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PRESENT Clr K Beatty (in the Chair), Clrs J Jones, K O’Ryan, A Pull, A Rawson, J Weaver, A Pearson.

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

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Clrs Nash and Batten for their absence from the meeting.

MOTION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT the apologies tendered on behalf of Clrs Nash and Batten be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

25/09/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION (O’Ryan/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

25/09/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

MOTION (Jones/Weaver)

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

25/09/03 Carried

It was noted the time being 2.02pm the Mayor adjourned the Ordinary Council meeting.

It was noted there was a Youth of the Month Presentation for Penny Gosper.

It was noted Michael Carroll presented four paintings, by local artist and former Cabonne Council Deputy Engineer Alex Ambrus, as a donation to Council.

It was noted the time being 2.13pm the Mayor resumed the Ordinary Council meeting.

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Beatty

26/08/2025 – Business Paper review with the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Deputy General Managers. Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

27/08/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio program. Meeting with the General Manager and Acting Executive Officer Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO), Molong. Orange360 Meeting. Cabonne Home Support Luncheon.

29/08/2025 – Leave from 29/08/2025 to 05/09/2025.

06/09/2025 – Molong Show Official Opening.

08/09/2025 – Molong Early Learning Centre book reading.

09/09/2025 – Committee meeting and councillor workshop.

10/09/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill radio program. Molong Hockey project launch. Meeting with the General Manager.

12/09/2025 – Community Leaders Forum, online. Meeting with the Acting General Manager. Orange Rail Action Group meeting. Site inspection and meeting with Colleen Lay.

17/09/2025 – Orange Airport, flying to Sydney. Meeting with the Minister for Water, the Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC regarding Sub Regional Water Strategy.

18/09/2025 – Meeting with the Acting General Manager, Molong Office. Prunus Lodge morning tea, Molong.

22/09/2025 – Meeting with Peter Crich and Les Dean. Meeting with the General Manager, Molong Office.

Clr Jones

26/08/2025 – Business Paper review and Ordinary Council meeting.

02/09/2025 – Interview with Prime7 Central West, Council Chambers.

06/09/2025 – Molong Show Official opening.

08/09/2025 – Eugowra Community Assets Program Reference Group meeting, Eugowra.

09/09/2025 – Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting and Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting. Councillor workshop. Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association meeting.

10/09/2025 – Molong Hockey and Hunter Caldwell project launch.

11/09/2025 – Molong Advancement Group Meeting, Molong.

14/09/2025 – Cudal Show, Cudal.

19/09/2025 – Eugowra Pavillion Preview and Young Women Presentation event.

20/09/2025 – Eugowra Show Official Opening.

22/09/2025 – Cargo Progress Association meeting, Cargo.

Clr Pearson

26/08/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

01/09/2025 – Community Crime and Safety Committee.

09/09/2025 – Councillor workshop.

11/09/2025 – Molong Advancement Group meeting, Molong

Clr Rawson

26/08/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

01/09/2025 – Mullion Creek Progress Association AGM and Ordinary meeting.

04/09/2025 – 05/09/2025 – Circular Futures Forum, Orange.

09/09/2025 – 11/09/2025 – LGNSW Water Management Conference, Albury.

17/09/2025 – Met with Minister for Water the Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC, State Parliament, Sydney.

21/09/2025 – Ophir Board Inspection of Ophir Reserve.

Clr Weaver

15/09/2025 – Councillor workshop and committee meetings, Molong.

23/09/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong.

Clr O’Ryan

04/09/2025 – 06/09/2025 ALGWA Conference Griffith with Clr Nash.

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

25/09/04

Carried

ITEM - 5 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Clr Rawson called item 18 to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

MOTION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT item 18 be debated in Committee of the Whole.

25/09/05

Carried

ITEM - 6 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 August 2025;
2. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting held on 09 September 2025

3. Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting held on 09 September 2025

25/09/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 DELEGATION TO FAIRBRIDGE CHILDREN'S PARK COMMITTEE

MOTION (Jones/O'Ryan)

THAT council appoint the Mayor as delegate to the Fairbridge Children's Park Management Committee for the remainder of this council term.

25/09/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 INQUIRY INTO THE REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE NSW RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones acknowledged Ken Harris and the staff at NSW Reconstruction Authority who have supported council and the people of Cabonne in their recovery efforts.

Councillors discussed this item from 2.15pm until 2.24pm.

MOTION (Jones/Rawson)

THAT council endorses a submission to the Joint Select Committee on NSW Reconstruction Authority to review the NSW Reconstruction Authority's response to the NSW East Coast severe weather from May 2025.

25/09/08 Carried

ITEM - 9 COUNCIL'S MEETING SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

MOTION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Not conduct the Environment, Innovation & Energy and Infrastructure (Community) standing committee meetings in November,
2. Hold its ordinary meeting for November 2025 on Tuesday 18 November 2025,
3. Hold its ordinary meeting for December 2025 on Tuesday 16 December 2025,
4. Not conduct an ordinary meeting in January 2026, and
5. Hold an extraordinary meeting in either January, or February 2026, if necessary.

25/09/09 Carried

ITEM - 10 STRATEGIC POLICY REVIEW

MOTION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Re-adopt the policies listed in the report detailed “minor changes”,
2. Adopt the following annexed draft policies:
 - a) Child Safe Policy,
 - b) Fraud and Corruption Control Policy, and
3. Archive the policy listed in the report detailed “to be revoked”.

25/09/10 Carried

ITEM - 11 DRAFT 2024-2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Rawson/Weaver)

THAT council:

1. Delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Acting General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the *Statement by councillors and Management* in accordance with Section 413(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for both the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements; and
2. Refer the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements to audit, and collaborate with Intentus Chartered Accountants, as the contracted audit agent for the Audit Office NSW, to undertake the audit in accordance with the requirements of *Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act (1993)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation (2021)*
3. Accepts the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer on the Draft 2025 Financial Statements
4. Note it is not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

25/09/11 Carried

ITEM - 12 DRAFT GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

MOTION (Pull/O'Ryan)

THAT council endorse the draft Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

25/09/12 Carried

ITEM - 13 DRAFT ROADS MANAGEMENT POLICY

MOTION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT council endorse the draft Roads Management Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

25/09/13 Carried

ITEM - 14 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Weaver requested a report to a future meeting in relation to possible improvements at Mitchell Monument following the removal of trees.

Clr Jones requested a report be presented to the Local Traffic Committee, following a request from Cargo Progress Association, on the possibility of implementing a speed extension on Davys Plains Road

Clr Weaver requested, on behalf of the Canowindra Progress Association, the possibility for the inclusion of removal of concrete and trees from the railway precinct clean up in Canowindra.

MOTION (Pull/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Receive a report to a future meeting in relation to possible improvements at Mitchell Monument following the removal of trees,
2. Present a report to the Local Traffic Committee, following a request from Cargo Progress Association, on the possibility of implementing a speed extension on Davys Plains Road, and
3. Investigate the possibility for the removal of concrete and trees from the railway precinct clean up in Canowindra.

25/09/14 Carried

ITEM - 15 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

MOTION (Pull/Jones)

THAT the information be noted.

25/09/15 Carried

ITEM - 16 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Rawson/Pull)

THAT it be noted there were nil matters of urgency.

25/09/16 Carried

ITEM - 17 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Pearson/Jones)

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

25/09/17 Carried

ITEM - 18 DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proceedings in Brief

Councillors discussed this item from 2.45pm until 3.03pm

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Rawson)

THAT council place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, allowing 42 days for submissions, after which time the policy will be reported back to council for adoption with a summary of any submissions received.

1. Carried

MOTION (O'Ryan/Jones)

THAT council resume the Ordinary meeting.

25/09/18 Carried

ITEM - 19 UNSUPERVISED POOL ACCESS OPERATIONAL POLICY

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council endorse the Unsupervised Pool Access Operational Policy.

25/09/19 Carried

It was noted the time being 3.04pm 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 (Rawson/Pull)

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.

2. Carried

ITEM - 2 ENDORSEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS CONSIDERED AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT the committee endorse the accuracy of the Report of the Proceedings of Confidential Matters at the Ordinary Council meetings held 22 July 2025 and 26 August 2025 are sufficient to state the general effect of the proceeding in Closed Committee.

3. Carried

ITEM - 3 CONTRACT 1868620 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A 16,000 LITRE 8X4 WATER TRUCK

RECOMMENDATION (O'Ryan/Pearson)

THAT Council award Tender 1868620, Supply and delivery of a 16,000 litre 8x4 Water truck to Allquip Water trucks, with an Isuzu FYJ LWB 300 – 350, for the purchase price of \$326,200.00 exc GST.

4. Carried

ITEM - 4 CONTRACT 1868589 SUPPLY AND DELIVER OF A SMOOTH DRUM ROLLER

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pull)

THAT Council award Tender 1868589 - Supply and delivery of a Smooth Drum Roller to WesTrac for a Caterpillar CS14 for the purchase price of \$218,500.00 exc GST.

5. Carried

ITEM - 5 CONTRACT 1827678 - EUGOWRA STP SOLAR FARM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Rawson)

THAT council endorse the awarding of Contract 1827678 – Eugowra STP Solar Farm Construction to NG Energy Pty Ltd for \$1,186,630 (incl. GST) by the General Manager.

6. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.07pm the Chair resumed the Ordinary meeting

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 be adopted.

25/09/20 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.07pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 28 October 2025 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.