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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, Acting Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure, Chief Financial Officer, Department Leader – Development Services, Department Leader – Community Services, Department Leader – Urban Services, IT Coordinator, Executive Leader – Strategy, People & Performance, 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 (Rawson/Pearson)

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

26/02/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION (Nash/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

26/02/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

MOTION (Weaver/Jones)

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

26/02/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Beatty

16/12/2025 – Business Paper review with the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Deputy General Manager. Ordinary Council meeting, Molong. Councillors and staff Christmas Party.

17/12/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio Program. Meeting with MSM Milling Management, Manildra.

18/12/2025 – Cabonne Council Christmas Party, Borenore.

06/01/2026 – Meeting with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Grow Molong at Molong Silo Site, Molong. Meeting with TfNSW, Molong Office.

10/01/2026 – Parkes Elvis Festival Street Parade and Official Opening, Parkes.

14/01/2026 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio Program.

21/01/2026 – Meeting with Recruitment Team for Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Executive Officer position via Microsoft Teams.

22/01/2026 – Meeting with the Hon. Scott Barrett, MLC Molong Office.

25/01/2026 – Official party dinner with Australia Day Ambassador, Orange.

26/01/2026 – Official party Australia Day celebrations in Cargo and Canowindra.

28/01/2026 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio Program.

29/01/2026 – Leave from 29/02/2026 to 13/02/2026.

19/02/2026 – Interview with 2BS Bathurst. CNSWJO matters and Fairbridge Farm Committee meeting, Molong Office.

20/02/2026 – Citizenship Ceremony and Worm Farm & Compost workshop, Cabonne Community Centre. Interview with 2BS Bathurst and CNSWJO matters.

23/02/2026 – Meeting with Executive Officer, Orange.

Clr Jones

16/12/2025 – Business Paper review. Meeting with the Mayor and Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

26/01/2026 – Australia Day events at Cudal, Eugowra and Yeoval.

03//02/2026 – Canowindra Flood Study Review, Public Information Session.

06/02/2026 – Central West Recovery and Resilience Package Community Leaders Forum.

10/02/2026 – Chaired Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting, Chaired Community Infrastructure Committee meeting, Chaired the Mayoral Information Session, Molong and Destination Central West Stakeholder Networking evening.

11/02/2026 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio program.

12/02/2026 – Yeoval Central School Leaders Induction Ceremony.

Clr Pearson

16/12/2025 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

19/01/2026 – SwimVac Program, Molong Pool.

26/01/2026 – Australia Day Event, Molong RSL Club.

27/01/2026 – Charing & Effective Meeting Procedure Course via Microsoft Teams.

02/02/2026 – Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee Via Microsoft Teams.

10/02/2026 – Meeting/Mayoral Information Session.

12.02/2026 – Molong Advancement Group.

Clr Nash

26/01/2026 – Australia Day Event, Manildra.

04/02/2026 – Manildra and District Improvement Association (MADIA) meeting, Manildra.

10/02/2026 – Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting, Molong.

17/02/2026 – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting, Molong.

29/02/2026 – Central Tablelands Water meeting, Blayney.

24/02/2026 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

Clr Batten

16/12/2026 – Business paper review and Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

26/01/2026 – Australia Day Events, Cumnock, Molong and Yeoval.

03/02/2026 – Yeoval and District Progress Association meeting.

Clr Rawson

16/12/2025 – Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong and Mayor's Christmas Party, Molong.

17/12/2025 – Chaired Central Tablelands Water (CTW) Board Meeting, Canowindra.

18/12/2025 – Mullion Creek Public School Presentation, Mullion Creek.

26/01/2026 - Australia Day Events, Mullion Creek and Nashdale.

02/02/2026 – Mullion Creek Progress Association Meeting, Mullion Creek.

03/02/2026 – Nashdale/Lidster Consultative Committee meeting, Nashdale.

10/02/2026 – CoMP Review, Committee and Mayoral Information Sessions, Molong.

17/02/2026 – CTW Business paper review, Blayney.

18/02/2026 – CTW Board Meeting, Blayney.

Clr Weaver

26/01/2026 – Australia Day Event, Canowindra.

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

26/02/04

Carried

ITEM - 5 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT it be noted there were nil items called to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

26/02/05 Carried

ITEM - 6 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION (Jones/Rawson)

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 December 2025,
2. Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 16 December 2025,
3. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026, and
4. Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026.

26/02/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 2026 AUSTRALIAN WOMENS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MOTION (Nash/Pearson)

THAT Ctrs Nash and O’Ryan be authorised to attend the 2026 ALGWA (NSW) Conference.

26/02/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MOTION (Pull/Rawson)

THAT council:

1. Authorise the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the 2026 National General Assembly (NGA), and
2. Identify motions for submission to the NGA.

26/02/08 Carried

ITEM - 9 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

MOTION (Rawson/Pull)

That council authorise the changes outlined in the report to be included in the 2025/26 budget.

26/02/09 Carried

ITEM - 10 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - OPERATIONAL

PLAN HALF YEARLY REPORT 2025/2026

MOTION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT the update of the Operational Plan to 31 December 2025, as presented, be adopted.

26/02/10 Carried

ITEM - 11 HALF YEARLY REPORT - CABONNE RECOVERY PLAN

MOTION (Nash/Batten)

THAT the update of the Cabonne Recovery Plan, as presented, be adopted.

26/02/11 Carried

ITEM - 12 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOLS POLICY - STRATEGIC

MOTION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT council adopt the Media and Social Media Protocols Policy.

26/02/12 Carried

MOTION (Jones/Nash)

THAT council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss item 13.

26/02/13 Carried

ITEM - 13 FUNDING REQUEST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE COLLECTIONS PROGRAM (SCP) 2026 -2028

Proceedings in Brief

Councillors discussed this item from 2:27pm to 2:50pm.

MOTION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT council:

1. Does not support the funding request of \$10,000 per year, over the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years, and
2. Continues to acknowledge the program's merits and encourages the pursuit of alternative funding pathways to support its ongoing delivery without additional council financial contribution.

AMENDMENT (Rawson/Nash)

THAT:

1. Council supports the funding request of \$10,000 per year, over the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years, and
2. A report be presented to council annually detailing the benefits of the Sustainable Collections Program to museums in the Cabonne Shire.

The amendment was put and lost. The motion was put and carried.

MOTION (Pearson/Jones)

THAT council:

1. Does not support the funding request of \$10,000 per year, over the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years, and
2. Continues to acknowledge the program's merits and encourages the pursuit of alternative funding pathways to support its ongoing delivery without additional council financial contribution.

26/02/14 Carried

MOTION (Jones/Batten)

THAT council resume the Ordinary meeting

26/02/15 Carried

ITEM - 14 EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

MOTION (Pearson/Pull)

THAT council endorses providing \$5,000 to The Long White Lunch Committee for their 2026 event from the 2005-2026 Event Sponsorship Budget.

26/02/16 Carried

ITEM - 15 CONFIRMATION OF THE ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION (Rawson/Jones)

THAT council adopt the minutes from the Cabonne Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on 08 December 2025.

26/02/17 Carried

ITEM - 16 DEMOLITION OF ROTARY PARK TOILET BLOCK

MOTION (Jones/Batten)

THAT council approves the demolition of the toilet block at Rotary Park, Molong.

26/02/18 Carried

ITEM - 17 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Rawson requested a report detailing how council currently supports museums within the shire.

Clr Batten requested a report from the Central NSW Joint Organisation regarding its position in relation to the Review of Joint Organisation Framework in NSW.

MOTION (Pearson/Nash)

THAT council receive a report at the next council meeting in relation to the following matters:

1. What support is Council currently providing to museums within the shire, and what opportunities exist for Council to enhance or expand this support in the future; and
2. Central NSW Joint Organisations' position in regards to the Review of Joint Organisation Framework in NSW.

26/02/19 Carried

ITEM - 18 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten called item 3 to be further considered.

MOTION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT:

1. Item 3 be further considered.
2. The remaining notation items be noted.

26/02/20 Carried

ITEMS FOR NOTATION

ITEM - 3 AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 - WRAP UP

Proceedings in Brief

Clrs Batten, Weaver, Rawson and Pearson thanked staff, spoke highly of the Australia Day Ambassador, Youth Ambassador and guest speakers at all Australia Day events.

MOTION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT the information be noted

26/02/21 Carried

ITEM - 19 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Pearson/Nash)

THAT councillors call any matters of urgency.

26/02/22 Carried

ITEM - 20 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT council note there were nil items called to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

26/02/23 Carried

ITEM - 21 MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT council:

1. Approves free pool entry to the Molong pool on Friday 6 March from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.
2. Provides pool attendants for the event with costs to be funded from the Community Facilitation Fund.

26/02/24 Carried

It was noted the time being 3:10pm 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/Weaver)

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.

1. Carried

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

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT the committee endorse the accuracy of the Report of the Proceedings of Confidential Matters at the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held 16 December 2025 are sufficient to state the general effect of the proceeding in Closed Committee.

2. Carried

ITEM - 3 SALE OF CONNELLY'S STORE

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pearson)

THAT council

1. Resolves that the proposed sale of Connelly's Store, 97 Bank Street, Molong, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Should there be no objecting comments received during the public exhibition, approves the sale of Connelly's Store, 97 Bank Street, Molong, in accordance with the price guide provided by the local real estate agent
3. Approve the transfer of associated preparation-for-sale costs from the Urban Infrastructure Reserve to the value of \$50,000, to be reimbursed upon receipt of sale proceeds.

3. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.28pm the Mayor resumed the Ordinary meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Nash/Pearson)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 24 February, 2026 be adopted.

26/02/25 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3:29pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 24 March, 2026 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.