



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and in the WB Freebody Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
Cr Broadbent
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

There were no apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 March 2025**

713/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Schweikert)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the WB Freebody Chamber in the Nellie Hamilton Centre on Wednesday 12 March 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

714/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

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 Winchester declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.1: DA.2024.0064 - Additions and Alterations to Commercial Building and Demolition (Heritage Listed Item) - 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan, stating he is a Board member of the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. He proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

Cr Livermore declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.8: Application for Council Cultural Grant, stating that she knows the artist very well. She proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

Cr Winchester declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.9: Feedback on Naming of the Bungendore Sports Hub Fields, stating Anthony Rayner was part of his group at the recent Council elections. 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.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

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.

During the Public Forum, having declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 9.1, 9.9 and 10.3, Mayor Winchester vacated the Chair and left the Chambers at 5.34pm. The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

At 5.41pm, with the exception of Cr Winchester, all Councillors returned to the Chamber.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED (Livermore/Macdonald)

That items 9.1, 9.9 and 10.3 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.1 **DA.2024.0064 - Additions and Alterations to Commercial Building and Demolition (Heritage Listed Item) - 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan**

MOVED (Taskovski/Macdonald)

That development application DA.2024.0064 for additions and alterations to commercial building and demolition on 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan be granted conditional consent.

Cr Willis foreshadowed a contrary motion:

That Council refuse development application DA.2024.0064 for additions and alterations to commercial building and demolition on 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan as it does not comply with the requirement of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, s4.15, for the following reasons:

1. The partial demolition and proposed treatments to local heritage items are inconsistent with LEP Clause 5.10, in particular: 1 (a) *to conserve the environmental heritage of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional local government area*; and 1 (b) *to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views*.
2. The Zone objective (e) *To ensure that new development provides diverse and active street frontages to attract pedestrian traffic and to contribute to vibrant, diverse and functional streets and public places*, is not achieved.
3. The impact on the streetscape arising from the partial demolition, proposed alterations and treatments to the heritage-listed properties does not reflect the historical pattern of commerce in the main street.
4. The roofline of the relocated plant room, behind the façade of the heritage listed property at 146 Monaro St, will be visible from the northern side of Monaro St, creating an undesirable impact on the streetscape.
5. The development application is not in the public interest as it will have an adverse effect on the public streetscape.

The motion (of Crs Taskovski and Macdonald) was put.

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RESOLVED (Taskovski/Macdonald)

That development application DA.2024.0064 for additions and alterations to commercial building and demolition on 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan be granted conditional consent.

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

Against: Crs Grundy and Willis

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9.9 Feedback on Naming of the Bungendore Sports Hub Fields**RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)**

That Council note the community comments and endorse the naming of the two new grass fields at the Bungendore Sports Hub: the Anthony Rayner Field (Field 1) and the Garry Cook Field (Field 2).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**10.3 Site inspection - DA.2024.0064 - Additions and Alterations to Commercial Building and Demolition - 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan**

719/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Winchester returned to the Chamber at 5.56pm and assumed the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**7. MAYORAL MINUTE**

720/25

7.1 Kočani Nightclub Fire Tragedy**RESOLVED (Winchester)**

That Council:

1. Expresses its deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims of the tragic nightclub fire in Kočani, North Macedonia;
2. Extends its support to the local Macedonian community during this difficult time; and
3. Writes to Her Excellency Ms Biljana Stefanovska-Sekovska, Ambassador of the Republic of North Macedonia to Australia, to convey Council's condolences on behalf of our community.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. Reports to Council - Items for Determination**9.1 DA.2024.0064 - Additions and Alterations to Commercial Building and Demolition (Heritage Listed Item) - 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan**

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

9.2 Planning Performance Response

721/25

RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)

That Council endorse the QPRC DA Action Plan and written response to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces' letter received in March 2025, to address Council's Development Assessment Performance and achieving of the Minister's Expectations Order, as issued in July 2024.

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

**9.3 Councillor Delegates for the Southern Regional Planning Panel
MOVED (Winchester/Preston)**

That Council update their Membership on the Southern Regional Planning Panel as follows:

1. Cr Broadbent be a Permanent Expert Member with Julie Costa the Director of Development and Environment at Yass Council as the alternate substitute.
2. Appoint a Councillor as a permanent Non-Expert Member, from the nominated Councillors: Cr Preston, Cr Grundy and Cr Schweikert.
3. Upon appointment of a permanent Non-Expert Member, confirm the Councillor alternate substitutes.
4. Cr Wilson will no longer be a Member of the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

AMENDMENT (Broadbent/Macdonald)

That Council update their Membership on the Southern Regional Planning Panel as follows:

1. Cr Broadbent be a Permanent Expert Member with Julie Costa the Director of Development and Environment at Yass Council as the alternate substitute.
2. Appoint three Councillors as permanent Non-Expert Members, who will rotate on an SRPP case-by-case basis, in last name alphabetical order, from the nominated Councillors: Cr Preston, Cr Grundy and Cr Schweikert.
3. Cr Wilson will no longer be a Member of the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

The amendment (of Crs Broadbent and Macdonald) was put and carried unanimously, and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Broadbent/Macdonald)

That Council update their Membership on the Southern Regional Planning Panel as follows:

1. Cr Broadbent be a Permanent Expert Member with Julie Costa the Director of Development and Environment at Yass Council as the alternate substitute.
2. Appoint three Councillors as permanent Non-Expert Members, who will rotate on an SRPP case-by-case basis, in last name alphabetical order, from the nominated Councillors: Cr Preston, Cr Grundy and Cr Schweikert.
3. Cr Wilson will no longer be a Member of the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.4 Draft Community Strategic Plan

723/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Community Strategic Plan 2042 for public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
2. Receive the Community Engagement Report and review all Submissions before finalising and endorsing the Community Strategic Plan 2042 on behalf of the QPRC community.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.5 58-62 Morriset Street, Queanbeyan Former Nursery Site

724/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)

That Council notes the need for a site compound for the Monaro Street upgrade project and endorse the use of 58-62 Morriset Street for this purpose, after which a Feasibility Study will be received regarding the activation of a Mobile Food Van Hub.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.6 Review of Organisational Structure

725/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council endorses the current four Directorate Organisational Structure for QPRC with functions and responsibilities detailed in the report as determined by the General Manager.

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

Against: Cr Schweikert

- 726/25
- 9.7 Naming of Bridge - Proposed Name: Ludwig Baumgardner Bridge**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Schweikert)
That Council endorse the naming of the new bridge recently constructed where Wallaces Gap Road crosses over Back Creek in the locality of Long Flat, Majors Creek, the Ludwig Baumgardner Bridge.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item, Cr Livermore left the Chamber at 6.58pm.
- 727/25
- 9.8 Application for a Council Cultural Grant**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$800 to the Queanbeyan Whites Rugby Union Football Club towards costs for Aboriginal-designed artwork on training shirts.
- For: Crs Broadbent, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse and Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy
- Cr Livermore returned to the Chamber at 7.01pm.
- 9.9 Feedback on Naming of the Bungendore Sports Hub Fields**
This item was dealt with in earlier business.
- 728/25
- 9.10 S355 Committee Funding Report**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Willis)
That Council endorse the financial contributions from the 2024-25 budget allocation for s355 Committees totalling \$20,000:
1. \$14,900 for those s355 Committees and projects as listed in the report.
 2. \$5,100 for the Burra Community Association towards the Burra Hall mains rewiring.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 729/25
- 9.11 TfNSW Draft Southeast & Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan - Council Submission**
RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)
That Council endorse the proposed comments in Table 1 as the formal QPRC submission for the Transport for NSW Draft Southeast & Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.12 Policy Review**MOVED (Macdonald/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days
 - Privacy Policy and Management Plan
 - Contaminated Land Policy and Guideline
 - Backflow Prevention Policy
 - Sewer Connection Limit of Council Responsibility Policy
 - Restricted Funds Policy
2. If no submissions are received, the Policies be adopted.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days:
 - Privacy Policy and Management Plan
 - Contaminated Land Policy and Guideline
 - Backflow Prevention Policy
 - Sewer connection limit of council responsibility policy
 - Restricted Funds Policy, with the Heritage Grant Program retained as an internally restricted fund
2. If no submissions are received, the Policies be adopted.
3. Receive a report on options for using the balance of the internally restricted funds assigned to the Heritage Grants Program for heritage purposes.

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

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

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy and Schweikert

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days:
 - Privacy Policy and Management Plan
 - Contaminated Land Policy and Guideline
 - Backflow Prevention Policy
 - Sewer connection limit of council responsibility policy
 - Restricted Funds Policy, with the Heritage Grant Program retained as an internally restricted fund

2. If no submissions are received, the Policies be adopted.
3. Receive a report on options for using the balance of the internally restricted funds assigned to the Heritage Grants Program for heritage purposes.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.13 Investment Report - February 2025

731/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of February 2025.
2. Note the investment return for February 2025 was \$968,495.
3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Riverside Cemetery Queanbeyan

732/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Waterhouse)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10.2 Councillor Workshops

733/25

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Wilson)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

10.3 Site inspection - DA.2024.0064 - Additions and Alterations to Commercial Building and Demolition - 142 & 164 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There were no Reports of Committees.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- 734/25 **12.1 Notice of Motion - Queanbeyan-Palerang Biosecurity**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Waterhouse)
That Council:
1. Facilitates public information sessions for residents, representatives from State authorities and Council to discuss current biosecurity laws, policies and weed control measures.
 2. Reviews relevant Council policies against the feedback of residents, expert advice and legislated framework.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 735/25 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)**
That items 14.1 to 14.6 be moved with as a block.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

- 736/25 **14.1 Questions With Notice - Road from Hoskinstown to Reschs Creek**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 737/25 **14.2 Questions With Notice - Foxlow Bridge**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 738/25 **14.3 Questions With Notice - Dumping on NSW Rural Lands**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 739/25 **14.4 Questions With Notice - Public Toilets**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

740/25 **14.5 Questions With Notice - Council Vehicle Fleet Emissions Reduction**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

741/25 **14.6 Questions With Notice - Long Term Financial Plan**
RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)
That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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

There were no items for Closed Session.

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 7.38pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**