

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 17 February 2026



Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at the
Parkes Council Chamber, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes

Present:

Cr Neil Westcott	Councillor (Chairperson)
Cr Marg Applebee	Councillor (Deputy Chair)
Cr William Jayet	Councillor
Cr Ken McGrath	Councillor
Cr Joy Paddison	Councillor
Cr Doug Pout	Councillor
Cr George Pratt	Councillor
Cr Matthew Scherer	Councillor
Cr Glenn Wilson	Councillor

Council Officers in Attendance:

Mr Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager
Mr Andrew Francis	Director Infrastructure and Sustainability
Mr Logan Hignett	Director Operations
Mr Anthony McGrath	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy
Mrs Annalise Teale	Director Planning and Community Services
Mr Jaco Barnard	Chief Financial Officer
Mrs Veronica Shaw	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance
Mrs Nikki Bevan	Procurement, Contracts and Insurance Coordinator (Minute Secretary)

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 17 February 2026 open and welcomed Councillors, Council Officers and members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

The Mayor advised attendees that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live on the internet, to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Parkes Shire community, and that the recording will be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Mayor asked that attendees ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices were turned off or in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Mayor further advised that all care would be taken to maintain privacy, however, as a visitor in the public gallery, members of the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.

Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.

3 PRAYER

The General Manager read the Prayer:

O God,
Guide the Council in the way of Thy divine wisdom,
We Pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

AMEN

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Louise O'Leary is an apology for this meeting.

Cr Louise O'Leary has applied for leave as per item 14.1 - Leave of Absence Requests from Councillor Joy Paddison and Councillor Louise O'Leary.

5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 024/26

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Ordinary Council Meeting receive and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded Councillors and Council Officers of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting and invited Councillors and Council Officers to disclose any such interests.

Cr Glenn Wilson disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 15.3 Request to use Parkes Town Improvement Reserve to fund Three Projects and chose to remain in the meeting, participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and vote on the matter. The reason provided was:

"Member of the Gun Club."

Cr Joy Paddison disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 15.3 Request to use Parkes Town Improvement Reserve to fund Three Projects and chose to leave the meeting, not participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and not vote on the matter. The reason provided was:

"My Husband Garry is a Parkes Gun Club member and also on the Committee."

8 URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that the following late urgent item of business had been submitted by Council Officers and invited a motion to enable the addition of the late item to the meeting Agenda.

1. 15.6 - Request for Financial Assistance - 2026 Trundle ABBA Festival

8.1 URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED OCM 025/26

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Accept the urgent report 15.6 - Request for Financial Assistance - 2026 Trundle ABBA Festival on the basis that the event organisers need assurance of support from Council to assist with timely planning for the event.

CARRIED

9 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business, as recommended in the report, byway of a single resolution. The Chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the Chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the Business Paper, or that they wish to speak on (13.2).

9.1 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**RESOLVED OCM 026/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council adopt the recommendations as listed in the Agenda for the following items and that the order of business be adjusted accordingly.

10.2 Meetings, Functions and Events Attended by Mayor and Councillors

10.3 Coming Known Events for Mayor and Councillors

14.1 Leave of Absence Requests from Councillor Joy Paddison and Councillor Louise O'Leary

15.5 Adoption of Council Policies - Code of Meeting Practice

18.1 January 2026 Building Statistics Update

CARRIED

10 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**10.1 PARKES ENERGY FROM WASTE PROJECT****MOTION****Original Motion by Mayor Westcott as per the Agenda**

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report
 2. Formally object to the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct to:
 - enable the matter to be referred to the Independent Planning Commission for assessment under the established statutory process, and
 - ensure that the community's concerns are formally represented in the absence of comprehensive Government-supported information.
 3. Reiterates its request to the Minister for Planning, that the proposal be called-in as a State Significant Development (SSD) and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) at the earliest possible stage, given Councils objection, the scale, complexity, and public interest associated with the project.
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4. Requests the NSW Government establish a coordinated, whole-of-government engagement process to provide clear, evidence-based information to the Parkes community regarding the proposal.
5. Maintain constructive engagement with both the proponent and the NSW Government, to ensure the communities interest are represented.
6. Continues to advocate for the introduction of a community-hosting-levy (similar to the NSW governments existing landfill waste levy), indexed annually, collected at the point of waste generation and directed to hosting communities.
7. Seeks to negotiate a Voluntary Planning Agreement with the applicant.
8. Authorise the General Manager to negotiate, prepare and submit all necessary correspondence, representations, and documentation to reflect Council's position and the issues outlined in this report.

Alternate Motion put forward by Mayor Westcott at the meeting

That Council:

1. Formally rejects and objects in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility within the Parkes Shire.
2. Lobby the NSW Government in the strongest possible way to prevent the Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility
3. Reiterates its request to the Minister for Planning, that the proposal be urgently called-in as a State Significant Development (SSD) and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) at the earliest possible stage.

Amended Motion put forward by Councillor Pout at the meeting

That Council:

- 1 Formally rejects and objects in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) displaying our clear opposition to any Energy-from-Waste (EfW) within the Parkes Shire,
2. Lobby the NSW Government in the strongest possible way to prevent the Energy from Waste facility progressing in the Shire.
3. Reiterates its request to the Minister for Planning, that the proposal be urgently called-in as a State Significant Development (SSD) and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) at the earliest possible stage.
4. Pursue all lawful and reasonable avenues available to it within its statutory powers to oppose the proposal, including, but not limited to, the seeking of independent legal advice and the exploration of judicial or administrative review mechanisms available under State legislation, ensuring that any costs incurred are proportionate and do not place an unreasonable financial burden on Parkes Shire ratepayers.
5. Call upon the NSW Government to immediately impose a moratorium on the approval of new thermal Energy-from-Waste facilities across New South Wales pending the completion of an independent, statewide cumulative environmental and public health impact assessment, and to review the permissibility of such infrastructure within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct.

The amendment was accepted by the Councillor (the Mayor) who moved the original Motion and therefore the amendment became the Motion without the need for debate (section 10.14).

Amended Motion put forward by Councillor Paddison at the meeting with only one amendment to Councillor Pout's Motion is to add:

6. Develop an action plan which will guide Council's future decisions regarding the EFW.

This amendment was also accepted by the Councillor (the Mayor) who moved the original Motion noting Item 6 was included in the Motion and therefore the amendment became the Motion without the need for debate (section 10.14).

RESOLVED OCM 027/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Neil Westcott

That Council:

- 1 Formally rejects and objects in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) displaying our clear opposition to any Energy-from-Waste (EfW) within the Parkes Shire,
2. Lobby the NSW Government in the strongest possible way to prevent the Energy from Waste facility progressing in the Shire.
3. Reiterates its request to the Minister for Planning, that the proposal be urgently called-in as a State Significant Development (SSD) and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) at the earliest possible stage.
4. Pursue all lawful and reasonable avenues available to it within its statutory powers to oppose the proposal, including, but not limited to, the seeking of independent legal advice and the exploration of judicial or administrative review mechanisms available under State legislation, ensuring that any costs incurred are proportionate and do not place an unreasonable financial burden on Parkes Shire ratepayers.
5. Call upon the NSW Government to immediately impose a moratorium on the approval of new thermal Energy-from-Waste facilities across New South Wales pending the completion of an independent, statewide cumulative environmental and public health impact assessment, and to review the permissibility of such infrastructure within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct.
6. Develop an action plan which will guide Councils future decisions regarding the EFW

In Favour: Crs Neil Westcott, Marg Applebee, William Jayet, Ken McGrath, Joy Paddison, Doug Pout, George Pratt, Matthew Scherer and Glenn Wilson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.2 MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**RESOLVED OCM 028/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Note the report on the Meetings functions and events attended in an official capacity, by the Mayor and Councillors during the period 16 January 2026 to 12 February 2026.

CARRIED**10.3 COMING KNOWN EVENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****RESOLVED OCM 029/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Note the known upcoming meetings, functions and events for the Mayor and Councillors for the period 16 February 2026 through to 12 March 2026:

CARRIED**11 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****11.1 SHOPPING TROLLEYS - TOWN PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY****RESOLVED OCM 030/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Joy Paddison

That Council:

1. Notes community concerns regarding the increasing number of abandoned shopping trolleys throughout Parkes, including in residential areas, roadways, and public spaces.
2. Notes the associated concerns relating to:
 - Town presentation and amenity
 - Public safety and road hazards
 - Costs and inconvenience borne by residents who relocate abandoned trolleys
 - Hygiene concerns relating to food contact surfaces
 - Environmental inconsistencies arising from increased single use plastics associated with hygiene concerns
3. Requests that Council engage with local supermarket and major retail operators, including Coles, Woolworths, and Big W, to discuss:

- Current trolley retrieval systems
 - Potential containment measures such as coin return systems, geo fencing, or wheel lock technology
 - Retailer responsibility for proactive management and retrieval
4. Requests a report be presented to Council within a reasonable timeframe, following engagement with local supermarket and major retail operators, outlining:
- Feedback from retailer engagement
 - Available containment and management options
 - Potential enforcement and cost recovery mechanisms available to Council should voluntary measures prove insufficient
 - Any relevant legislative considerations

CARRIED

At 3:48 pm, Logan Hignett left the meeting. At 3:51 pm, Logan Hignett returned to the meeting

12 COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

Nil

13 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13.1 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 031/26

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Local Traffic Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

At 4:03 pm, Andrew Francis left the meeting

At 4:05 pm, Andrew Francis returned to the meeting

13.2 MINUTES OF THE PARKES SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026**RESOLVED OCM 032/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.
2. Provide notice of intention to close Woodward Oval, Harrison Park (including Parker-Stone Field) and Keast park to dogs in order to seek changes from dog owners and to report the results back to Council before proceeding with the closure.

CARRIED

14 REPORTS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**14.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLOR JOY PADDISON AND COUNCILLOR LOUISE O'LEARY****RESOLVED OCM 033/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Grant Councillor Louise O'Leary a leave of absence from the Ordinary Council meetings to be held on 17 February 2026 and 17 March 2026.
2. Grant Councillor Joy Paddison a leave of absence from the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 17 March 2026.

CARRIED

14.2 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026**RESOLVED OCM 034/26**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott
Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Statement of Investments and Borrowings as at 31 January 2026.

CARRIED

14.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026**RESOLVED OCM 035/26**

Moved: Cr Matthew Scherer

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the year-to-date financial reports for the period up to 31 January 2026.

CARRIED**14.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025****RESOLVED OCM 036/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the budget review report to 31 December 2025
2. Adopt the budget variations proposed in the quarterly budget review to 31 December 2025

CARRIED**15 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY****15.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2025/2026 - 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2025****RESOLVED OCM 037/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2025/26 Operational Plan Progress Report (1 July to 31 December 2025), linked at [Operational Plan Progress Report - July to December - 2025](#), pursuant to section 4.9 of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines.
2. Endorse the placement of the 2025/26 Operational Plan Progress Report (1 July to 31 December 2025) on Council's web site.

CARRIED

At 4:26 pm, Cr Doug Pout left the meeting.

15.2 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY - JANUARY 2026**RESOLVED OCM 038/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the status report of Major Projects within Parkes Shire Council's Customer, Corporate Services and Economy Directorate.

CARRIED

At 4:29 pm, Cr Doug Pout rejoined the meeting.

15.3 REQUEST TO USE PARKES TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE TO FUND THREE PROJECTS**RESOLVED OCM 039/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee
Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Approve the allocation of up to \$52,400 from the Parkes Town Improvement Reserve to seal 130 meters of Nanardine Lane adjacent to the Parkes Gun and Pistol Club grounds.
2. Approve the allocation of up to \$32,000 from the Parkes Town Improvement Reserve to upgrade the front row of sails at the Cooke Park Pavilion.
3. Approve the allocation of up to \$8,000 from the Parkes Town Improvement Reserve to upgrade the number panels on the Northparkes Oval Scoreboard.

CARRIED

At 4:33 pm, Cr Joy Paddison left the meeting. At 4:40 pm, Cr Joy Paddison rejoined the meeting.

At 4:41 pm, Cr George Pratt left the meeting.

15.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR DELEGATES FOR 2026 CONFERENCES**RESOLVED OCM 040/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Endorse the attendance of the following Councillors at the conferences being held in 2026 which are the balance referred to in Item 14.10 of the 18 November 2025 Ordinary Council meeting [OCM 410/10] as follows:
 - (a) Institute of Public Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) NSW Local Roads Congress being held on 1 June 2026 at Parliament House Sydney: Mayor Neil Westcott and appoint one Councillor: Cr Joy Paddison.
 - (b) Australian Local Government Australia (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government being held on 23-25 June 2026 in Canberra: Appoint Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor and one Councillor: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and Cr Bill Jayet (and Council staff generally the General Manager).
 - (c) LGNSW Water Management Conference being held on 2-4 September 2026 in Ballina: Appoint Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor and one Councillor or two Councillors: Cr Matthew Scherer (and Council staff)
 - (d) ALGA National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in August 2026 in Cairns: Appoint Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor and one Councillor or alternatively two Councillors: Cr Kenny McGrath (and Mayor Neil Westcott if available).
2. Approve reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses by Councillor delegates in attending the above conferences, in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

CARRIED**15.5 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICIES - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE****RESOLVED OCM 041/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Adopt the Code of Meeting Practice included as *Annexure A* to this report.
2. Publish the adopted policies on Council's Website and intranet.

CARRIED

At 4:44 pm, Cr George Pratt rejoined the meeting.

15.6 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - 2026 TRUNDLE ABBA FESTIVAL**RESOLVED OCM 042/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Approve the transfer of up to \$20,000 from the Trundle Town Improvement Reserve to support the 2026 ABBA Festival.

CARRIED**16 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY****16.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY - JANUARY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 043/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Infrastructure and Sustainability Major Projects and Current Works Report for January 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED**17 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS****17.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - OPERATIONS - JANUARY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 044/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Operations Major Projects and Current Works Report for January 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

**17.2 SAFER LOCAL ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TRANCHE 3 -
COOKAMIDGERA AND LAKE ENDEAVOUR ROAD - SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME****RESOLVED OCM 045/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information within the report.

CARRIED**18 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****18.1 JANUARY 2026 BUILDING STATISTICS UPDATE****RESOLVED OCM 046/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the January 2026 Building Statistics Report.

CARRIED**18.2 NSW STRATEGIC PLANNING REFORM - IMPACT ON PARKES SHIRE****RESOLVED OCM 047/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the impact of the NSW Strategic Planning Reforms on Parkes Shire Council.
2. Make a submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure raising concerns for Parkes and Regional NSW as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

18.3 JACK SCOBLE SCHOLARSHIP 2026**RESOLVED OCM 048/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Notes the information on the 2026 Jack Scoble Scholarship

CARRIED**18.4 NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL 2026 IN THE PARKES SHIRE****RESOLVED OCM 049/26**

Moved: Cr Joy Paddison
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED**19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLVED OCM 050/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Moves into Closed Session to deal with the matters below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of *the Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

19.1 PARKES AQUATIC CENTRE - LAND MATTERS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest 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.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

19.2 TENDER EVALUATION - AKUNA ROAD AND NEW EUGOWRA ROAD PUMP STATIONS HIGH VOLTAGE PACKAGES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial

information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

19.3 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COLDMIX ASPHALT (S2_2025)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

19.4 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE STORMWATER DRAINAGE PIPES (S3_2025)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

2. Exclude the media and public from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential, pursuant to 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. Withhold reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Make public resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session after the conclusion of the Closed Session and record such resolutions in the minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

At 5.13pm, the Meeting went into Closed Session.

19.1 PARKES AQUATIC CENTRE - LAND MATTERS

RESOLVED OCM 051/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Allow the General Manager make inquiries as set out within this report and report back to Council.

CARRIED

19.2 TENDER EVALUATION - AKUNA ROAD AND NEW EUGOWRA ROAD PUMP STATIONS HIGH VOLTAGE PACKAGES**RESOLVED OCM 052/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Accept the tender submitted by Central West Power Construction Pty Ltd for Akuna Road Pump Station High Voltage Package and the New Eugowra Road Pump Station High Voltage Package for the amount of \$637,007.60 (excluding GST), in accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, as it represents the most advantageous offer to Council based on the evaluation criteria.

CARRIED**19.3 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COLDMIX ASPHALT (S2_2025)****RESOLVED OCM 053/26**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That:

1. Accept and sign a contract with the following organisations for the Supply and Delivery of Coldmix Asphalt:
 - Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd – use for 10mm and 7mm;
 - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd – use for 10mm and 7mm;
 - Civil Independence Industries Pty Ltd – use for 10mm only; and
 - Bitupave Ltd – use for 5mm only; and
2. The term of the contract is 2 years, 1 March 2026 to 29 February 2028, with an optional 12-month extension.
3. Advise the Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decision.

CARRIED

**19.4 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE STORMWATER DRAINAGE PIPES
(S3_2025)****RESOLVED OCM 054/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Accept and sign a contract with the Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete Stormwater Drainage Pipes.
2. Note that the value of the contract will depend on the Capital works program and that historically the annual spend is between \$250k and \$700k.
3. Advise the Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decision.
4. Note the term of the contract is 1 March 2026 to 29 February 2028, with an optional 12-month extension.

CARRIED

At 5.49pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

RESOLVED OCM 055/26

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Resume in Open Session and note the Mayor's report on Confidential Resolutions.

CARRIED**20 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

21 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 5.53pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 22 pages numbered 1 to 22 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 and confirmed on Tuesday, 17 March 2026.



MAYOR