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REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10

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

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Department Leader – Community Prosperity, Executive Leader – Capability, Department Leader – Governance & Corporate Performance, IT Coordinator and Governance Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty for his absence from the meeting.

MOTION (Weaver/Rawson)

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

26/04/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Nash declared an interest (identified as a perceived conflict of interest, non-pecuniary) in Item 11 due to her daughter being the secretary of Manildra and District Improvement Association and Son-in-law is president.

Clr O’Ryan declared an interest (identified as a perceived conflict of interest, pecuniary) in Item 12 due to being the treasurer of Arts Council of Cabonne.

MOTION (O’Ryan/Pearson)

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

26/04/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

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

26/04/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jones

24/03/2026 – Business Paper review with the Mayor, General Manager and Deputy General Manager. Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

25/03/2026 – Opened the Cabonne Seniors Expo, Molong.

30/03/2026 – Chaired the Eugowra CAP Advisory Committee meeting, Eugowra.

11/04/2026 – Official launch party of the Canowindra International Balloon Challenge, Canowindra.

14/04/2026 – Chaired the Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting and Mayoral Information Session, Molong. Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association meeting, Eugowra.

18/04/2026 – Cabonne Community Balloon Glow, Canowindra.

20/04/2026 – Meeting with the General Manager and Executive Leader - Capability, Molong Office.

21/04/2026 – Hosted the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NSW Reconstruction Authority, Kate Fitzgerald, Molong and Eugowra.

22/04/2026 – Orange360 Board meeting.

23/04/2026 – Meeting with Executive Leader Capability, Molong Office. Meeting with General Manager and primary producers, Council Chambers, Molong.

24/04/2026 – Central West Recovery and Resilience Package, Community Leaders Forum.

25/04/2026 – Cumnock ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Molong ANZAC Day Service.

Clr Pull

14/04/2026 – Mayoral Information Session and Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee, Molong Office.

25/04/2026 – Eugowra ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Canowindra ANZAC Day Service.

28/04/2026 – Ordinary Council meeting and Pools Advisory meeting, Molong.

Clr Batten

24/03/2026 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

14/04/2026 – Mayoral Information Session and Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee, Molong Office.

16/04/2026 – Cumnock Progress Association meeting.

25/04/2026 – Obley ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Yeoval ANZAC Day Service.

Clr Pearson

24/03/2026 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

14/04/2026 – Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting and Mayoral Information Session, Molong.

25/04/2026 – Molong ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Cudal ANZAC Day Service.

Clr Rawson

24/03/2026 – Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

05/04/2026 – Represented Council and Ophir Board at Tom/Lister Reunion, Ophir.

07/04/2026 – Nashdale/Lidster Consultative Committee meeting, Nashdale.

13/04/2026 – Mullion Creek Progress Association meeting, Mullion Creek.

14/04/2026 – Mayoral Information Session and Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee, Molong Office.

16/04/2026 – Public Seminar, Age of Fishes Museum, Canowindra.

20/04/2026 – Review of Oaky Lane with Mullion Creek Progress Association, Mullion Creek.

25/04/2026 – Toogong ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Borenore ANZAC Day Service.

28/04/2026 – Central Tablelands Water (CTW) Business Paper review, Orange.

Clr O’Ryan

26/03/2026 – 28/03/2026 – ALGWA Conference, Blacktown.

25/04/2026 – ANZAC Day Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital Wreath Laying and Eugowra ANZAC Day Service.

Clr Weaver

25/04/2026 – Canowindra ANZAC Day Service.

Clr Nash

26/03/2026 – 28/03/2026 – ALGWA Conference, Blacktown.

24/02/2026 – Manildra Dance, Manildra.

25/04/2026 – Manildra ANZAC Day Service.

MOTION (Jones/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

26/04/04

Carried

ITEM - 5 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Nash/Pearson)

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

26/04/05

Carried

ITEM - 6 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION (Rawson/Pull)

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 March 2026.
2. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee meeting held on 14 April 2026, and
3. Infrastructure (Community) Committee meeting held on 14 April 2026.

26/04/06 Carried

MOTION (Pearson/Batten)

THAT item 22 be brought forward.

26/04/07 Carried

ITEM - 22 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING 2026/27

MOTION (Nash/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Approve the following draft documents being placed on public exhibition for 28 days:
 - a. Delivery Program 2025-2029 (revised 2026 version),
 - b. Operational Plan 2026-27 incorporating the Budget and Fees and Charges, and
 - c. Resourcing Strategy 2026-2036 incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plan and Strategic Service Management Plan.
2. Note a further report will be presented to council following the public exhibition period.
3. Note the information contained within the Future Ready Cabonne: Financial Sustainability Plan.

26/04/08 Carried

ITEM - 7 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY - STRATEGIC

MOTION (Pull/Pearson)

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

26/04/09 Carried

ITEM - 8 RATES AND CHARGES HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE POLICY & DEBT RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT POLICY

MOTION (Nash/Pull)

THAT council endorses the draft:

1. Rates and Charges Hardship Assistance Strategic Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and
2. Debt Recovery & Management Strategic Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

26/04/10 Carried

ITEM - 9 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S RATING SYSTEM

MOTION (Pull/Batten)

THAT council:

1. Resolves to commence a formal review of the current rating structure to assess equity;
2. Approve that the review considers rating categories, the mix of ad valorem and base rates, and the distribution of the rating burden across ratepayer classes; and
3. Receive a further report outlining the findings of the review in time to include consideration for a new farming subcategory for the 2027/2028 rating year.

26/04/11 Carried

ITEM - 10 ASSESSING OUR COMMUNITY'S CAPACITY TO PAY

MOTION (Pearson/Nash)

THAT council:

1. Receives and notes the information provided in the report.
2. Receives a final updated report once a decision has been made in relation to a potential rating restructure and Special Rate Variation application to IPART.

26/04/12 Carried

ITEM - 11 VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND 2025/2026

MOTION (Weaver/Batten)

THAT council approves funding under its 2025/26 Village Enhancement Fund of \$8,000 to Manildra and District Improvement Association (MADIA), in partnership with Cabonne Council, for the construction of a BBQ facility area at Montana Park.

26/04/13 Carried

It was noted the time being 2.50pm Clr O’Ryan declared an interest and left the Chamber.

ITEM - 12 EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

MOTION (Rawson/Pull)

THAT council authorise funding from the 2025/2026 Event Sponsorship budgets for the following:

1. \$3,300 to Arts Council Cabonne for the delivery of the 2026 Acquisitive Art Prize, and
2. \$485 to Ultimate Rock Crawling for the delivery of the Rock Boss 4WD rock crawling event.

26/04/14 Carried

It was noted the time being 2.51pm Clr O’Ryan returned to the Chamber.

ITEM - 13 REQUEST FOR VARIATION TO CABONNE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING - CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MOTION (Batten/O’Ryan)

THAT council:

1. Approve the request for a variation of previously allocated funding under the Cabonne Community Assistance Program (CCAP) 2021-2022 Round 2 from the Cumnock and District Progress Association; subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Submission of final design details and confirmation of locations,
 - b. Consultation with relevant staff regarding placement, safety and access,
 - c. Compliance with any planning or regulatory requirements (if applicable), and
 - d. Completion of acquittal requirements of the original project components.

26/04/15 Carried

ITEM - 14 ORANGE & DISTRICT PISTOL CLUB LEASE RENEWAL

MOTION (Pull/Nash)

THAT council:

1. Authorise the renewal of the lease of land at 166 Stagecoach Road, Emu Swamp, being Lot 1 DP 248314, to the Orange & District Pistol

Club Inc. for a period of 15 years, commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2041, and

2. Authorise the General Manager to finalise and execute the lease, including affixing the Council Seal to the lease documentation between Cabonne Council and Orange & District Pistol Club.

26/04/16 Carried

ITEM - 15 SALE OF CONNELLY'S STORE

MOTION (O'Ryan/Nash)

THAT council:

1. Note and consider the submissions received during the public exhibition period,
2. Authorise obtaining a second property appraisal, and
3. Note a further report will be presented detailing valuation price guide for consideration prior to listing the property for sale.

26/04/17 Carried

**ITEM - 16 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE WITHIN ROAD RESERVES -
LOT1/DP1102656, LOT3/DP1102656, LOT2/DP1102656,
LOT1/DP155601**

MOTION (Pearson/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposal for purchase of the following portions of unused road reserves bisecting Lots 1,2 & 3 DP1102656 and Lot 1 DP 155601 in part of Portion 11 Parish Anson and Portions 12 & 13 Parish Byng, County Bathurst.
2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to determine the proposed purchase of the reserves.

26/04/18 Carried

ITEM - 17 2026 LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS

MOTION (Weaver/Batten)

THAT council nominate attendance of the Mayor, or his representative, at the 2026 Local Roads Congress.

26/04/19 Carried

ITEM - 18 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION (Batten/Pearson)

THAT it be noted there were nil questions raised for the next meeting.

26/04/20 Carried

ITEM - 19 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Clr Rawson called item 4 to be further considered.

MOTION (O'Ryan/Weaver)

THAT:

1. Item 4 be further considered.
2. The balance of the items be noted.

26/04/21 Carried

ITEMS FOR NOTATION

ITEM - 4 REGIONAL BANKING SERVICES

MOTION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the information be noted.

26/04/22 Carried

ITEM - 20 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT it be noted there were nil matters of urgency.

26/04/23 Carried

ITEM - 21 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Nash/Pull)

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

26/04/24 Carried

It was noted item 22 was brought forward for consideration following Item 6.

ITEM - 23 GRANT APPLICATION NSW DEPARTMENT PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - ACTIVE REGIONAL COMMUNITIES PACKAGE

MOTION (Rawson/O'Ryan)

THAT council authorise, in line with the report, the submission of a \$1,000,000 grant application for NSW Department Primary Industries and Regional Development - Active Regional Communities Package.

26/04/25 Carried

It was noted the time being 3.05pm 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 (Weaver/Nash)

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 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF WRITE-OFF OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Pearson)

THAT council deny the request for the write-off or reduction of water consumption charges for the period 1 November 2025 to 31 January 2026 for Account No. 4436020004, and that the ratepayer be advised accordingly.

2. Carried

ITEM - 3 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF WRITE-OFF OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Write off 25% of water consumption costs being \$1,454.39 for the period 1 November – 31 January 2026,
2. Write off 25% of sewer consumption costs of \$317.42 for the period 1 November – 31 January 2026, and
3. Waive interest accrued on these charges during investigations.

3. Carried

It was noted the time being 3.10pm the Chair resumed the Ordinary meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Pull/O'Ryan)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 28 April, 2026 be adopted.

26/04/26 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.11pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 26 May, 2026 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.