and Independent Chair of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee to meet prior to the next meeting to discuss outcomes of the Review of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

(Reynolds/Dorsett)

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13 NOVEMBER 2025**

2512/015

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 13 November 2025.
2. Approve amendment of Policy 4C - Corporate Credit Card Policy to reflect that authorisation of the Mayor Credit card be amended from Chief Financial Officer to Director Corporate Services.
3. Consider whether amendments to other policies are required to address differences between policies and general accepted practices as noted in the Credit Card Compliance Review report.
4. Note the conclusion of the tenure of outgoing Chairperson, Donna Rygate, and that she be thanked for her services as both an Independent Member and Independent Chairperson of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**

2512/016

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for December 2025.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2512/017

VEGETATION POLICY**RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Endorse the Vegetation Policy and place it on public exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days.
2. Provided no submissions are received, adopt the Vegetation Policy and rescind the existing 2 policies being Street Tree Policy and Verge Garden Guidelines, and update Council's Policy Register.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - COLLINS STREET, CARCOAR

2512/018

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of part of Collins Street, Carcoar that is identified as Lot 100 DP1321451 adjoining Lot 1 Sec 15 DP758225, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993
3. Give public notice for a period of 28 days of Council's intention to classify the land as Operational Land.
4. Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager authority to execute signature and fixing of the Council Seal to facilitate the road closure and land transfer.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED**REVIEW OF MAJOR PLANT RENEWALS**

2512/019

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note an internal review of major plant has been completed (including independent external peer review).
2. Endorse the disposal of the following items of plant without replacement:
 - a) P663 Dynapac CA500PD
 - b) P662 Dynapac CA3500
3. Defer renewal of the following plant items to 2026/27:
 - a) PSV001 – Isuzu Street Sweeper
 - b) P169 – Sewer Jetting Trailer
 - c) P40 – Isuzu NH Rigid Haul Truck
4. Approve a supplementary vote of \$100,000 from the Plant internal allocation for the procurement of major plant in 2025/26.
5. Amend budget allocations of outstanding major plant renewal for 2025/26 as follows;

Plant Item	Budget \$
P660 - Dynapac CA3500	200,000
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P44 - NPR55-155 Tabletop w/crane	160,000
P43 - NPR55-155 Amenities Truck	205,000
P52 - Grader Cat 12M	550,000
HV003 - Mack Tipper	380,000
PSV001 – Sloan Built Dog Trailer	160,000
P630 – Isuzu watercart	350,000
PSV002 – Isuzu Patching Truck	550,000
P72 – John Deere 5725 with bucket	135,000
P89 - Trimax Mower – Winged	35,000
LC007 – Kubota Zero Turn Mower	25,000
LC008 – Kubota Zero Turn Mower	25,000
P173 – Sewell Road Broom TB200E	65,000

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Scott, having declared an interest, left the Chambers.

WHITES QUARRY - FUTURE OPTIONS

2512/020

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note it has received a proposal from Bonus Quarrying Resources Pty Ltd in relation to Council's Whites Quarry, 52 Grehamstown Road, Blayney.
2. Note that independent Probity Advice has been obtained.
3. Proceed to undertake a public Expressions of Interest (EOI) process inviting proposals for the further development, improvement or use of Council's Whites Quarry, 52 Grehamstown Road, Blayney.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Scott returned to the Chambers.

**CENTRAL WEST AND ORANA STRATEGIC REGIONAL
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN**

2512/021

RESOLVED:

That Council note the submission on the Draft Central West and Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan.

(Gosewisch/Johnston)
CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL
TRANSPORT FORUM HELD 5 DECEMBER 2025**

2512/022

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Local Transport Forum, held Friday, 5 December 2025.
2. Note the Blayney Shire Council Local Transport Forum meeting dates for 2026 being: 6 March, 5 June, 4 September and 4 December 2026.
3. Endorse the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the Blayney Show, to be staged on 7 March 2026 on Blayney Showground, Marshalls Lane, as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Newstead/Hutchings)
CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS**REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION
BOARD MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2025**

2512/023

RESOLVED:

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting held 12 November 2025.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

2512/024

RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Country Mayors Association meeting held 14 November 2025.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED**2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE
DELEGATE REPORT**

2512/025

RESOLVED:

That Council note the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference Delegate Report.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED**CLOSED MEETING**

2512/026

RESOLVED:

That the meeting now be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 for consideration of the following matters:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEMOLISH DWELLING

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (b) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEMOLISH DWELLING

2512/027

RESOLVED:

1. Council note the intention to serve an order to demolish a dwelling at 2 Queen Street Blayney as outlined in the report.
2. The General Manager be delegated authority to expend up to \$100,000 to facilitate the demolition (inc associated costs) provided a legally enforceable mechanism is put in place to ensure recovery of all costs expended.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

2512/028

RESOLVED:

That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOME OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2512/027.

The Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their service in 2025. And wished the community a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.13pm

The Minute Numbers 2512/001 to 2512/028 were confirmed on 24 February 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 December 2025.



Cr B Reynolds

CHAIR