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PRESENT Clr K Beatty (in the Chair), Clrs P Batten, J Jones, M Nash, A Pull, A Rawson, J Weaver, A Pearson.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Infrastructure, IT Coordinator, Department Leader – Governance & Corporate Performance and Governance Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr O’Ryan for her absence from the meeting.

MOTION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT the apology tendered on behalf of Clr O’Ryan be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

25/05/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION (Weaver/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

25/05/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

MOTION (Nash/Weaver)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations for political donations.

25/05/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Beatty

22/04/2025 – Pre-meeting and Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

23/04/2025 – Orange 360 Board meeting, Orange.

30/04/2025 – Meeting update with Molong Showground user groups, Molong.
Meeting with the General Manager, Molong.

03/05/2025 – Cabonne Balloon Glow, Canowindra.

07/05/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill, Triple M Central West. Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Chairs meeting, Parliament House, Sydney.

08/05/2025 – Rural and Regional Summit, State Library. Presentation to the Summit about flood recovery.

09/05/2025 – Country Mayors meeting, Parliament House, Sydney.

12/05/2025 – NSW Reconstruction Authority Flood Resilient Business forum, Cabonne Community Centre, Molong.

13/05/2025 – Statewide Mutual ERM training, Cabonne Community Centre, Molong. Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

14/05/2025 – Meeting with the General Manager, Molong. Meeting with rate review stakeholders.

15/05/2025 – Community meeting, Canowindra. Health Advocacy meeting, Molong.

16/05/2025 – Community Leaders forum, online.

19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025 – on leave.

Clr Jones

22/04/2025 – Business paper review meeting and Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

23/04/2025 – Orange360 Board meeting.

25/04/2025 – ANZAC Day Dawn Service and 11am Service, Molong.

28/04/2025 – Chaired the Eugowra Community Assets Program Reference Group meeting, Eugowra.

08/05/2025 – East Molong Residential Development meeting, Molong. Molong Advancement Group meeting, Molong.

12/05/2025 – NSW Reconstruction Authority Flood Resilient Business forum, Cabonne Community Centre, Molong.

14/05/2025 – CNSWJO meeting for Deputy Mayors.

13/05/2025 – Chaired Infrastructure (Community) meeting Molong. Eugowra Progress and Promotions Association meeting, Eugowra.

14/05/2025 – Cabonne Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting, Microsoft Teams.

21/05/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill, Triple M Central West.

23/05/2025 – Canowindra Volunteers Expo.

Clr Jones noted the positive comments received from the Molong RSL-Sub Branch regarding presentation of the Molong main street and Village Green in preparation for the ANZAC Day services, he wished to thank the Town Presentation team on behalf of Molong RSL-Sub Branch.

Clr Pearson

22/04/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

08/05/2025 – East Molong Residential Development briefing, Molong. Molong Advancement Group meeting, Molong.

13/05/2025 – Statewide Mutual ERM training, Cabonne Community Centre, Molong. Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

Clr Nash

22/04/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

13/05/2025 – Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

Manildra moves presentation by NSW Health representative, Manildra.

Clr Rawson

22/04/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

22/04/2025 – ANZAC Day Services, Toogong, Cudal and Borenore.

05/05/2025 – Mullion Creek Progress Association meeting, Mullion Creek.

07/05/2025 – CNSWJO Water Portfolio mayors meeting (CTW). CTW integrated planning and reporting strategic workshop, Canowindra.

13/05/2025 – Statewide Mutual ERM training, Molong. Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

15/05/2025 – Crown Lands interview for Ophir Board.

19/05/2025 – SRTWS Steering Committee meeting (CTW). Mullion Creek and District Progress Association Wind Farm funding proposal meeting, Mullion Creek. Ophir Reserve CLM Board meeting, Orange.

21/05/2025 – CTW Wellbeing Day, Cowra.

Clr Batten

22/04/2025 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

25/04/2025 – ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Cumnock. ANZAC Day Service, Yeoval.

03/05/2025 – Cabonne Balloon Glow, Canowindra.

13/05/2025 – Statewide Mutual ERM training, Cabonne Community Centre, Molong. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

15/05/2025 – Cumnock Progress Association meeting, Cumnock.

Clr Weaver

13/05/2025 – Committee meeting and councillor workshop, Molong.

150 years of learning in Canowindra book launch.

Canowindra Balloon week activities, Canowindra.

Canowindra Progress Association, Canowindra.

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

25/05/04

Carried

ITEM - 5 MAYORAL MINUTE - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CNSWJO EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT council:

1. Note the significant contribution to Cabonne and the CNSWJO from outgoing Executive Officer, Ms Jennifer Bennett.
2. Write to Ms Bennett thanking her and wishing her well in her retirement.

25/05/05 Carried

ITEM - 6 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Clr Rawson called items 14, 18 and 23 to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

MOTION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT item 14, 18 and 23 be debated in Committee of the Whole.

25/05/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION (Jones/Rawson)

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 April 2025;
2. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting held on 13 May 2025;
3. Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting held on 13 May 2025.

25/05/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK BUSH BURSARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT council participate in the 2025/2026 Bush Bursary Scholarship Scheme and provide a \$3,000 (ex GST) donation from the community facilitation fund.

25/05/08 Carried

ITEM - 9 ARTS & CULTURE COLLECTIONS POLICY

MOTION (Batten/Rawson)

THAT council develops a formal Arts & Culture Collections Policy.

25/05/09 Carried

ITEM - 10 UNION PICNIC DAY 2025

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT council approve the annual Union Picnic Day to be held on Friday 31 October 2025.

25/05/10 Carried

ITEM - 11 STRATEGIC POLICY REGISTER REVIEW

MOTION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Re-adopt the policies listed in the report detailed “minor changes”.
2. Adopt the following annexed draft policies:
 - a) Enterprise Risk Management Policy;
 - b) Media & Social Media Protocols Policy.

25/05/11 Carried

ITEM - 12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - ANNUAL DETERMINATION 2025

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT from 1 July 2025 the annual fees payable to each councillor be set at \$18,890 and the additional annual payable fee to the Mayor be set at \$40,530.

25/05/12 Carried

ITEM - 13 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

MOTION (Jones/Pull)

THAT council note the variances in the report and authorise those changes to be included in the 2024/2025 Council Budget.

25/05/13 Carried

It was noted item 14 was moved to Committee of the Whole.

ITEM - 15 RELOCATION OF MOLONG HOCKEY FIELD CAP24-001 TENDER - CONTRACT 1810633

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council notes that the Molong Hockey Field tender was reported to the April council meeting for \$1,942,251.08 excluding GST in error, with the actual amount of the successful tender is \$1,942,251.08 including GST.

25/05/14 Carried

ITEM - 16 VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND 2024-25

MOTION (Pull/Nash)

THAT council approves funding under its 2024/25 Village Enhancement Fund of \$5,720 to Eugowra Promotions and Progress Association for the costs associated to reinstate a damaged mural, and for the purchase of banners for Eugowra.

25/05/15 Carried

ITEM - 17 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MOTION (Pull/Weaver)

THAT council approves under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program:

1. \$1,500 for Canowindra Show Society for the Esky Ball 2025, and
2. \$1,500 for the Canowindra Yard Dog Trial NSW Championships.

25/05/16 Carried

It was noted item 18 was moved to Committee of the Whole.

ITEM - 19 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Pearson queried when the re-erection of the Ophir Road notice board will be completed.

MOTION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT a report be presented to a future meeting regarding the timeline for re-erection of the Ophir Road notice board.

25/05/17 Carried

ITEM - 20 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones called item 2 to be further considered.

MOTION (Pull/Weaver)

THAT:

1. Item 2 be further considered.
2. The remaining notation items be noted.

25/05/18 Carried

ITEMS FOR NOTATION

ITEM - 2 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones provided an overview on the burden placed on Council by the State Government, shifting costs through the emergency services levy.

MOTION (Jones/Pull)

THAT the information be noted.

25/05/19 Carried

ITEM - 21 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Pull/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil matters of urgency.

25/05/20 Carried

ITEM - 22 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss matters called earlier in the meeting.

25/05/21 Carried

**ITEM - 14 ROAD CLOSURE REPORT AFTER ADVERTISING OF
UNUSED SECTION OF ROAD RESERVES ADJACENTS LOTS
214, 224 & 213 DP 756890**

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted, the time being 2.30pm until 2.40pm, this item was debated by councillors.

It was noted that Clrs Rawson, Nash and Weaver voted against the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Declines the proposal for part road closure and purchase of the unused section of road reserves adjacent to Lots 214, 224 and 213 DP756890, Parish of March, County of Wellington and Lot 247 DP756895, Parish of Mulyan, County of Wellington; and
2. Authorise the offer of lease of part Smith Road, adjacent Lots 214, 224 and 213 DP756890 and Lot 247 DP756895 for a five-year period, with a five-year extension at the discretion of Council; and
3. Includes a condition of lease that no vegetation is to be disturbed or removed unless there is a hazard or biosecurity concern and Council

may end the lease at its discretion at any time during the lease period;
and

4. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the necessary documentation to facilitate the lease if the offer is taken by the applicant.

1. Carried

**ITEM - 18 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/0038 - CENTRE BASED
CHILD CARE FACILITY - 70 RODD STREET, CANOWINDRA**

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted, the time being 2.43pm until 2.54pm, this item was debated by councillors.

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT Development Application 2025/0038 for an early education and childcare facility at 70 Rodd Street, Canowindra, being Lot 1 DP 58223, be granted consent subject to the conditions attached.

2. Carried

The Chair called for a Division of Council (noting the absence from Clr O’Ryan – apology) as required under Section 375A (3) of the Local Government Act which resulted in a vote for the motion as follows:

For: Clrs P Batten, K Beatty, J Jones, M Nash, A Pearson, A Pull, A Rawson and J Weaver.

Against: Nil

ITEM - 23 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING 2025/26

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Adopt the following documents:
 - a. Delivery Program 2025-2029,
 - b. Operational Plan 2025-26 incorporating budget and fees and charges, and
 - c. Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035 incorporating Long Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset and Service Management Plans and Workforce Management Strategy.
2. Endorse the inclusion of the three (3) internal submissions in the final documentation.

3. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.00pm the Chair announced that the Council would now be resolving into a Closed Committee of the Whole.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM - 1 CARRYING OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/Rawson)

THAT the committee now hereby resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to personnel or industrial matters, personal finances and matters which the publicity of which the Committee considers would be prejudicial to the Council or the individual concerned and that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the conditions of Council's Confidentiality Policy AND FURTHER that as reports to the Closed Committee of the Whole are likely to be confidential and their release prejudicial to the public interest and the provisions of Council's confidentiality policy, that copies of these reports not be made available to the press and public.

4. Carried

ITEM - 2 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT council writes off 50% of water and sewer consumption costs of \$2,666.23 for account 851000000 for the periods 1 May – 31 July 2024, 1 August – 31 October 2024, and 1 November 2024 – 31 January 2025, and waive interest accrued during investigations

5. Carried

ITEM - 3 CONTRACT 1827678 - EUGOWRA STP SOLAR FARM CONSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/Batten)

THAT council:

1. Reject all tenders received for Contract 1827678 – Eugowra STP Solar Farm Construction due to the tender amounts exceeding allocated funding,
2. Resolve to negotiate with the two highest ranked tenderers received for Contract 1827678 – Eugowra STP Solar Farm Construction on both scope and price,
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a contract after negotiations have concluded for the Eugowra STP Solar Farm Construction,

4. Receive a future report on negotiations with the preferred contractor.

6. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.13pm the Mayor resumed the Ordinary Meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Nash/Weaver)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 27 May, 2025 be adopted.

25/05/22 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.14pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 24 June, 2025 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.