

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 24 MARCH 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

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

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

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2603/001

RESOLVED:

That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Johnston for the March 2026 Council Meeting.

(Gosewisch/Scott)

CARRIED

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)	11	54	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 5 March 2026	Member of an applicant group being the Millthorpe and District Historical Society. No personal advantage.
Mark Dicker	Non-Pecuniary (Significant)	11	54	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 5 March 2026	Entire family is involved in Blayney and District Netball. Wife is on the Executive Committee, I co-coach and 3 daughters play.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 FEBRUARY 2026****2603/002****RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026, being minute numbers 2602/001 to 2602/027 be confirmed.

(Hutchings/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**2603/003****HOLIDAY BREAK AUTUMN/WINTER 2026 GRANT****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report on a successful grant application under the NSW Government Office of Youth Holiday Break Program.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**2603/004****GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPDATE****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update report on the Great Western Highway.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2603/005**VILLAGE PRIORITIES, IDEAS AND ACTION REGISTER****RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the Village Priorities and Ideas Register that has been prepared for Blayney and each village, including: Carcoar, Lyndhurst, Mandurama, Millthorpe, Neville and Newbridge from the feedback received during the community engagement undertaken for the Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

**LEASE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC CHARGING
STATION IN THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CENTRE
CARPARK**

2603/006

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the report on the Electric Vehicle public charging station for the Blayney Shire Community Centre car park.
2. Delegate to the General Manager authority to finalise terms of a 10 year (with 5-year option) lease agreement for two (2) car park spaces (and any ancillary area required for electrical charging infrastructure) within the Blayney Shire Community Centre carpark, at, part Lot 24, Section 14, DP 758121, Blayney to EVE Assets Pty Ltd.
3. Endorse the Mayor and General Manager to execute the lease agreement and any other associated document for this item.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

A **MOTION** was moved by Cr Newstead and seconded by Cr Gosewisch.

That Council:

1. Approve \$2,000 of funding to Millthorpe Village Committee for the 2026 Millthorpe Fire Fair.
2. Approve \$2,000 of funding to the Carcoar Community Association for the Carcoar Heritage and Visitor Experience App.
3. Approve \$2,000 of funding for the Neville Show Society for the 2026 Neville Show and Bullride from the 2026/27 Tourism Development Program Allocation.
4. Approve \$2,000 of funding for the Blayney Shire Horse Sports and Southern Cross Cutting Club for the Southern Cross Cutting Club Easter Show from the Village Enhancement Program subject to listing on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse system.
5. Approve \$2,000 of funding for the Lyndhurst Village Committee for the Lyndhurst Country Community Fair from the Village Enhancement Program.
 - a. The Lyndhurst Village Committee be informed that future grant funding for this event will not be considered unless they change their funding model to become more self-sufficient.
6. Council review the application criteria wording for the Tourism Development Program, in relation to when an application must be received by Council, prior to the event.

The motion was put and lost.

A further **MOTION** was moved by Cr Newstead and seconded by Cr Scott.

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3. Approve \$2,000 of funding for the Neville Show Society for the 2026 Neville Show and Bullride from the 2026/27 Tourism Development Program Allocation.

(Newstead/Scott)

The motion was put and won.

2603/007 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Approve \$2,000 of funding to Millthorpe Village Committee for the 2026 Millthorpe Fire Fair.
2. Approve \$2,000 of funding to the Carcoar Community Association for the Carcoar Heritage and Visitor Experience App.
3. Approve \$2,000 of funding for the Neville Show Society for the 2026 Neville Show and Bullride from the 2026/27 Tourism Development Program Allocation.

(Newstead/Scott)

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026

2603/008 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 28 February 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

YOUTH WEEK 2026

2603/009 RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the report on Youth Week 2026; and
2. Adopt the allocations from the 2026 Youth Week Small Grants Program as follows:

Le Danse School	\$ 1,500
Blayney High School	\$ 1,750
Belgravia Foundation Pty Ltd*	\$ 1,925

Life Youth, Abundant Life Church*
*Includes GST

\$ 990

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25 FEBRUARY 2026**

2603/010

RESOLVED:

That Council receive the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 25 February 2026.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

Cr Dorsett and General Manager, Mark Dicker, having declared an interest, left the Chambers.

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD 5 MARCH 2026**

2603/011

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee meeting held 5 March 2026.
2. Note the approval of fee waivers under delegation by the General Manager, in the amount of \$784.
3. Approve the recommendations for 2025/26 – Round 2 of the Community Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Program Committee, in the amount of \$15,047 being:

No.	Applicant	\$
1	Millthorpe & District Historical Society	1,000
3	Blayney & District Netball	4,047
6	Tallwood Hall Public Trust	10,000

4. Approve the recommendations for 2025/26 – Flagship funding by the Financial Assistance Program Committee, in the amount of \$26,198 being:

No.	Applicant	\$
F1	Carcoar Dam Sailing Club	11,000
F3	Newbridge Progress Association	15,198

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
CARRIED

Cr Dorsett and General Manager, Mark Dicker, returned to the Chambers.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT****2603/012****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for March 2026.
2. Approve a supplementary vote of \$50,000 in in the 2025/26 Operational Plan to undertake crushing within a Council-operated quarry funded by a reduction in 2026/27 operating expenditure for quarries by the same amount.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT****2603/013****RESOLVED:**

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

(Scott/Newstead)

CARRIED**ROADSIDE SPRAYING PROGRAM****2603/014****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the update report on the 2025/26 Roadside Spraying Program, specifically that it has been completed approximately \$5,000 under budget.
2. For the 2026/27 roadside weed spraying program within Blayney Shire, Council note:
 - a. The underspend from 2025/26 will remain with CTWA and be drawn upon in 2026/27.
 - b. Central Tablelands Weeds Authority have \$20,000 in reserve for Blayney Shire Council which will be drawn upon in 2026/27.
3. Allocate for consideration in the draft 2026/27 Operational Plan and 2027/28 to 2028/29 Delivery Program, \$15,000 from the Flyers Creek Voluntary Planning Agreement as a matching contribution to Newmont's \$15,000 commitment for roadside spraying in the Cadia District.

(Newstead/Reynolds)

CARRIED**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL
TRANSPORT FORUM HELD 6 MARCH 2026****2603/015****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Local Transport Forum, held Friday 6 March 2026.
2. Endorse the closure of Trunkey St Newbridge for the Newbridge Winter Solstice Festival, to be staged on 20 June

2026 on Trunkey Street Newbridge as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

3. Endorse the Traffic Management Plan for the Blayney Anzac Day Service as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
4. Endorse the Traffic Management Plan for the Villages ANZAC (Millthorpe, Neville and Mandurama) Day Service as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
5. Endorse the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the Carcoar Cup Running Festival, to be held 8 November 2026 on roads in the Villages of Carcoar and Neville, and roads in-between as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2603/016

RESOLVED:

That Council note the delegates report on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee meeting held 23 February 2026.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

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

2603/017

RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the Canobolas Zone NSW Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee delegate report.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.25pm

The Minute Numbers 2603/001 to 2603/017 were confirmed on 28 April 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 March 2026.


Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR