MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.03PM

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

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 (Less Than Significant)	16	71	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting	Cr Dorsett is a member of the Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group that may be involved in a project. Cr Dorsett has no direct involvement with the applicant and there are no known benefits to Cr Dorsett personally or financially.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lyndall Harrison – Item 16 – Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 14 September 2026

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

The Mayor vacated the Chair and the General Manager, as the Returning Officer, conducted the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

2609/001 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note nominations have been called for position of Mayor.
2. Note Cr Reynolds has nominated for position of Mayor proposed by Cr Johnston and Cr Gosewisch. Cr Reynolds has accepted this nomination.
3. Note as only one nomination has been received for the position of Mayor, no election is necessary.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

The General Manager declared Cr Reynolds as Mayor for the ensuing 2 year period.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

2609/002 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Elect a Deputy Mayor for the same term of office as the Mayor.
2. Note nominations have been called for the position of Deputy Mayor.
3. Note Cr Newstead and Cr Scott have nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cr Newstead proposed by Cr Gosewisch and Cr Johnston and Cr Scott proposed by Cr Hutchings and Cr Scott. Both Cr Newstead and Cr Scott have accepted this nomination.
4. Conduct the election by the ordinary ballot method.
5. Note the General Manager will act as the Returning Officer for the election.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

The General Manager conducted the election. Cr Newstead received 4 votes and Cr Scott received 3 votes.

The General Manager declared Cr Newstead as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 2 year period.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE - UPDATE ON THE H5 BIRD FLU OUTBREAK AND THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2609/003 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update from Minister Penny Sharpe in relation to the recent H5 Bird Flu-Local Government Forum.

(Reynolds/Hutchings)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATION TO BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL 2026/27

2609/004 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the financial assistance grant allocation for Blayney Shire for the 2026/27 financial year.

(Reynolds/Newstead)
CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW COALITION PLAN FOR A ROYALTIES FOR REGIONAL WATER & SEWERAGE FUND

2609/005 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the NSW Coalition commitment to fund regional water infrastructure should they be elected to Government at the 2027 NSW State election.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 AUGUST 2026

2609/006 **RESOLVED:**
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026, being minute numbers 2608/001 to 2608/023 be confirmed.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Nil

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 AUGUST 2026

2609/007 **RESOLVED:**
That the questions taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25 August 2026 and subsequent responses be received and noted.

(Hutchings/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

GRANTS COMMISSION REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2609/008 **RESOLVED:**
That Council:

1. Note the NSW Local Government Grants Commission proposed revised methodology for allocating Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to NSW councils.
2. Note the NSW Local Government Grants Commission letter dated 4 September 2026, which models the proposed changes for Blayney Shire Council, would increase Council's Financial Assistance Grant from $3.969 million to $5.813 million.
3. Endorse the significant positive impact on Council's financial sustainability, Long Term Financial Plan and future service and infrastructure provision the change in methodology would provide.

4. Proceed to lodge a submission with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission supporting the proposed methodology changes.
5. Continue sector advocacy seeking support for restoration of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

SUBMISSION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSET VALUATION DISCUSSION PAPER - OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2609/009 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the submission made to the Office of Local Government on the Local Government Asset Valuation Discussion Paper.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

2609/010 **RESOLVED:**
That Council approve funding under the 2026/27 Tourism Development Program, subject to conditions detailed in the report, to:

1. Newbridge Progress Association Inc. $2,000 for the Newbridge Winter Solstice Festival 2027.
2. Newbridge Art Show Inc. $2,000 for Spring into Art at Newbridge.
3. Blayney A & P Association Inc. $2,000 for the 2027 Blayney Show.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2026

2609/011 **RESOLVED:**
That Council:

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

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

SIX MONTHLY DELIVERY PROGRAM REVIEW - JUNE 2026

2609/012 **RESOLVED:**

That the progress report of Council's 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program to 30 June 2026, for inclusion into the Council 2025/26 Annual Report, be received.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

2609/013 **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Endorse the following policies and place them on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

Policy Name
Bring Your Own Device Policy
Road Pathway and Bridge Naming Policy

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

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

2609/014 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft 2026 – 2030 Disability Inclusion Action Plan for Blayney Shire Council for exhibition and it be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days;
2. Should no submissions be received during the public exhibition period, adopt the Draft 2026 – 2030 Disability Inclusion Action Plan for Blayney Shire Council

(Scott/Dorsett)
CARRIED

NOMINATION FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

2609/015 **RESOLVED:**

That Council appoint Heather Ferguson as a community representative to the Disability Inclusion Working Group for the remainder of the current Council term.

(Newstead/Dorsett)
CARRIED

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

MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

2609/016 RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the Financial Assistance Program Committee meeting held 14 September 2026.
2. Note the resignation of Jordan Butler from the Financial Assistance Program Committee.
3. Seek expressions of interests for community representative nominations to the Financial Assistance Program Committee.
4. Note the approval of fee waiver under delegation by the General Manager, in the amount of $773.
5. Approve the recommendations for 2026/27 – Round 1 of the Community Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Program Committee, in the amount of $19,273 being:

No.	Applicant	$
1	Blayney Rotary Club	1,699
2	Newbridge Progress Association	2,580
3	Sunny Ridge Golf Club	5,000
4	Country Education Foundation	5,000
6	Blayney Junior Soccer Club Inc	2,994
8	Neville Show Society	2,000

6. Approve the recommendations for 2026/27 – Flagship funding by the Financial Assistance Program Committee, in the amount of $25,000 being:

No.	Applicant	$
F1	Blayney Shire Horse Sports	25,000

7. Approve the application from Sidetrack Arts for the Blayney Railway Station 150th Anniversary Community Event, in the amount of $4,997.24, subject to substantiation of all expenditure being provided to Council.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Dorsett returned to the Chambers.

LEASE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR AGISTMENT PURPOSES

2609/017 RESOLVED:

That Council lease the industrial land to Mr R. Hobby for the term ending 29 February 2028, with an option to renew for a further one-year period, at an annual fee of $200, subject to annual adjustment in accordance with CPI.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT

2609/018 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for September 2026.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of $1,500 funded from the Village Enhancement Program to DIWG Project – Lyndhurst Carpark and Bus Stop Area (Stage 1).
3. Approve a supplementary vote of $67,500 funded from the FCWF Voluntary Planning Agreement to undertake DIWG Project – Lyndhurst Carpark and Bus Stop Area (Stage 2).

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT

2609/019 RESOLVED:

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

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING - 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

2609/020 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Shire Local Transport Forum Meeting, held on 4 September 2026.
2. Endorse the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the Blayney Twilight Shopping Event, to be held on Friday, 27 November 2026 on Church Street Blayney, as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
3. Endorse the Traffic Management Plan for the Millthorpe Markets event, to be staged on 6 December 2026 and 6 April 2027 on Redmond Oval as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
4. Endorse the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the annual Blayney Show, to be staged on 27 February 2027 on Blayney Showground, Marshalls Lane, as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
5. Note the public exhibition of the proposed changes to Adelaide St North, adjacent to St Joseph's School, has been completed and a separate report has been prepared to this Council Meeting.
6. Following a review of parking arrangements in Lindsay St, Blayney, endorse:

a. Bus zone signage to be altered as per plan provided in annexure A.
b. Alteration of "No Parking" and "Bus Zone' times to align with school zone times.
c. The western side of Lindsay St to be signposted as 60 degree rear to kerb parking.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

ADELAIDE STREET NORTH / ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

2609/021 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the submissions received during the public exhibition period.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of $47,000 funded from the FCWF Voluntary Planning Agreement to undertake reconfiguration of Adelaide Street North.

(Gosewisch/Johnston)
CARRIED

LAND ACQUISITION FOR ROAD REALIGNMENT BETWEEN 860 AND 1150 ERROWANBANG ROAD - DP1216561

2609/022 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Take into consideration submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of road reserve identified as Lots 11, 12 and 14 in DP1216561.
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 General Manager authority to execute any document necessary to facilitate the road closure.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
CARRIED

PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - MANDURAMA STREET, CARCOAR

2609/023 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the closure of the portion of Mandurama Street, Carcoar as per the enclosed diagram.
2. Approve the sale price of the land to be $1 to Mr Charles Jensen, plus all costs associated with the road closure including Council's road closure application fee, survey fees and legal fees.
3. Have a further report presented to a future Council meeting to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period and to make a decision on approval for the proposal.

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

PROPOSED LEASE OF UNUSED ROAD RESERVE - (PART) COLLINS STREET, CARCOAR

2609/024 **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposal to lease part of Collins Street, Carcoar to Mr. Eric Foote and Mr. Todd Hahn.
2. Place the proposal on public exhibition for a minimum 28 days, and seek input from adjoining owners, in accordance with the Roads Act 1993.
3. Be provided with a further report upon closing of the public exhibition period for consideration of submissions and determination of lease proposal.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

CENTRAL WEST AND ORANA STRATEGIC REGIONAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN (SRITP)

2609/025 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the release of the Central West and Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (SRITP).

(Gosewisch/Johnston)
CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE 2025/26

2609/026 **RESOLVED:**

That the Development Assessment Performance report for 2025/26 and 2026/27 to date be received and noted.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

NSW COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

2609/027 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report on the Statewide Community Participation Plan.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD 26 AUGUST 2026

2609/028 **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the recent Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting held 26 August 2026.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2609/029 **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the minutes from the Cadia Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee meeting held 17 August 2026.

(Johnston/Newstead)
CARRIED

CANOBOLAS ZONE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BUSH FIRE LIAISON COMMITTEE DELEGATE REPORT

2609/030 **RESOLVED:**
That Council receive and note the Canobolas Zone NSW Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee delegate report from the meeting on 2 September 2026.

(Reynolds/Scott)
CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.38pm.

The Minute Numbers 2609/001 to 2609/030 were confirmed on 27 October 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 September 2026.

Bruce Reynolds

Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR