



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the National Theatre, 100 Wallace Street Braidwood, on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

## ATTENDANCE

**Councillors:** Cr Winchester (Chairperson)  
Cr Broadbent  
Cr Grundy  
Cr Livermore  
Cr Macdonald  
Cr Preston  
Cr Schweikert  
Cr Waterhouse  
Cr Willis  
Cr Wilson

**Staff:** R Ryan, General Manager  
M Duff, Director Infrastructure Services  
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation  
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services  
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

**Also Present:** L Ison (Minute Secretary)

### 1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which the meeting was held.

### 3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

#### **RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That the apology for non-attendance from Cr Taskovski be received and that leave of absence be granted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 January 2025**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Nellie Hamilton Centre, WB Freebody Chambers on Wednesday 29 January 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)**

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

There were no disclosures.

**6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.32pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.32pm and resumed at 5.48pm.

**7. MAYORAL MINUTE**

There was no Mayoral Minute

**8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)**

That items 9.4, 10.1, 10.4 and 14.3 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.4 Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program**

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**RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council endorse an application to the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program for funding to construct an initial stage of the Monaro Rail Trail.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald, Schweikert and Willis

With the vote being five-all, the Mayor exercised his casting vote and declared the resolution carried.

**10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****10.1 Captains Flat Lead Management Network Update**

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**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**10.4 Update on Captains Flat Pool**

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**RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**14.3 Questions With Notice - Captains Flat Lead Progress**

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**RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION****9.1 Draft Community Strategic Plan****MOVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council endorse the draft Community Strategic Plan 2042 for public exhibition and that the community engagement report be reported to Council at the first Council meeting in April 2025.

**AMENDMENT (Willis/Waterhouse)**

That Council endorse the draft Community Strategic Plan 2042 for public exhibition and that the community engagement report be reported to Council at the first Council meeting in April 2025 with the following amendments:

1. Amend strategy 1.2 to read: Provide opportunities for people to participate in arts, performance and cultural gatherings, events and exhibitions.
2. At strategy 1.4, delete 'provide'.
3. Amend strategy 1.6 to read: Increase community wellbeing by improving safety, telecommunications coverage and equitable access to timely care.
4. At strategy 2.2, delete 'Foster'.
5. Amend strategy 2.3 to read: Ensure our local businesses meet required standards and minimise environmental harm.
6. Amend strategy 3.2 to read: Minimise the environmental impact of development.
7. Amend Strategy 3.3 to read: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our sustainability and climate resilience.
8. Amend strategy 4.3 to read: Increase active transport by providing for safe pedestrian movement, more footpaths and connected walking and cycling tracks.
9. Amend strategy 4.6 to read: Maintain and protect open spaces, parks, reserves and waterways.
10. Amend strategy 4.9 to read: Manage the region's waste systems to meet community needs, reduce waste to landfill, and recover and reuse resources.
11. Amend strategy 5.6 to read: Encourage and support the community to shape local decision-making.
12. Amend the Measure tables as follows:
  - a. Mortgage costs – desired trend should be decreasing
  - b. Rental costs – desired trend should be decreasing
  - c. Persons with no non-school qualifications – this measure should probably read no post-school qualifications, and the desired trend would be decreasing
  - d. Co2 emissions per capita – desired trend should be decreasing

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Waterhouse) was put and lost.

For: Crs Waterhouse and Willis

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Wilson and Winchester

#### **AMENDMENT (Winchester/Wilson)**

That consideration of the draft Community Strategic Plan be deferred to the 26 February 2025 meeting.

The amendment (of Crs Winchester and Wilson) was put and carried unanimously.

The amendment became the motion.

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)**

That consideration of the draft Community Strategic Plan be deferred to the 26 February 2025 meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.2 Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028****MOVED (Grundy/Willis)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Receive a future report on the results of community feedback on the draft.

**AMENDMENT (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 for public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
2. Receive a future report on the results of community feedback on the draft.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Wilson) was put and carried.

For: Crs Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy and Schweikert

The amendment became the motion.

**MOVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 for public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
2. Receive a future report on the results of community feedback on the draft.

**AMENDMENT (Broadbent/Grundy)**

That consideration of this item be deferred to 26 February 2025 meeting.

The amendment (of Crs Broadbent and Grundy) was put and lost.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Schweikert and Waterhouse

Against: Crs Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Willis, Wilson and Winchester

The motion (of Crs Willis and Wilson) was brought forward.

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**RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2028 for public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
2. Receive a future report on the results of community feedback on the draft.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**9.3 Post Exhibition Report - Cat Containment Policy****MOVED (Macdonald/Broadbent)**

That Council adopt the draft Cat Containment Policy with the following amendments:

1. At Section 3.1, insert the words 'see maps in Appendix 1'.
2. Change the title of Appendix 1 to read 'Current Cat Containment Area Maps'.

During discussion, Cr Waterhouse left the meeting at 6.50pm and returned at 6.52pm.

**AMENDMENT (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council adopt the draft Cat Containment Policy with the following amendments:

1. At Section 3.1, insert the words 'see maps in Appendix One'.
2. Change the title of Appendix One to read 'Current Cat Containment Area Maps'.
3. Scope of Policy:
  - 3.3 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area born on or after 1 January 2025.
  - 3.4 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area 1 July 2026.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)**

That the meeting adjourn for five minutes.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 7.06pm and resumed at 7.11pm.

Following the adjournment, the amendment (of Crs Wilson and Preston) was moved in an amended form.

**AMENDMENT (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council adopt the draft Cat Containment Policy with the following amendments:

1. At Section 3.1, insert the words 'see maps in Appendix 1'.
2. Change the title of Appendix 1 to read 'Current Cat Containment Area Maps'.
3. Scope of Policy:
  - 3.3 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area born on or after 1 January 2025 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.
  - 3.4 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area from 1 July 2026 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.

The amendment (of Crs Wilson and Preston) was put and carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Preston, Waterhouse, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Macdonald, Schweikert and Willis

The amendment became the motion.

**MOVED (Wilson/Preston)**

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  - 3.4 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area from 1 July 2026 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.

**AMENDMENT (Wilson/Broadbent)**

That Council adopt the draft Cat Containment Policy with the following amendments:

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3. Scope of Policy:
  - 3.3 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area born on or after 1 March 2025 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.

3.4 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area from 1 January 2027 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.

5.3: From 1 July 2025 - All cats in urban areas born on or after 1 March 2025.

From 1 January 2027 - All cats in the urban areas of Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area.

The amendment (of Crs Wilson and Broadbent) was put.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Waterhouse, Wilson and Winchester

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Macdonald, Schweikert and Willis

With the vote being five-all, the Mayor exercised his casting vote and declared the amendment carried.

The amendment became the motion.

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**RESOLVED (Wilson/Broadbent)**

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3. Scope of Policy:

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3.4 All cats in urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area from 1 January 2027 and amend Appendix 1 to include all urban areas of the LGA.

5.3: From 1 July 2025 - All cats in urban areas born on or after 1 March 2025

From 1 January 2027 - All cats in the urban areas of Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy and Schweikert



- 9.4 **Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program**  
This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 635/25 9.5 **Renewal of Licence Agreement with Queanbeyan Players - 18 Barrow Place, Queanbeyan East**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**  
That Council endorse the renewal of the licence agreement over 18 Barrow Place, Queanbeyan East, with Queanbeyan Players for \$1,500 per annum for a further two-year term.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10.1 **Captains Flat Lead Management Network Update**  
This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 636/25 10.2 **Update on Memorial Park, Googong**  
**RESOLVED (Grundy/Willis)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 637/25 10.3 **Regional Sports Complex Business Plan Review Update**  
**RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 638/25 10.4 **Update on Captains Flat Pool**  
**RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10.4 **Update on Captains Flat Pool**  
This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 639/25 10.5 **Councillor Workshops**  
**RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)**  
That the report be received for information.  
The resolution was carried unanimously.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****11.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - 4 February 2025**

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**RESOLVED (Schweikert/Wilson)**

That:

1. Council endorse the 4 January 2025 Local Traffic Committee draft meeting minutes and the associated recommendations as follows:
  - a. LTC 01/2025 – Approve the 2025 Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival Event for 2 March.
  - b. LTC 02/2025 – Approve the 2025 Queanbeyan Rodeo Event for 8 March.
  - c. LTC 03/2025 – Approve the 2025 Husky Ultra Festival Event for 20 February.
2. All the Queanbeyan showground gates remain open and unlocked.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

There were no Notices of Motions

**13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS**

There were no Delegates Reports.

**14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****14.1 Questions With Notice - Nerriga Road, Braidwood**

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**RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Macdonald)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**14.2 Questions With Notice - Bungendore Lead Contamination Works**

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**RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**14.3 Questions With Notice - Captains Flat Lead Progress**

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

**14.4 Questions With Notice - Braidwood Carpark Update**

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**RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Preston)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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**14.5 Questions With Notice - New Hume Recycling Centre  
RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION**

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Winchester advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Winchester then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

**16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION  
MOVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

**Item 16.1 Legal Matters Update - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024**

*Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) (di) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

**Item 16.2 Deed of Settlement Minister Education and Early Learning: Bungendore Properties Reinstatement**

*Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

**AMENDMENT (Schweikert/Grundy)**

That item 16.2 be dealt with in Open Session.

The amendment was withdrawn by the mover.

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

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The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 7.46pm to discuss the matters listed above.

**16.1 Legal Matters Update - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024**

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**RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**16.2 Deed of Settlement Minister Education and Early Learning:  
Bungendore Properties Reinstatement****MOVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council:

1. Approves the Deed of Settlement with the NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.
2. Authorise the General Manager to sign the Sale Contracts for the purchase of the following:
  - 2 Majara Street and Majara Street Road Reserve, Bungendore NSW 2621 being Lots 12 DP 1139067 and Lots 1 DP 1276279, for \$1 each.
  - 4, 6 and 10 Majara Street, Bungendore NSW 2621, being Lots 13 and 14 DP 1139067 and Lots 3 DP 830878, for \$1 each.
3. Upon settlement, classify the land at 2, 4-6 and 10 Majara Street Bungendore vested in Council as Operational Land.
4. Proceed to the reopening of Majara Street as a Council Road.
5. Authorise the General Manager to prepare the notice of discontinuance of the Court Proceedings for the Crown Land and Council Land to the Minister.

Crs Broadbent and Grundy left the meeting at 7.57pm.

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**RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)**

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3. Upon settlement, classify the land at 2, 4-6 and 10 Majara Street Bungendore vested in Council as Operational Land.
4. Proceed to the reopening of Majara Street as a Council Road.
5. Authorise the General Manager to prepare the notice of discontinuance of the Court Proceedings for the Crown Land and Council Land to the Minister.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester

Against: Crs Macdonald and Schweikert

Crs Broadbent and Grundy returned to the meeting at 7.58pm.

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**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.58pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

**17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The time being 7.59pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER  
MAYOR  
CHAIRPERSON**