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MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2026

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Brian Leak, Judy Smith, Lachlan Roberts, Adine Hoey and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Ms Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), Mr Barry Bonthuys (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

MEETING PROCEDURE

The Chair advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded via Council's website and that the recording would be made available online in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. Attendees were reminded to refrain from making defamatory statements, that unauthorised recording of the meeting is not permitted, and that any person engaging in disorderly conduct may be expelled in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

PRAYER

The Prayer was led by Annette Sadgrove from the St Augustines Church and the Lord's Prayer was recited by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Chair.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Chair.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the apology of Cr Howe be accepted and that leave of absence be granted.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Roberts that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2026 be adopted.

2026/142

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In accordance with previous declaration in relation to Acciona Energia Wallaby Creek Wind Farm, Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager) declared a pecuniary interest in Item 2 of the Notices of Motion Report being Wind Turbines and Item 5 of the Questions with Notice Report being Wallaby Creek Windfarm.

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Bohm that the disclosures of interest be accepted.

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MAYORAL MINUTE

1. MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the information be noted.

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2. DEPUTY MAYORAL DIARY

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Hoey that the information be noted.

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3. TONY MCGRANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER

RESOLVED Crs Jones/Davies that Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager, or their representative, be authorised to attend the dinner on behalf of Council.

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COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Leak/Bohm that the information be noted.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. REPORT OF THE NARROMINE SHOWGROUND AND RACECOURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that the report of the Narromine Showground and Racecourse Advisory Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 23 July 2026 be adopted.

2026/148

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER

1. RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that the revised Records Management Policy and Procedures for Councillors as presented to the meeting be endorsed.

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2. DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that the Delivery Program Progress Report from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 be noted.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - GENERAL MANAGER (Cont'd)

3. COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

RESOLVED Crs Hoey/Smith that the report be noted.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

1. INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2026

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Hoey;

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio be received and noted;
2. That the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

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2. FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 JULY 2026

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Smith that the financial report as at 31 July 2026 be received and noted.

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3. CARRY FORWARD CAPITAL WORKS AND RE-VOTES FROM 2025/26

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Hoey that the list of carry forward works which were commenced in 2025/2026 but not completed (as shown in Attachment No. 3) be noted.

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4. WATER USAGE CHARGES FOR CONCEALED LEAKAGE POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council revoke the water usage charges for concealed leakage policy.

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RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council continue to promote the use of the smart water meter system to assist property owners in monitoring water consumption and identifying potential leaks.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Smith that the information be noted.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd)

2. LEASE OF 35 DERRIBONG STREET, TRANGIE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That Council enter into a 12-month lease agreement with Thriv3 Indigenous Corporation for the lease of 35 Derribong Street, Trangie at a rental of $120 per week (including GST).
2. That outgoings of electricity and water usage be paid by the lessee.

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3. SERVICE LEVEL REVIEW - LIBRARIES

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that the information be noted.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. WORKS REPORT

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Roberts that the information be noted.

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Cr Leak asked what the costs were to carry out the Kerbside Collection trial. The question was taken on notice.

2. WATER FUND OPERATIONAL BUDGET VARIATION – BORE CLEANING PROGRAM

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that Council approve an increase of $100,000 to the Water Fund operational budget in the current financial year to undertake bore maintenance activities.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

RESOLVED Crs Smith/Bohm;

1. That the draft Code of Meeting Practice be amended as follows: -
   - 1.1 All voting at Council Meetings, (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded.
   - 1.2 Clauses 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.18 and 11.11 be omitted.
2. That the amended draft Code of Meeting Practice be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, allowing a period of not less than 42 days during which submissions may be made to Council.

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For: Crs Jones, Smith, Lambert, Leak, Bohm and Hoey.
Against: Crs Roberts and Davies.

NOTICES OF MOTION (Cont'd)

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Smith that Cr Howe's notices of motions being items 2, 3 and 4 of the Notice of Motions Report, be deferred to the next meeting.

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REPORT

Item from the Director Community and Economic Development

1. SALE OF PART SISSIAN ROAD, TRANGIE

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Council move into Closed Meeting to consider the sale of Part Sissian Road, Trangie in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it considers confidential information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council proposes to conduct business. Disclosure of the confidential information would on balance be contrary to the public interest as it would prevent Council from achieving a 'best value for money' outcome for the community.

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OPEN COUNCIL

Resolution from Closed Meeting

Item from the Director Community and Economic Development

1. SALE OF PART SISSIAN ROAD, TRANGIE

RESOLVED Crs Bohm/Davies that Council that the land known as Lot 1 DP 1180566. (4.49 HA, former part Sissian Road) be offered for sale to Robinson Grain Trading Co Pty Ltd (or appropriate entity as instructed) for an amount of $33,981 (Ex GST) with the purchaser and Narromine Shire Council to pay their own legal costs associated with the transaction.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.14pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 7) were confirmed at a meeting held on the

day of 2026 and are a full and accurate record of

proceedings of the meeting held on 12 August 2026.

Chair

.... Mayor