

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 26 MAY 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
Cr Scott	Non Pecuniary (Significant)	19	110	EOI 1/2026 - Further Development, Improvement or Use of Whites Quarry	Cr Scott associates with the owner and multiple employees of one of the parties that has submitted and EOI.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE - SIX POINT ACTION PLAN ON RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH

2605/001

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the release of the LGNSW's "*Caring for our Regions*" Six Point Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health, which outlines coordinated advocacy priorities to address critical gaps in healthcare access and outcomes for rural, regional and remote communities, including Blayney Shire;
2. Recognise that people living in rural, regional and remote areas experience poorer health outcomes, reduced access to primary and specialist care, and shorter life expectancy compared to metropolitan communities, and that these inequities are unacceptable;
3. Adopt the "*Caring for our Regions*" Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health as a formal advocacy position of Council;
4. Undertake appropriate media and communications opportunities to publicly support the "*Caring for our Regions*" Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health and strengthen coordinated advocacy with other councils.

5. Write to the NSW Minister for Regional Health, Ryan Park MP through the local Member of Parliament, MP Paul Toole MP and the Commonwealth Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Emma McBride MP through the local Member of Parliament, Andrew Gee MP, seeking their support for the “*Caring for our Regions*” Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health and calling for coordinated State and Commonwealth action to improve rural and regional health outcomes.
6. Notify LGNSW of this notice of motion.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

MAYORAL MINUTE - GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPDATE

2605/002

RESOLVED:

That Council note the verbal report on the Great Western Highway update and the associated grant funding provided to Blayney Shire Council.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28

APRIL 2026

2605/003

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026, being minute numbers 2604/001 to 2604/024 be confirmed.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS

2605/004

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Renew membership with the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW until 30 June 2027.
2. Holds payment of the 2026/27 membership fee until the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW pays Councils outstanding invoice for \$10,925.64 ex GST.
3. Write to the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW, advising in accordance with clause 22 of the constitution, Council is providing advance notice of its intention to potentially resign its membership effective 30 June 2027.

4. Receive a further report in or before June 2027 to resolve whether to renew membership with the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW for 2027/28.
5. Write to the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW, seeking that the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW, return to a singular mining focused association.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

2026 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: 'CATCH UP WITH A COUNCILLOR'

2605/005

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the recent '*Catch up with a councillor 2026*' community engagement undertaken in April 2026 across the Blayney Shire.
2. Note the summary of feedback and/or suggestions captured from the community engagement.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

VISITOR ECONOMY WORKING GROUP

2605/006

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Endorse the Visitor Economy Working Group Charter as attached, including any subsequent amendments.
2. Appoint Orange 360 Board Delegate, Councillor Gosewisch, as a member and chair of the Visitor Economy Working Group.
3. Appoint alternate Orange 360 Board Delegate, Councillor Johnston, as alternate chair and member of the Visitor Economy Working Group.
4. Proceed to undertake a public Expression of Interest process seeking nominations for industry representatives interested in being appointed by Council to the Working Group.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

2605/007

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as of 30 April 2026.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - MARCH 2026**2605/008****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Receive the report on the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 31 March 2026.
2. Adopt the supplementary votes of (\$414k) nett proposed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement, resulting in a decrease to capital expenditure of (\$1.05m), an increase to operating expenditure of \$1.87m and an increase in income of \$410k.
3. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the quarter ended 31 March 2026, based on the current projections of income, expenditure, and both restricted and unrestricted cash levels, Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2026 is considered satisfactory.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**INVESTMENT POLICY****2605/009****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on the Investment Policy,
2. Note the submission on the Investment Policy received during the public exhibition period,
3. Adopt the Investment Policy for inclusion into Council's policy register.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**2026/27 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL REMUNERATION****2605/010****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal 2026 Annual Determination.
2. In accordance with the maximum level for the Rural Council category in the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal 2026 Annual Determination, set and fix the Councillor and Mayoral remuneration (excluding superannuation) for 2026/27 year as;
 - a) \$14,450 for Councillors, and
 - b) \$31,510 additional fee for the Mayor

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

CABONNE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**2605/011****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on the Cabonne After School Care Program,
2. Note the sub reserve balance for the After School Care Program in Blayney as at 30 June 2025,
3. Provide within Council's Long Term Financial Plan, continued contribution towards the program (indexed annually), with a review of the Program by Council for the 2029/30 budget.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED**BAD DEBT - JLGL PTY LTD (JACK LIVINGSTONE):
COUNTRY TREE SERVICES**

The General Manager advised that this report has been withdrawn as Council was advised payment has been made this morning.

**2022-2026 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN STATUS
REPORT****2605/012****RESOLVED:**

That the Disability Inclusion Working Group note the Blayney Shire 2022 – 2026 Disability Inclusion Action Plan Status Report for period ending 31 December 2025.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: KEY ACTIVITIES REPORT****2605/013****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services: Key Activities Report for May 2026.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LOT 7305 DP 1143307,
HENRY ST BLAYNEY****2605/014****RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Resolve to compulsorily acquire the land of Lot 7305 DP 1143307, described as Henry Street, Blayney, pursuant to s186-187 of the Local Government Act 1993 and for the purposes of the Roads Act 1993.
2. Approve the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government and Governor seeking approval for the compulsory acquisition of land.

3. Delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to execute signature and fixing of the Council Seal on all required documentation to facilitate the acquisition.
4. Give public notice for a period of 28 days of Council's intention to classify the land as Operational Land.
5. Approve the publication of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette to dedicate the land as a public road pursuant to s10 Roads Act 1993.
6. Approve a supplementary vote of \$35,000 funded from the Property Account to fund the acquisition.

(Scott/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

2605/015

RICHARDS LANE AND INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT
RESOLVED:

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

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

2605/016

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHOWGROUND USER GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11 MAY 2026
RESOLVED:

That Council receive the minutes of the Blayney Showground User Group Committee meeting held 11 May 2026.

(Gosewisch/Newstead)

CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

2605/017

BLAYNEY SHIRE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2026
RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Approve the Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2026 attached to this report, as amended and altered following the public exhibition.
2. Provide public notice that Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2026 will commence on 9 June 2026.
3. Repeal Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2018.
4. Provide a copy of the Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2026 to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
5. Note that track changes will be removed from the final version of the DCP and authorise the General Manager to approve any minor formatting amendments to correct minor clerical errors or issues which do not change or alter the content or intent of the document.

(Scott/Hutchings)

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

FOR

Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Newstead
Councillor Gosewisch
Councillor Dorsett
Councillor Hutchings
Councillor Scott
Councillor Johnston

Total (7)**AGAINST****Total (0)****CARRIED****DELEGATES REPORTS****RURAL AND REGIONAL SUMMIT 2026 DELEGATE REPORT****2605/018****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Delegates Report on the 2026 Rural and Regional Summit held on Thursday 7 May 2026 in Sydney.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED**CLOSED MEETING****2605/019****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 matter:

EOI 1/2026 - FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OR USE OF WHITES QUARRY

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS

EOI 1/2026 - FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT OR USE OF WHITES QUARRY

2605/020

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the submissions received in response to EOI 1/2026 – Further Development, Improvement or Use of Whites Quarry
2. Accept the conforming Expressions of Interest received from;
 - Bonus Quarrying Resources Pty Ltd
 - Oberon Earthmoving Pty Ltd
 - Ulan Quarry Products Pty Ltd
 - WSP Australia Pty Ltd
3. Note that the submission from Saba Civil Management and Consultancy Pty Ltd was assessed as non-conforming due to failure to submit mandatory tender schedules.
4. Proceed to a Selective Tender process with Bonus Quarrying Resources Pty Ltd, being the respondent assessed as providing the most aligned proposal and strongest value-for-money outcome for Council following the public EOI process; and
5. Receive a further report following the closure of the Selective Tender process detailing the outcome of the submission and any proposed commercial arrangements for Council's consideration.

(Newstead/Hutchings)

CARRIED

2605/021

RESOLVED:

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

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

Cr Scott returned to the Chambers.

AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2605/021.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.03pm.

The Minute Numbers 2605/001 to 2605/021 were confirmed on 16 June 2026 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 May 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cr B Reynolds', is written over a horizontal line.

Cr B Reynolds
CHAIR