

# Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 16 June 2026



**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday, 16 June 2026 at the**  
**Parkes Council Chambers, 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 Louise O'Leary	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
Mrs Annalise Teale	Director Planning and Community Services
Mr Luke Nash	Acting Chief Financial Officer
Mrs Nikki Bevan	Procurement Contracts and Insurance Coordinator (Minute Secretary)
Mrs Veronica Shaw	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

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The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 16 June 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.

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## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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.*

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## 3 PRAYER

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The General Manager read the Prayer:

O God,  
In all Council's deliberations so inspire,  
That wise decisions are made in all things,  
We pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

AMEN

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## 4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Joy Paddison

Cr Glenn Wilson

## 5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Nil

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## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2026

#### RESOLVED OCM 129/26

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Ordinary Council Meeting receive and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 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 Marg Applebee disclosed a declared interest in relation to item 16.2 - Adoption of Parkes Town Flood and Drainage Study. The reason given was the councillor's father resides within the Parkes East Flood zone indicated within the report and the Councillor is also part of the Floodplain Management Committee.

Cr Marg Applebee disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 18.3 - 2026 Parkes Shire Council Cultural Grants. The reason given was the councillor is employed by one of the recipients of the grant funding.

## 8 URGENT BUSINESS

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

16.4 LACHLAN PIPELINE DUPLICATION PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF FULL LENGTH OF PIPE

16.5 ADOPTION OF PARKES EAST FLOOD STUDY - AMENDED REPORT

17.3 WRITING OFF OUTSTANDING LANDING FEE DEBTS FOR PARKES REGIONAL AIRPORT

19.2 PURCHASE OF 8 LANGLANDS STREET, PARKES

## 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 130/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

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

- 10.1 Meetings, Functions and Events Attended by Mayor and Councillors.
- 10.4 2026 Local Roads Congress – 1 June 2026.
- 12.1 Country Mayors Association: Minutes from the meeting held on 8 May 2026.
- 13.1 Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2026.
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- 17.3 Writing off Outstanding Landing Fee Debts for Parkes Regional Airport
- 18.2 Amended Voluntary Planning Agreement - Ridgely Creek Battery Energy Storage System.
- 18.3 2026 Parkes Shire Council Cultural Grants.
- 18.4 May 2026 Building Statistics Update.
- 18.6 National Simultaneous Storytime

**.CARRIED**

**10 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****10.1 MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****RESOLVED OCM 131/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

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 14 May 2026 to 10 June 2026.

**CARRIED****10.2 COMING KNOWN EVENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****RESOLVED OCM 132/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Note the known upcoming meetings, functions and events for the Mayor and Councillors for the period 11 June 2026 through to 15 July 2026:

**CARRIED****10.3 CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION (CNSWJO) BOARD MEETING IN SYDNEY 27-28 MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 133/26**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the CNSWJO Board meeting.
2. Receive and note the information contained in the CNSWJO Quarterly Newsletter: Edition 7 – June 2026.

**CARRIED**

At 3:13 pm, Kent Boyd left the meeting.

At 3.13pm, Kent Boyd rejoined the meeting.

**10.4 2026 LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS - 1 JUNE 2026****RESOLVED OCM 134/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the Local Road Congress on 1 June 2026.

**CARRIED****11 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****11.1 RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL TRAGEDY AT BILLABONG CREEK, PARKES****RESOLVED OCM 135/26**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the historical tragedy that occurred at Billabong Creek, near the creek crossing between Eugowra Road and Kelly Road, where three persons lost their lives.
2. Support the installation of a commemorative plaque at or near the Billabong Creek crossing site, subject to site assessment and approvals under Council's Public Memorials Policy.
3. Authorise Council staff to progress the investigation, design and wording of a historical marker or commemorative plaque in accordance with section 4.3 of the Public Memorials Policy.
4. Consider the inclusion of a QR code on the plaque to link to detailed historical information about the incident.
5. Note that Councillor Kenny McGrath has indicated a willingness to assist in facilitating access to historical information, including consultation with the family of the deceased and those present at the time of the rescue.
6. Receive a further report to Council once investigations are complete, including site suitability, final wording, costs and implementation arrangements.

**CARRIED**

**12 COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)****12.1 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION: MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 136/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Minutes from the Country Mayors Association meeting held on 8 May 2026.

**CARRIED****12.2 PARKES HOCKEY INC (PHI) RECOGNITION OF HOSTING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 137/26**

Moved: Cr Louise O'Leary

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the recent Hockey State Championships held in Parkes during May.

**CARRIED****13 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****13.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2026****RESOLVED OCM 138/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED**

**13.2 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY, DESTINATION AND EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 139/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Economy, Destination and Events Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED****13.3 MINUTES OF THE ROAD AND PLACE NAMING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2026****RESOLVED OCM 140/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Road and Place Naming Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED****13.4 MINUTES OF THE PARKES SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2026****RESOLVED OCM 141/26**

Moved: Cr Louise O'Leary

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED**

**14 REPORTS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**
**14.1 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026**
**RESOLVED OCM 142/26**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

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

**CARRIED**
**14.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026**
**RESOLVED OCM 143/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

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

**CARRIED**
**14.3 MAKING OF THE RATES AND FIXING OF CHARGES 2026-2027**
**RESOLVED OCM 144/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. In accordance with Chapter 15, Parts 4 and 5 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following rates and annual charges for the 2026-2027 financial year:
  - (a) In relation to the Ordinary Rates, Council applies the increase of 3.1 per cent, inclusive of the rate peg, as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.
  - (b) In relation to Ordinary Rates and pursuant to section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following Ordinary Rates for the year 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:

Category and Sub-Category	Minimum Rate	Cents in Dollar (Ad Valorem)
Ordinary - Business Industrial	\$636.00	1.1295610
Ordinary - Business Parkes CBD	\$636.00	7.0955210
Ordinary - Business Rate	\$636.00	1.5475050
Ordinary - Business Villages	\$636.00	1.9888770

Ordinary - Farmland Rate	\$636.00	0.2810370
Ordinary - Mining Copper Producing	\$636.00	3.8786500
Ordinary - Mining Rate	\$636.00	19.1249330
Ordinary - Residential Parkes	\$636.00	1.1383540
Ordinary - Rural Residential Rate	\$636.00	0.4928670
Ordinary - Residential Rate	\$636.00	0.3749060
Ordinary - Special Activation Precinct Developed	\$636.00	1.9937520
Ordinary - Special Activation Precinct Undeveloped	\$636.00	28.4766230

- (c) In relation to waste management charges and pursuant to sections 496 and 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following annual charges on all consumers accessing the Parkes Shire waste management services for the year 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:

Waste Group	Charge
Domestic Waste Management Service Charge	\$560.00
Domestic Waste Management Service Charge (Vacant Land)	\$105.00
Non-Domestic Waste Management Service Charge	\$560.00
Non-Domestic Waste Management Service Charge (Vacant Land)	\$117.00

In addition to the maximum \$250 pensioner rebate jointly funded by the Council (45%) and the State Government (55%) in respect of general rates and domestic waste charges, in accordance with the Council's Pensioner Rate Rebate and Hardship Policy, Council will provide an additional pensioner rebate of \$105.00 per eligible property from 1 July 2026 for the 2026/27 rating year. This voluntary rebate will be paid pursuant to Section 582 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and only pensioners that received the rebate in 2016/17 will continue to be eligible to do so

- (d) In relation to water supply service charges and pursuant to sections 501, 502 and 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following charges on all consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Parkes Shire water supply systems and water supply for the year 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:

Water Access Charge Type	Charge
Residential - Standard Charge	\$327.00
Non-Residential - 20mm	\$327.00
Non-Residential - 25mm	\$507.00
Non-Residential - 32mm	\$844.00
Non-Residential - 40mm	\$1,318.00

Non-Residential - 50mm	\$2,062.00
Non-Residential - 80mm	\$5,252.00
Non-Residential - 100mm	\$8,215.00
Non-Residential - Northparkes Mines	\$4,390,824.00
Un-Metered - Strata Title Units	\$327.00
Un-Metered - CBD	\$1,132.00
Un-Metered - Non-Rateable	\$327.00

Water Usage Charge	Rate per kl
Residential Rate (all consumption)	\$2.25
Business Rate (all consumption)	\$2.25
Commercial Rate (all consumption)	\$2.25
Northparkes Mines Rate	\$1.39
Trundle School - Raw Water (all consumption)	\$1.71
Raw Water - Rising Main from Dam (all consumption)	\$1.71
Standpipe Charges	\$5.80

- (e) In relation to sewerage service charges and pursuant to sections 501, 502 and 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following annual charge on all consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Parkes Shire sewer systems and sewer charges for the year 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:

Sewer Access Charge Type	Charge
Residential - Standard Charge	\$832.00
Non-Residential - 20mm	\$467.00
Non-Residential - 25mm	\$733.00
Non-Residential - 32mm	\$1,194.00
Non-Residential - 40mm	\$1,875.00
Non-Residential - 50mm	\$2,926.00
Non-Residential - 80mm	\$7,486.00
Non-Residential - 100mm	\$11,697.00
Unmetered - Strata Title Units	\$832.00
Unmetered - CBD	\$1,155.00
Unmetered Non-Rateable	\$832.00

Trade Waste Charge Type	Fee Description	Charge
Service Fee - Category 1	Annual Trade Service & Inspection	\$325.00
Service Fee - Category 2	Annual Trade Service & Inspection	\$325.00
Service Fee - Category 3	Annual Trade Service & Inspection	\$1,148.00
Usage Fee - Category 1 & 2	Trade Waste Usage	\$3.10 per kl

Usage Fee - Category 3	Trade Waste Usage	\$22.75 per kl
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- (f) In accordance with clauses 125A and 125AA of the Local Government General Regulation 2005 the following annual charges are set for stormwater management services for the 12 months commencing 1 July 2026:

Category	Charge
Residential (Not Vacant)	\$25.00
Residential strata units	\$12.50
Business non-strata properties	
0-1199 sqms	\$25.00
1200-4999 sqms	\$100.00
=> 5000 sqms	\$375.00

2. Pursuant to section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the overdue rates and charges maximum interest rate of 9.5 per cent for the period 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 (inclusive) in accordance with the determination made by the Minister for Local Government as published in the *NSW Government Gazette*.

**CARRIED**

## 15 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY

### 15.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY - MAY 2026

#### RESOLVED OCM 145/26

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee  
 Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

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

**CARRIED**

**15.2 DISALLOWANCE OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE AND INTERIM MEETING ARRANGEMENTS****RESOLVED OCM 146/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council

1. Note that the Code of Meeting Practice adopted by Council at its December meeting under Resolution **443/25**, being based on the now-disallowed 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice, is no longer compliant with the prescribed legislative framework.
2. Rescind Council Resolution **443/25** (December meeting) insofar as it adopted Council's Code of Meeting Practice to align with the now-disallowed 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice, and note that any provisions of Council's current Code that rely upon or reflect the disallowed 2025 Model Code are not to be applied.
3. Resolve that, with immediate effect and until a further resolution of Council, meetings of Council and committees of Council comprising wholly of councillors will be conducted in accordance with 2021 Code of Meeting Practice, which was previously adopted by Council (*Annexure A*).
4. Note the interim meeting arrangements and key changes outlined in this report that apply during this transitional period and that information will be placed on Council's web site advising of the interim arrangements.
5. Request the General Manager to bring a further report to Council once a new Model Code of Meeting Practice is prescribed, including any required amendments and consultation processes for adoption of an updated Meeting Code.

**CARRIED****15.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR ANNUAL FEES FOR 2026/27****RESOLVED OCM 147/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.
2. Pursuant to section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, fix and determine the annual fee payable to the Councillors (including the Mayor) of Parkes Shire Council for the 2026/27 financial year effective from 01 July 2026, at the upper limit of \$19,590.00 for a Rural Large Council.
3. Pursuant to section 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, fix and determine the annual fee payable to the Mayor of Parkes Shire Council for the 2026/27 financial year effective from 01 July 2026, at the upper limit of \$42,030.00 for a Rural Large Council.

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4. Pursuant to section 249(5), Council resolve to pay the Deputy Mayor a fee for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor for any absence of four weeks or more, which must be deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.

**CARRIED**

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**15.4 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - PEAK HILL TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE - PEAK HILL BOWLING CLUB WATER ACCOUNT**

**RESOLVED OCM 148/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information from the Peak Hill CCC and Peak Hill Bowling Club.
2. Provides public notice of its intention to provide \$800 in financial assistance to the Peak Hill Bowling Club for a contribution to their water account from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Reserve.
3. Approve the allocation of \$800 from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Fund Reserve to support the Peak Hill Bowling Club in paying their water account, subject to no formal submissions being received that do not support the allocation.

**CARRIED**

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**15.5 INTERNAL COMMITTEE CHANGES - NEW EFW COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED OCM 149/26**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Endorse the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2026 to discuss the formation of an Energy from Waste (EfW) Community Working Party, included as *Annexure A*.
2. Adopt the updated draft Terms of Reference document for the Working Party included as *Annexure B* with changes highlighted in yellow.
3. Adopt the Energy from Waste (EfW) Community Working Party Committee Framework as amended at *Annexure C*.
4. Communicate the Internal Committee changes to relevant parties.
5. Seek expressions of interest from community representatives for selection and appointment to the Working Party.

**CARRIED**

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At 3:40 pm, Logan Hignett left the meeting.

At 3:42 pm, Andrew Francis left the meeting.

**15.6 ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2026/2027****RESOLVED OCM 150/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Note the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026/2027 was placed on public exhibition for 28-days between 23 April to 28 May 2026.
2. Receive and consider the two (2) submissions received in relation to the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026/2027, attached at *Annexures A and B*, and request the General Manager respond to the external submissions received as recommended in this report.
3. Adopt the [Operational Plan and Budget 2026/2027](#) pursuant to section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, including the 2026/2027 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the annual Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges and the recommended amendments provided in this report.
4. Approve expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the Operational Plan and Budget 2026/2027, pursuant to clause 211(2) of the *Local Government General Regulation 2021*.
5. Publish the Operational Plan and Budget 2026/2027 on Council's website.

**CARRIED**

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At 3:43 pm, Andrew Francis rejoined the meeting.

At 3:45 pm, Logan Hignett rejoined the meeting.

At 3:45 pm, Cr Doug Pout left the meeting.

**16 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY****16.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY - MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 151/26**

Moved: Cr George Pratt

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

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

**CARRIED**

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At 3:47 pm, Cr Doug Pout rejoined the meeting.

**16.2 ADOPTION OF PARKES TOWN FLOOD AND DRAINAGE STUDY****RESOLVED OCM 152/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That:

1. Council adopt the [Parkes Town Flood and Drainage Study](#) and place it on Council's website.

**CARRIED****16.3 ADOPTION OF PARKES EAST FLOOD STUDY****RESOLVED OCM 153/26**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

Original Recommendation:

That:

1. Council adopt The Parkes East Flood Study - Final Report and place it on Council's website.

Motion Moved:

That Council:

1. Receive the report "Parkes East Flood Study"
2. Adopt the report as an interim run-off study for the purposes of progressing the Risk Management Study with funding for the NSW Floodplain Grants Scheme
3. Engage a suitably qualified consultant to peer review the report and study outcomes

**CARRIED****16.4 LACHLAN PIPELINE DUPLICATION PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF FULL LENGTH OF PIPE****RESOLVED OCM 154/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That:

1. Council note outcome of the pipe procurement tender for the Lachlan Pipeline Duplication Project and the balance of the report for Council's information

**CARRIED**

**17 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS****17.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - OPERATIONS - MAY 2026****RESOLVED OCM 155/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

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

**CARRIED****17.2 TRANSFER OF CROWN ROADS TO COUNCIL****RESOLVED OCM 156/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That:

1. Endorses the inclusion of Ackroyd Street, Clarke Street, Glenhaven Avenue, Mitchell Street, Rose Street, Endicott Street, and Flinders Street into Council's road network records

**CARRIED****17.3 WRITING OFF OUTSTANDING LANDING FEE DEBTS FOR PARKES REGIONAL AIRPORT****RESOLVED OCM 157/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Write off Parkes Regional Airport landing fees debts totalling \$426.53 as detailed in the report.

**CARRIED**

**18 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****18.1 DA2026/0010 MULTI-DWELLING HOUSING (5 MANUFACTURED HOME UNITS),  
33A ROSEWOOD AVENUE, PARKES****RESOLVED OCM 158/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That:

1. Council approve Development Application No. DA2026/0010 subject to the conditions contained within the report.

In Favour: Crs Neil Westcott, Marg Applebee, William Jayet, Ken McGrath, Louise O'Leary, Doug Pout, George Pratt and Matthew Scherer

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0CARRIED****18.2 AMENDED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - RIDGEY CREEK BATTERY  
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM****RESOLVED OCM 159/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Supports the Draft Deed of Variation in principle.
3. Places the Draft Deed of Variation (*Annexure A*) and the Explanatory Note on public exhibition for not less than 28 days, in accordance with the EP&A Act and Regulation.
4. Receive a future report on any public submissions before adopting the Draft Deed of Variation.
5. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deed upon completion of exhibition and consideration of submissions.

**CARRIED**

**18.3 2026 PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL GRANTS****RESOLVED OCM 160/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Endorse the following allocation of the PSC Cultural Grants recommended by the Community, Liveability and Access Committee:
  - Central Western Lachlan Landcare (auspicing the Parkes NAIDOC Family Fun Day Organising Committee) receive \$2000 to support the 2026 Parkes NAIDOC Family Fun Day marking 50 years of NAIDOC.
  - Parkes Musical & Dramatic Society receive \$2,000 for the delivery of an ICONIC 75 exhibition as part of celebrations of 75 years of local theatre.
  - The Peak Hill Country Crafts Inc (auspicing the Peak Hill NAIDOC Committee) receive \$4,400 for the delivery of Voices of Wisdom: Peak Hill Elders Project.
  - The Parkes Show Society receive \$1,200 for a floral arrangement workshop to support entries into the 2026 Parkes Show.

**CARRIED****18.4 MAY 2026 BUILDING STATISTICS UPDATE****RESOLVED OCM 161/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

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

**CARRIED**

**18.5 OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - DOGS ON SPORTING FIELDS****RESOLVED OCM 162/26**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information as provided in the report regarding dogs on sports fields.
2. Adopt the banning of dogs on Harrison Park, Woodward Oval and Keast Park due to ongoing concerns from sporting user groups.
3. Continue to enforce and progress compliance action regarding dogs on sports fields.
4. Receive a future report after an investigation of the options and costs for additional / expanded off-leash dog areas.

**CARRIED****18.6 NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME****RESOLVED OCM 163/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That:

1. Council accept and note this report.

**CARRIED**

**19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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**RESOLVED OCM 164/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

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 PSC2026/027 - ROCK, CONCRETE AND MASONRY CRUSHING AT PARKES WASTE FACILITY**

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.

**19.2 PURCHASE OF 8 LANGLANDS STREET, PARKES**

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.

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**

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At 4.41, the Meeting went into Closed Session.

**19.1 PSC2026/027 - ROCK, CONCRETE AND MASONRY CRUSHING AT PARKES WASTE FACILITY****RESOLVED OCM 165/26**Original Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Accept the quote submitted by Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying Pty Ltd for the provision of services for Rock, Concrete and Masonry Crushing at the Parkes Waste Facility for the amount of \$19.50 per cubic metre (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.

New Motion:

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Accept the quote from K&H Earthmoving and Haulage for the provision of services for Rock, Concrete and Masonry Crushing at the Parkes Waste Facility for the amount of \$26.40 per cubic metre (excluding GST), in accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 because the selected provider offers the most advantageous whole-of-life cost, reduced risk, efficient mobilisation and response times, and added community and economic benefits through local employment and regional investment.

**CARRIED**

At 4:46 pm, Cr George Pratt left the meeting.

At 4:48 pm, Cr George Pratt rejoined the meeting.

**19.2 PURCHASE OF 8 LANGLANDS STREET, PARKES****RESOLVED OCM 166/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Council purchase Nelson & Ricky Scott's portion of Lot 11 DP 1305621 which is an area of 2883m<sup>2</sup>, formerly known as Lot 2 DP 1276025 for \$83 per square metre plus GST.
2. Authorise the General Manager and Director Operations to execute all documentation necessary to complete the purchase, including use of the Council Seal if required.

**CARRIED**

At 4.58pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

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**RESOLVED OCM 167/26**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout  
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

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

**CARRIED**

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**20 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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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.

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<b>19.1 PSC2026/027 - ROCK, CONCRETE AND MASONRY CRUSHING AT PARKES WASTE FACILITY</b>
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**RESOLVED OCM 168/26**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee  
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

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**CARRIED**

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<b>19.2 PURCHASE OF 8 LANGLANDS STREET, PARKES</b>
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Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

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**CARRIED**

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## 21 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 5.01pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising twenty Seven (27) pages numbered 1 to 27 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 June 2026 and confirmed on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.



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MAYOR