MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 16 JUNE 2026, COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

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 Scott	Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant)	18	105	Adelaide Lane, Blayney – One Way (Ogilvy and Church Streets)	Cr Scott's residence and one access borders on Adelaide Lane. The changing of the street to one way will not have any financial impact or significant day to day impact.
Cr Gosewisch	Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant)	12	58	Adoption of 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan	Cr Gosewisch is a life member of the Blayney Rugby Club.

EXECUTIVES SERVICES REPORTS

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

2606/001 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Rescind Resolution No. 2512/009 which adopted the Code of Meeting Practice as per the 2025 Model Meeting Code,
2. Note the Code of Meeting Practice, as adopted at the August 2025 Council meeting, pursuant to Resolution No. 2508/011 is reinstated.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE - PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENT

2606/002 **RESOLVED:**

That Council acknowledge the significant achievement of Millthorpe resident, Mr Greg Wells, who was awarded a Public Service Medal for outstanding public service to government service delivery in NSW.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW TOP TOURISM TOWN AWARDS

2606/003 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note at the recent 2026 NSW Top Tourism Town Awards, Millthorpe received 2 awards:

1. Silver: Tiny Tourism Town (population below 1,500)
2. People's Choice: Tiny Tourism Town (population below 1,500)

(Reynolds/Scott)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO THE MOTION FROM BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ON STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

2606/004 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the response from Minister to the motions on State Significant Development that was submitted by Blayney Shire Council to the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - ADVOCATE FOR EXTENDED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES TO BLAYNEY AND MILLTHORPE, INCLUDING A MORNING 'REVERSE XPT' SERVICE AND EXTENSION OF AT LEAST ONE BATHURST BULLET TRAIN TO BLAYNEY

2606/005 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Supports the Orange Rail Action Group (ORAG) dual-priority rail proposal to deliver equitable, accessible morning day-return passenger train options to Sydney for Blayney Shire residents.
2. Advocates for a morning "reverse" rail service departing Dubbo and travelling to Sydney via Orange, Millthorpe, and Blayney, timed to run in the opposite direction to the current NSW TrainLink XPT.
3. Calls on the NSW Government to extend at least one morning Bathurst Bullet service to originate in Orange, providing a direct, early-morning commuter rail link from Millthorpe and

Blayney to Sydney Central without requiring a coach transfer.
4. Writes to the NSW Minister for Transport, NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Member for Orange, the Member for Bathurst and the Member for Dubbo to request these extensions be prioritised under the state's regional transit planning.
5. Collaborate with neighbouring councils through the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) and Dubbo Regional Council to leverage regional unity during Transport for NSW's ongoing network investigations.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY FAVOURED OPTION AND LEVY COLLECTION CONCERNS

2606/006 **RESOLVED:**
That Council make a submission with the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Emergency Services Funding Reform which:
1. Nominates option D as the preferred option.
2. Outlines a preference for Revenue NSW to collect the ESL.
3. Outlines the issues and concerns Council is expected to encounter if we were required to collect the levy.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - TRANSFER OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE TRUCKS, SUPPORT VEHICLES AND MOBILE EQUIPMENT

2606/007 **RESOLVED:**
That Council acknowledge the decision of the NSW Government to assume direct ownership and responsibility for NSW Rural Fire Service trucks, support vehicles, and major mobile equipment, removing them from Blayney Shire Council's asset register.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 26 MAY 2026

2606/008 **RESOLVED:**
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026, being minute numbers 2605/001 to 2605/021 be confirmed.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Reynolds provided an update on the Great Western Highway Taskforce meeting held today.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT: BAKERS SHAFT AND JUNCTION REEFS FROM CROWN LANDS TO BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL

2606/009 RESOLVED:

That Council respond to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands 22 May 2026 letter advising;

1. Strong objection to the proposed transfer of management of Crown Reserve 1031268 to Blayney Shire Council.
2. Crown Lands at a minimum hold any proposed transition until at least 1 July 2027, as;
   a. Crown Lands has not provided sufficient substantive information to enable Council to properly evaluate associated the liability and financial implications associated with the proposed transfer of management,
   b. Crown Lands have not provided a comprehensive list of assets at Crown Reserve 1031268 (that Council would become responsible for) to enable Council to assess if the proposed transfer of management proceeds,
   c. From a procedural fairness perspective, 41 days is insufficient notice for Council to;
      i) Obtain legal advice, and
      ii) Adequately consider: associated risk and liability, site assets and financial implications if the transfer of management proceeds.
3. That Council write to the NSW Minister for Lands and Property, the Hon Stephen Kamper;
   a. Outlining Council's strong objection to the proposed transfer and
   b. Seek an assurance that no transfer will take place until the information sought in 2 above is provided and Council is provided with a fair and reasonable time period to assess, consider and respond to that information.

(Scott/Hutchings)
CARRIED

ORANGE360 DRAFT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2606/010 RESOLVED:

That Council note the agreed Key Performance Indicators for Orange360 to 30 June 2027.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

NEWBRIDGE ART SHOW - INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

2606/011 RESOLVED:

That Council defer this item until the next Council meeting.

(Newstead/Scott)
CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2026

2606/012 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 31 May 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF 2026/27 - 2029/30 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2026/27 OPERATIONAL PLAN

2606/013 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, adopt the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan.
2. Note the 1 community submission received during the public exhibition period (summarised and attached to this report) and alter the 2026/27 fees and charges as follows:
   a. Remove the line 'Unsorted Waste (per m^3) – Including Skip Bins - $104'
   b. Add 2 new lines;
      i. 'Unsorted Waste (per m^3) – $100 per m^3'
      ii. 'Skip Bin Sorted Waste (per m^3) – $70 per m^3'
3. Adopt the Revenue Policy for 2026/27, as outlined in the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan.
4. Adopt the Statement of Rating Structure, inclusive of year 3 of the approved special variation, and their respective short names as contained in the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan and make the Ordinary Rate and charges, including sewer charges and domestic waste management charges, pursuant to s.494 and s.496 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Waste Management Levy pursuant to s.501 of the Local Government Act 1993 detailed below:

Rating Structure for the 2026/27 Rating Year – Base Case SV Model 10% Increase						
Name of Category/ Subcategory	No. of Assessments	Base Rate	Ad Valorem	Land Value	Total Yield	% Yield from Base Amount
Residential						
Ordinary	1,204	$ 490	0.00144810	$ 428,357,920	$ 1,210,266	48.75%
Blayney & Carcoar	1,469	$ 490	0.00250158	$ 304,662,100	$ 1,481,947	48.57%
Millthorpe	354	$ 490	0.00124940	$ 144,420,000	$ 353,899	49.01%
Business						
Ordinary	149	$ 630	0.00430895	$ 37,239,750	$ 254,334	36.91%
Blayney	172	$ 630	0.00624723	$ 32,490,850	$ 311,338	34.80%
Business Millthorpe & Carcoar	58	$ 630	0.00311804	$ 18,479,800	$ 94,161	38.81%
Farmland						
Ordinary	707	$ 800	0.00167196	$1,530,637,090	$ 3,124,769	18.10%
Mining						
Ordinary	1	$1,600	0.04524558	$ 614,000	$ 29,381	5.43%
Gold		$1,600	0.05800485			
Gold / Copper Combined	1	$1,600	0.03209753	$ 202,000,000	$ 6,485,301	0.02%
Estimated Total Yield	**4,115**			**$2,646,901,510**	**$13,345,396**	

2026/27 Waste Charges

	Annual Charge	No. of Properties
Waste Management Levy *This is waste management charge is applied to all properties funding waste disposal services for the Blayney Shire*	$120	4,223
Domestic Waste Management		
Domestic Waste Management Service Charge *This is applied to properties that have a residence within the waste collection area.*	$472	2,770
Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge *This charge is applied to properties within the waste collection area that do not have a service but is available - i.e. vacant land*	$88	329
Commercial (Non-Domestic) Waste Management		
Non-Domestic Waste Management Service Charge *This is applied to properties for non-domestic properties within the waste collection area*	$608	338
Non-Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge *This charge is applied to properties within the waste collection area that do not have a service, but it is available i.e. vacant land*	$88	90
Non-Domestic Waste Service Management Charge for Charity and Not Profit Organisations *This is applied to the above properties for non-domestic properties within the waste collection area*	$160	16
Extra Services		
Additional Garbage Charge – per red bin	$432	98

Additional Recycling Charge – per yellow bin	$176	33
Total Yield		**$2,107,280**

2026/27 Non-Residential and Residential Sewer Charges

Residential			
	Access Charge	**No. of Properties**	**Total Yield**
Connected	$908	1,609	$1,460,972
Vacant (Unconnected)	$468	155	$72,540
Estimated Total Yield			**$1,533,512**

Non-Residential				
	Annual Charge (Prior to SDF Factor)	**No. of Properties**	**Quarter Charge before SDF applied**	**Min. quarterly amount charged**
20mm Water Service	$756	162	$189	$227
25mm Water Service	$1,152	21	$288	$227
32mm Water Service	$1,880	18	$470	$227
40mm Water Service	$2,940	11	$735	$227
50mm Water Service	$4,588	24	$1,147	$227
80mm Water Service	$11,732	1	$2,933	
100mm Water Service	$18,392	6	$4,598	
150mm Water Service	$41,388	2	$10,347	
Vacant/Unmetered	$468	56		
Usage Charge (per kl)	$1.92			
Estimated Total Yield				**$511,101**

Future Sewerage Infrastructure Subsidy Charge

	Access Charge	**No of Properties**	**Total Yield**
Connected - Residential	$55	1588	$87,340
Connected - Business	$55	243	$13,365
Vacant (Unconnected)	$55	172	$9,460
Estimated Total Yield			**$110,165**

2026/27 Trade Waste Charges

Commercial (Non-Residential)		
	Annual Fee	**No. of Properties**
Annual Trade Waste Fee	$144	67
Annual Trade Waste Fee (Large Dischargers Category 3)	$516	1
Liquid Trade Waste User Charges with Trade Waste Agreement (Category 1, Category 2/2s)	$2.79	60
Liquid Trade Waste User Charges with No Trade Waste Agreement	$27.92	8
Excess Mass Chargers for Category (3 Dischargers)	$ As per the table in fees and charges	1
Water Testing Charges (if required)	$362 per quarter	1
Estimated Total Yield		**$81,775**

5. Note the 2026/27 Draft Operational Plan forecasts a consolidated Net Operating Result before Capital Items of ($2.08m) deficit, represented by
    a. ($2.39m) deficit for General Fund,
    b. $316k surplus for Sewer Fund,
6. Note the annual review of the 2026/27 – 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan;
7. Note remedial action may be required from 2028/29 to ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council should the planned assumptions in Scenario A – Base Case (particularly around additional mining rate income), not materialise.
8. Adopt the following programs which financially assist others under s.356 Local Government Act (1993), including the Community Financial Assistance Program, Local Heritage Assistance Program, Youth Week Grants Program, Tourism Event Development Fund and Village Enhancement Program.
9. Adopt the schedule of financial assistance under the Community Financial Assistance Program, pursuant to s.356 Local Government Act.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

DRAFT LIQUID TRADE WASTE GUIDELINES POLICY

2606/014 **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Endorse the Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines Policy and place them on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Provided no submissions are received, adopt the Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines policy and update Council's Policy Register.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 MAY 2026

2606/015 **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 6 May 2026
2. Adopt the Internal Audit Charter as amended.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT

2606/016 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for June 2026.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of $264k (grant funding), under Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) from Garland Road to Tallwood Road.
3. Approve a supplementary vote of $60,000 for the Sewer Treatment Discharge Impact Assessment from the Sewer Fund (Restricted).

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT

2606/017 RESOLVED:

That Council note the project update for the Richards Lane and intersection upgrade project.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD 5 JUNE 2026

2606/018 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Local Transport Forum, held Friday 5 June 2026.
2. Review the existing parking arrangements on Lindsay Street between Church St and Ogilvy St.
3. Receive a further report as to the outcome of the review with any recommendation to changes to signage or linemarking.
4. Install R5-40 "No Parking At Any Time" signage along the southern side of Eulamore St, between Naylor Street and the access to 3 Eulamore Street .
5. Clear roadside vegetation along the southern side of Longswamp Road, to the east of Carbine Road.
6. Approve the event for the Millthorpe Winter Fire Festival Night Market, to be staged on 7th August 2026 on Pym Street Millthorpe as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
7. Endorse the plan for changes proposed to Adelaide Street North.
   a. Note that reopening access from the Mid-Western Highway into Adelaide Street North is not recommended.
   b. Approve the 28 day public exhibition of the proposal to relocate the existing bus zone, reconfigure the priority of Hill St / Adelaide St N intersection, and upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing on Adelaide Street N to a

Children's Crossing during school zone operating hours.
c. Receive a further report to consider any public submissions and detailing estimated project costs, proposed staging and potential funding sources for the proposed works.
8. Note the reported heavy vehicle parking concerns on Orange Road and investigate appropriate enforcement measures with NSW Police.
9. Note the completion of the Vittoria Road speed zone review, and the proposal to reduce the posted speed limit to 80 km/h.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Scott left the Chambers.

ADELAIDE LANE, BLAYNEY - ONE WAY (OGILVY & CHURCH STREETS)

2606/019 **RESOLVED:**
That Council:
1. Approve the implementation of one-way for the northern section of Adelaide Lane.
2. Ensure all landowners adjoining the proposal are directly informed of the implementation date and any associated operational changes to access, servicing or waste collection arrangements arising from the proposal.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

2026 LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS

2606/020 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the report on the 2026 Local Roads Congress.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2026

2606/021 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the report from the Mayor on the recent Country Mayors Association Meeting held 8 May 2026.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Scott returned to the Chambers.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD 27 MAY 2026

2606/022 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the report from the Mayor on the recent Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting held 27 May 2026.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

LATE REPORTS

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2606/023 **RESOLVED:**
That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Dorsett for the July 2026 Council Meeting.

(Scott/Hutchings)
CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS

SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND (EOI 2/2026)
Report has been withdrawn.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.22pm

The Minute Numbers 2606/001 to 2606/023 were confirmed on 28 July 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2026.

Bruce Reynolds
Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR