



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the WB Freebody Council Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)

Cr Grundy

Cr Livermore

Cr Macdonald

Cr Preston

Cr Schweikert

Cr Taskovski

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

679/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

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

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 February 2025**

680/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Waterhouse)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the WB Freebody Council Chambers in the Nellie Hamilton Centre on Wednesday 26 February 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

681/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

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.

Cr Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 12.1: Notice of Motion – Book: Tale of Two Cities, stating he is employed by Ian McNamee and Partners. He proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.33pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

682/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Willis)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.33pm and resumed at 5.38pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE**7.1 Mayoral Minute - ALGA 2025 Federal Election Funding Priorities**

683/25

RESOLVED (Winchester)

That Council support the ALGA's 2025 federal election priorities, and their national Put Our Communities First advocacy campaign.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

MOTION**MOVED (Macdonald)**

That the urgent motion regarding Development Application benchmarks is considered at this meeting.

The Mayor ruled that this matter was not urgent and would be considered at the 26 March 2025 meeting.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

684/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That item 10.2 be brought forward and considered at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Captains Flat Expression of Interest Containment Cell Update

685/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 DA.2024.0298 - Construction of a Dwelling House - 628 Northangera Road Mongarlowe**

686/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)

That development application DA.2024.0298 for construction of a dwelling house on Lot 211 DP 755918, 628 Northangera Road Mongarlowe be granted conditional consent.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 687/25 **9.2 Memorandum of Understanding - Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Project**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)
 That Council endorse the updated Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Abbeyfield for the Seniors Housing Project at 4-6 Majara Street, Bungendore to facilitate the Development Application process and expenditure of the \$500,000 internal reserve.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 688/25 **9.3 Reopening of Majara Street (North)**
RESOLVED (Preston/Macdonald)
 That Council authorise the reopening and dedication as public road reserve of the previously closed portion of the northern portion of Majara Street.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 689/25 **9.4 Ceasing of Acquisition of a Portion 29 Ellendon Street, Bungendore**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)
 That Council authorise the ceasing of the compulsory acquisition of 16m² of 29 Ellendon Street, Bungendore.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 690/25 **9.5 Reinstatement Bungendore Properties**
RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)
 That Council approve the Reinstatement of Bungendore Properties projects and new Budget allocations as follows:

Description	2024/25
DoE Compensation Internal Reserve	(\$906,750)
2 Majara Street – Community Centre	\$789,749
Majara Street – Road Reopening	\$78,000
4-6 Majara Street – Abbeyfield Site	\$19,500
Majara Street North – reopening	\$19,500
	\$906,750

Description	2026/27
DoE Compensation Internal Reserve	(\$2,821,650)
10 Majara Street – Council Offices and Library	\$2,431,650
Legal and Other Costs	\$390,000
	\$2,821,650

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Schweikert

9.6 19-21 Gibraltar Street Bungendore

MOVED (Preston/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to engage a real estate agency and offer for sale the Council land at 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
2. Borrow \$1,300,000 from the Department of Education Compensation Reserve to allow time for the property to be sold and the amount to be repaid.
3. Remove the unspent project budget for the construction of a new Council Administration Centre and Community Centre in Bungendore.

Cr Grundy foreshadowed a contrary motion:

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to investigate through Bungendore real estate agencies the current market value of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
2. Receive a report on these investigations as well as alternative options for the site including, but not restricted to, building Council offices/library, another Council development.
3. Consult with the community about the future use of the site through a public submission process of at least 28 days and local popup stalls.
4. Defer the matter to an in-person workshop to discuss the future for the site.
5. Determine the future of the site at a subsequent Council meeting.

Cr Willis foreshadowed a contrary motion:

That Council:

1. Receive a report on options for development of the Council land at 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore, including incorporation of affordable housing.
2. Review the recommendations from the employment land analysis being undertaken to inform the review of the Bungendore Structure Plan before finalising a decision on disposing of the site.

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

MOVED (Preston/Wilson)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to engage a real estate agency and offer for sale the Council land at 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
2. Borrow \$1,300,000 from the Department of Education Compensation Reserve to allow time for the property to be sold and the amount to be repaid.
3. Remove the unspent project budget for the construction of a new Council Administration Centre and Community Centre in Bungendore.

The motion was lost.

For: Crs Preston and Winchester

Against: Crs Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Schweikert, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson and Waterhouse

The foreshadowed contrary motion (of Cr Grundy) was brought forward and seconded by Cr Schweikert.

MOVED (Grundy/Schweikert)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to investigate through Bungendore real estate agencies the current market value of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
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AMENDMENT (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Receive a report on options for development of the Council land at 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore, including incorporation of affordable housing.
2. Review the recommendations from the employment land analysis being undertaken to inform the review of the Bungendore Structure Plan before finalising a decision on disposing of the site.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Preston) was put.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis and Wilson
Against: Crs Grundy, Macdonald, Schweikert, Waterhouse and Winchester

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

AMENDMENT (Winchester/Waterhouse)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to investigate through Bungendore real estate agencies the current market value of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
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3. Consult with the community about the future use of the site through a public submission process of at least 28 days and local popup stalls.
4. Defer the matter to an in-person workshop to discuss the future for the site.
5. Determine the future of the site at a subsequent Council meeting.

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

For: Crs Grundy, Macdonald, Livermore, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Cr Willis

The amendment became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Waterhouse)

That Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to investigate through Bungendore real estate agencies the current market value of 19-21 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.
2. Receive a report on these investigations as well as alternative options for the site.
3. Consult with the community about the future use of the site through a public submission process of at least 28 days and local popup stalls.
4. Defer the matter to an in-person workshop to discuss the future for the site.
5. Determine the future of the site at a subsequent Council meeting.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
Schweikert, Taskovski, Wilson, Waterhouse and
Winchester

Against: Cr Willis

9.7 Council Cultural Grant Applications

692/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)

That Council approve the following three Cultural Grants, totalling \$5,000:

1. \$1,000 for the Australia Nepal Friendship Society towards the Tihar Deusi Bhailo cultural event being held in Queanbeyan on 2 November 2025.
2. \$1,000 for the Bungendore Quilters for 12 reusable promotional sails for the Bungendore Quilting Exhibition, planned for late 2025.
3. \$3,000 for the Jerrabomberra Residents' Association for sound, stage and lighting for the 2025 Carols@Jerra event, planned for early December 2025.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Grundy

9.8 Renewal of Licence - NSW Scout Association - 7 Firethorn Place, Jerrabomberra

693/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)

That Council endorse a new licence agreement with the NSW Scout Association over 7 Firethorn Place, Jerrabomberra for a further five-year term.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.9 Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program

694/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)

That Council endorse the draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program 2025 and place on public exhibition for 28 days.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.10 Policy Review**RESOLVED (Wilson/Livermore)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days:
 - Competitive Neutrality Policy
 - Bin Inspection and Contamination Policy
 - Public Art Policy
 - Council-Related Development Application Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Guidelines on when DA's should be referred to Council
2. If no submissions are received, the Policies be adopted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.11 Post-Exhibition Report - Policies**MOVED (Wilson/Winchester)**

That Council adopt the following Strategic Policies:

- Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
- Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy
- Boundary Fences Adjoining Council Public Reserves Policy
- Social Media Policy

AMENDMENT (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council adopt the following Strategic Policies:

- Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
- Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy
- Boundary Fences Adjoining Council Public Reserves Policy
- Social Media Policy, with the deletion at Clause 2.2 of Twitter (now X) as a platform Council may use.

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

For: Crs Waterhouse and Willis

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

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

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RESOLVED (Wilson/Winchester)

That Council adopt the following Strategic Policies:

- Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
- Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy
- Boundary Fences Adjoining Council Public Reserves Policy
- Social Media Policy

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
Schweikert, Taskovski, Wilson, Waterhouse and
Winchester

Against: Cr Willis

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned for a short break at 7.30pm, and with the exception of Cr Wilson, all Councillors returned to the meeting at 7.42pm.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Ellerton Drive Noise Assessment Update

697/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Captains Flat Expression of Interest Containment Cell Update

This item was considered in earlier business.

10.3 Monaro Street Upgrade - Watermain Replacement Options

698/25

RESOLVED (Grundy/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.4 Heritage Awards 2025

699/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.5 Resolution Action Sheet

700/25

RESOLVED (Preston/Grundy)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.6 Councillor Workshops

701/25

RESOLVED (Preston/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

702/25

11.1 QPRC Sports Council Minutes - 3 February 2025**RESOLVED (Winchester/Grundy)**

That Council note the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council held on 3 February 2025.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Having declared an interest in the following item, Cr Taskovski left the Chamber at 7.45pm.

703/25

12.1 Notice of Motion - Book: Tale of Two Cities**RESOLVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That Council advertise for 28 days its intention to resolve that Council will donate \$3,000 towards the costs incurred for the reprinting of 350 copies of the book Tale of Two Cities by Mark Butz.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Crs Grundy and Macdonald

Cr Taskovski returned to the Chamber at 7.50pm.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

704/25

PROCEDURAL MOTION**RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)**

That items 14.1 to 14.5 be moved as a block.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

705/25

14.1 Questions With Notice - Shade Sail Prioritisation**RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

706/25

14.2 Questions With Notice - Reschs Creek Bridge**RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

707/25 **14.3 Questions With Notice - Accessible Car Parking in Braidwood**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

708/25 **14.4 Questions With Notice - Long Term Financial Plan**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

709/25 **14.5 Questions With Notice - Public Toilets**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Livermore)

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

710/25 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)**

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 RFT 2025-02 - Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road Intersection Safety Upgrade

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 7.53pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 RFT 2025-02 - Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road Intersection Safety Upgrade

711/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)

That Council award contract no. 2025-02 for the construction of Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road Intersection Safety Upgrade works to Cord Civil Pty Ltd for the contract amount of \$1,574,589 (excluding GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

712/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7.59pm.

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

In accordance with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.22, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolution passed in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 8.00pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**