



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council held virtually and in the WB Freebody Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 28 May 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Winchester (Chairperson)
Cr Broadbent
Cr Grundy
Cr Livermore
Cr Macdonald
Cr Preston
Cr Schweikert
Cr Taskovski
Cr Waterhouse
Cr Willis
Cr Wilson

Staff: R Ryan, General Manager
M Duff, Director Infrastructure Services
J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

Also Present: L Ison (Minute Secretary)

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which the meeting was held.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

There were no apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 May 2025**

831/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the WB Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, on Wednesday 14 May 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

832/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Willis declared a pecuniary interest in Item 16.1: RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations, stating she is the convener of the Queanbeyan Sustainability Group which benefits from an annual Council donation of mulch and compost for the Railway Park Organic Community Garden. This donation saves the group approximately \$400 a year. As it is unclear whether the group would incur a charge for this material under the recommended contract, Cr Willis proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

Cr Waterhouse declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 16.3: Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution, stating he is a member of the specified company or other body applying for this grant, which has been done by the Executive Members, and whilst he has nothing to do with the application, Cr Waterhouse proposed to leave the Chamber when the matter is considered.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.34pm, Cr Winchester advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

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RESOLVED (Winchester/Livermore)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.34pm and resumed at 5.35pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 Community Strategic Plan Submissions Report****MOVED (Winchester/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Consider the submissions to the Draft Community Strategic Plan.
2. Endorse the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the amendments listed within the attachment.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Winchester)

That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting to enable Council to consider the feedback received during the consultation period.

The amendment (of Willis and Winchester) was put and lost.

For: Crs Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert and Taskovski

The motion (of Winchester and Taskovski) was brought forward.

RESOLVED (Winchester/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Consider the submissions to the Draft Community Strategic Plan.
2. Endorse the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including the amendments listed within the attachment.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Schweikert, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Cr Willis

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- 835/25 **9.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the Quarter Ending 31 March 2025**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)
That Council:
1. Receive the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
 2. Adopt the budget variations outlined in the report.
 3. Note the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer in relation to Council's financial performance and projected year result is satisfactory.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 836/25 **9.3 Investment Report - April 2025**
RESOLVED (Broadbent/Waterhouse)
That Council:
1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of April 2025.
 2. Note the investment return for April 2025 was \$1,255,110.
 3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 837/25 **9.4 Membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA)**
MOVED (Waterhouse/Preston)
That Council approve QPRC membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) commencing 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2029.
- Cr Schweikert foreshadowed a contrary motion:
That Council place the funds for this motion in the sewer fund to build resources to replace the Queanbeyan Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- The motion of Crs Waterhouse and Preston was brought forward.
- RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Preston)**
That Council approve QPRC membership of Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) commencing 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2029.
- The resolution was carried.
- For: Crs Broadbent, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
 Taskovski, Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and Winchester
Against: Crs Grundy and Schweikert

- 838/25 **9.5 Nerriga Community Plan**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Willis)
That Council endorse the Nerriga Community Plan and place the plan on the QPRC website with other community plans.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 839/25 **9.6 Bungendore Bites Event**
RESOLVED (Schweikert/Preston)
That Council endorse the allocation of \$14,800 to support 'Bungendore Bites – A Taste of Spring' event.

The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 840/25 **9.7 Application for a Cultural Grant**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Taskovski)
That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,000 to ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Inc. for the purchase of two laptops.

The resolution was carried.

For: Crs Broadbent, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
 Schweikert, Taskovski, Waterhouse, Willis, Wilson and
 Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy
- 841/25 **9.8 Committee Members - Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Wilson)
That Council:

1. Appoint the following seven community members to the Queanbeyan Showground Advisory Committee:
 Laurence James Kennedy
 David George Loft AFSM
 Ginnette Louise Loft
 Jenny Scott
 Sue Jarvis
 William (Bill) George Lilley
 Josh Williams

2. Seek First Nations representation, representation of the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society, and representation from the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 842/25 **9.9 Committee Members - Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery**
RESOLVED (Livermore/Schweikert)
That Council appoint the following four community members to the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Advisory Committee:
- Phillip Hawke
Sepi Hawke
Hugh Percy
Paul Walshe OAM

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 843/25 **9.10 Committee Members - Small Business Advisory Committee**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)
That Council:
1. Amend the Terms of Reference for the Small Business Advisory Committee to allow for a maximum of eight community representatives, including one nominated by each of the Business Chambers.
 2. Appoint the following community representatives to the Small Business Advisory Committee:

Elise Appolloni	Connie Hick
Lisa LaMaitre	Rachael Macdonald
Jeffrey Pugh	Jagjit Singh
 3. Appoint the following representatives from Business Chambers:

Gavin Gillin (Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber)
Murray Gough (Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 844/25 **10.1 Planning Performance**
RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 845/25 **10.2 VNSW re Valuer General's Cancellation of Commonwealth Land**
RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 846/25 **10.3 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Preston/Winchester)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 847/25 **11.1 Minutes of Heritage Advisory Committee - 8 May 2025**
RESOLVED (Willis/Wilson)
That Council note the minutes of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 May 2025.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motions.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no Questions With Notice.

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Winchester advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Winchester then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

- 848/25 **RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)**

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

Item 16.1 RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and

discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.2 RFT 2025-15 Monaro Street Upgrade Construction

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.3 Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 6.35pm to discuss the matters listed above.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Cr Willis left the Chamber at 6.35pm.

16.1 RFT 2025-31 Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations

849/25

RESOLVED (Grundy/Schweikert)

That Council award Contract 2025-31 for Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer Stations to Soilco Pty Ltd for the estimated price of \$522,474 per annum (excluding GST) until expiry on 29 October 2029.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Willis returned to the Chamber at 6.36pm.

16.2 RFT 2025-15 Monaro Street Upgrade Construction

850/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)

That Council award Contract No 2025-15 for the Monaro Street Upgrade – Construction to Dale and Hitchcock Civil Pty Ltd for the contract amount of \$10,582,760 excluding GST.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Having declared an interest in the following item, Cr Waterhouse left the meeting at 6.54pm.

16.3 Braidwood and Village Business Chamber - NSW Heritage Grant Request for Council Contribution

851/25

RESOLVED (Schweikert/Willis)

That Council approve a contribution of \$50,000 from the Heritage Reserve Fund in the 2025/26 Operational Plan as matched funding for the Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber's NSW Heritage Grant application to prepare a Heritage Interpretation Plan for Braidwood.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

852/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6.57pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, Section 14.22, the Chairperson provided a summary of the resolutions passed in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 6.58pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**