# MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 25 AUGUST 2026, 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 |
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| Cr Hutchings | Non Pecuniary (Significant) | 8 | 43 | Minutes of the Visitor Economy Working Group held 12 August 2026 | Wife is a member of the Visitor Economy Working Group |

## MAYORAL MINUTE

## MAYORAL MINUTE - 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE - MOTION RESPONSE

**2608/001** **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the response from Hon. Rose Jackson MLC Minister for Water to one of the motions that was submitted by Blayney Shire Council to the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 JULY 2026

**2608/002** **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026, being minute numbers 2607/001 to 2607/033 be confirmed.

(Scott/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr Gosewisch asked for an update on the recently approved cattle yards at the Blayney Showground. The General Manager confirmed an update will be provided to Councillors.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

**NOTICE OF MOTION - ROAD SPEED LIMITS REVIEW**

**2608/003** **RESOLVED:**

That Council requests a review of the following speed limits:

1. Village of Carcoar to be 40km/h
2. Village of Millthorpe to be 40km/h
3. In all Rural Residential subdivisions where a Cul-de-sac exists in the Millthorpe, Forest Reefs and Browns Creek areas to be 60km/h.
4. On Carcoar Road from the current 80km/h limit sign to south of the 112 Carcoar Road property entrance to be 80km/h.

(Reynolds/Johnston)

**CARRIED**

## EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

**2026 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION - INCREASED REGIONAL RAIL SERVICES**

**2608/004** **RESOLVED:**

That Council propose the following motion at the upcoming 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference:

*That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to:*

1. *Review with the intent to improve current rail services available to residents in regional NSW.*
2. *Provide "reverse" rail services across NSW, timed to run in the opposite direction to the current NSW/TrainLink XPT services as part of the new train fleet implementation.*
3. *Refurbish the existing XPT fleet with the intent to provide additional services throughout NSW.*
4. *Provide additional passenger train services from regional parts of NSW including; Parkes and Orange to Sydney.*

(Reynolds/Newstead)

**CARRIED**

**2026 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION – EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COLLECTION CONCERNS**

**2608/005 RESOLVED:**

That Council propose the following motion at the upcoming 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference:

*That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government regarding the proposed new Emergency Services Levy:*

1. *That Councils not be required to collect the new levy.*
2. *If Councils are forced to collect the levy that Councils are fully reimbursed the full cost of the levy collection.*
3. *Request the NSW Government acknowledge the 11.7% funding contribution Councils and our ratepayers make towards funding Emergency Services, if this contribution is kept as part of the levy process, when making funding announcements.*

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

**2026 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION - RENEWABLE EXCLUSION ZONES AROUND RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**2608/006 RESOLVED:**

That Council propose the following motion at the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference:

*That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to create and legislate a statewide exclusion zone (preventing renewable energy developments) from being within 5 kilometres of any residential zoned land within a regional city, town and village across NSW to protect the long-term growth (residential, industrial and commercial) opportunities of regional NSW.*

(Reynolds/Dorsett)
**CARRIED**

**2026 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION - GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY**

**2608/007 RESOLVED:**

That Council propose the following motion at the upcoming 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference:

*That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government and Opposition to provide a long-term commitment to construct a dual carriageway on the Great Western Highway from Katoomba to Lithgow.*

(Reynolds/Newstead)
**CARRIED**

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

**MINUTES OF THE VISITOR ECONOMY WORKING GROUP HELD 12 AUGUST 2026**

**2608/008 RESOLVED:**
That Council note the minutes from the Visitor Economy Working Group meeting held 12 August 2026.

(Gosewisch/Johnston)
**CARRIED**

Cr Hutchings returned to the Chambers.

## CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

**REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2026**

**2608/009 RESOLVED:**
That Council:
1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as at 31 July 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

**DRAFT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS BY COUNCIL 2025/26**

**2608/010 RESOLVED:**
That Council;
1. Make the statement in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, and Clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) for the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2026.
2. Receive the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
3. Make the statement in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Accounting Practice in relation to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2026.
4. Endorse signature of the statements by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.
5. Refer the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements to audit and invite Intentus Chartered Accountants, as the contracted agent for the NSW Audit Office, to complete the audit as per the requirements of Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act (1993) and Local Government (General) Regulation (2021).
6. Approve the net transfers from Council's external cash restrictions of $408k.
7. Approve the net transfers to Council's internal cash

allocations of $2.45m, for the purposes as detailed in Schedule 1 of Policy 3K Restricted and Unrestricted Cash Policy.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

**SALE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND - LOT 1 DP842577 (EOI 2/2026)**

**2608/011** **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note an offer in accordance with Resolution No. 2604/023 (from the April 2026 Council meeting) has been received to purchase SL2 – Lot 1 DP842577, 8 Tollbar Street, Blayney, for the sale price of $420,000 + GST,
2. Note that contracts are now proceeding to be drawn up to progress the sale.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD 4 AUGUST 2026**

**2608/012** **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Disability Inclusion Working Group meeting held 4 August 2026.
2. Undertake a further review of King George Oval accessible seating for required alterations to mitigate risk of tripping.
3. Endorse the Blayney Shire 2022 – 2026 Disability Inclusion Action Plan Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

(Scott/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

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

**2608/013** **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 6 August 2026
2. Note the Annual Report on the operations of the Blayney Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 to Council.
3. Endorse the Draft ARIC Annual (2026/27) and Four Year Work Plan (2024-2028).
4. Request the Central NSW NSWJO CISO to provide increased focus and assistance to Blayney Shire Council to support their continual improvement and uplift of cyber security.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF 2026/27 CARRYOVER WORKS**

**2608/014 RESOLVED:**

That Council

1. Approve supplementary votes of expenditure to the 2026/27 budget for carryover works from 2025/26 to 2026/27 as per the attached schedule totalling $6.01m funded from:
   a. internal cash allocations of $4.06m
   b. externally restricted unexpended grants and contributions of $727k
   c. other external cash restrictions $1.23m
2. Approve supplementary votes of expenditure for 2026/27 totalling $302k for carryover works from 2025/26 to 2026/27 funded from:
   a. future grants and contributions of $273k for milestones not yet received
   b. other internal cash restrictions of $29k
3. Note the financial implications of carryover works on the adopted 2026/27 Operational Plan as detailed in Tables 1-3 of the report.

(Gosewisch/Scott)
**CARRIED**

## INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**2608/015 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for August 2026.
2. Note expenditure of $8,470 to undertake repairs to lighting at King George Oval from existing operational budgets and the potential for budget adjustment later in the financial year.
3. Approve a supplementary vote of $4,500 from the Village Enhancement Program for Showground Pavilion - air conditioning project.
4. Approve a supplementary vote of $35,000 for additional scope on the Sewer Treatment Discharge Impact Assessment from the Sewer Fund (Restricted).

(Scott/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

**RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT**

**2608/016 RESOLVED:**

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

(Newstead/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

**2026/27 TRANSPORT ASSET CAPITAL RENEWAL ALLOCATIONS**

**2608/017** **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the proposed work locations for the 2026/27 transport asset capital renewal programs.
2. Approve a Supplementary vote of $117,800 in the 2026/27 Operational Plan for the Victoria Street Urban Stormwater renewal project, funded from the Asset Renewals - Stormwater (SV) Internal Allocation.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)
**CARRIED**

**BLAYNEY LOCAL FLOOD STUDY 2026**

**2608/018** **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the submission received during the exhibition of the 2026 Blayney Local Flood Study.
2. Adopt the 2026 Blayney Local Flood Study (as amended)
3. Note that Council has lodged a grant application to DCCEEW to progress the floodplain risk management study and plan.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

**PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - NORTH STREET, LYNDHURST**

**2608/019** **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the closure of the portion of North St, Lyndhurst as per the enclosed diagram that adjoins Lot 5, DP1108340.
2. Approve the sale price of the land to be $1, 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.

(Dorsett/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

**PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - BELUBULA STREET, NORTH, CARCOAR**

**2608/020** **RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Take into consideration submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of portions of Belubula Street North, Carcoar – Lot 67, DP1111005
3. Give public notice for a period of 28 days of Council's intention to classify the land as Operational Land.
4. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute any document necessary to facilitate the road closure, land transfer and easement with Essential Energy.

(Scott/Newstead)
**CARRIED**

**EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND SEWER - LOT 2 DP1103517**

**2608/021** **RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the acquisition of an easement over Lot 2 DP1103517 (53 Gerty Street) to facilitate the conveyance of stormwater and sewer infrastructure from Council land.
2. Approve the compensation to the landowner be $16,200, as determined by an independent valuation, as a supplementary vote from the Property Account.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate and finalise the terms of the easement and execute any documents necessary to facilitate its creation and registration.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)
**CARRIED**

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

**NSW STATE LAND USE PLAN**

**2608/022** **RESOLVED:**

That Council note the release of the NSW State Land Use Plan (State Plan) and the new three-tier State, Regional and Local strategic planning framework.

(Scott/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

## DELEGATES REPORTS

**MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**2608/023** **RESOLVED:**
That Council note the delegates report on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee meeting held 27 July 2026.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)
**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.12pm.

The Minute Numbers 2608/001 to 2608/023 were confirmed on 22 September 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 August 2026.

Bruce Reynolds

Cr B Reynolds
**CHAIR**