



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council held virtually and at the Bungendore Sports Hub, 15 Halfway Creek Road, Bungendore on Wednesday, 9 April 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
K Monaghan, Director Corporate Services
R Ormella, Director Development and Environment
M Goiser, A/Director Community, Arts and Recreation

Also Present: L Ison (Minute Secretary)

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.32pm.

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 26 March 2025**

742/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the WB Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre on Wednesday 26 March 2025 be confirmed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

743/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Waterhouse)

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 Taskovski declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 10.2: Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates, stating he is employed by Ian McNamee and Partners. He proposed to leave the room when the matter was 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.

744/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Broadbent)

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 6.09pm.

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 DA.2024.0416 - Construction of a Warehouse with Office - 1 & 5 Marland Court, Envirova (Formally Known as 137 Envirova Drive)****MOVED (Macdonald/Broadbent)**

That development application DA.2024.0416 for construction of a warehouse with office on 1 and 5 Marland Court, Envirova (formally known as 137 Envirova Drive) be granted conditional consent.

AMENDMENT (Willis)

That Council defer consideration of development application DA.2024.0416 for construction of a warehouse with office – 1 & 5 Marland Court, Envirova (formally known as 137 Envirova Drive) for the following reasons:

1. To seek clarification on the following matters:
 - a. Whether a traffic assessment is required to understand the noise impacts of the proposed development on local roads and residents.
 - b. The specific equipment to be used in the operation, which may have a bearing on the noise levels, particularly at night.
2. To provide an opportunity for residents of neighbouring suburbs not notified of this development application to provide feedback on the DA following provision of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, given that an acoustic report to Council in 2022 identified potential exceedances of project Noise Trigger Levels from the operations of the Business Park, which would affect residents of neighbouring suburbs.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

745/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Macdonald)

That Council adjourn the meeting for five minutes.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 6.40pm and resumed at 6.44pm.

Cr Willis moved her amendment in an amended form.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Waterhouse)

That Council defer consideration of development application DA.2024.0416 for construction of a warehouse with office – 1 & 5 Marland Court, Envirova (formally known as 137 Envirova Drive) to seek clarification on the classification of the proposed development.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Waterhouse) was put.

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

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)

That Council defer consideration of development application DA.2024.0416 for construction of a warehouse with office – 1 & 5 Marland Court, Environa (formally known as 137 Environa Drive) to seek clarification on the classification of the proposed development.

The resolution was carried.

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

747/25

RESOLVED (Winchester/Wilson)

That Items 9.4 and 9.7 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.4 Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply Transfer Pipeline Project Update

748/25

RESOLVED (Wilson/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the detailed Business Case developed for the Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply Transfer Pipeline project.
2. Endorse the Council submission for funding of the Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply Transfer Pipeline project under the National Water Grid Fund (NWGF) program in February 2025.
3. Authorise the General Manager to issue opening letters to property owners along the route to commence the negotiation period as contemplated by Section 10A of the of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991.

The resolution was carried.

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

- 749/25 **9.7 Bungendore Aquatic Centre Project**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)
That Council:
1. Approve the Design and Landscape Plans for the new Bungendore Aquatic Centre.
 2. Refer a supplementary vote of \$350,000 request to the 2024/25 third quarter budget review (QBRs) for consideration to enable DA lodgement.
 3. Pending approval of an updated Capital Expenditure Review Report and QBRs funding, authorise the lodgement of the DA for the Bungendore Aquatic Centre.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 750/25 **PROCEDURAL MOTION**
RESOLVED (Livermore/Winchester)
That Items 10.1, 12.1 and 14.1 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 751/25 **10.1 Correspondence Captains Flat Containment Cell**
RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 752/25 **12.1 Notice of Motion - Growing Regions Need More Police**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Schweikert)
That Council writes to the NSW Police Minister and local State Member calling on increased funding and resourcing to enable Police to keep our community safe.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- 753/25 **14.1 Questions With Notice - Lead Remediation Council Land**
RESOLVED (Willis/Schweikert)
That the report be received for information.
- The resolution was carried unanimously.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned for a short break at 7.50pm and resumed at 8.02pm.

754/25

9.2 DA.2024.0405 - 22 Taylor Place, Greenleigh - Construction of Carport and Continued Use of Roof Over Existing Deck**RESOLVED (Grundy/Schweikert)**

That development application DA.2024.0405 for construction of a carport and continued use of roof over existing deck at 22 Taylor Place, Greenleigh be granted conditional consent.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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9.3 Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Health Check**RESOLVED (Wilson/Winchester)**

That Council receive and note the independent project Health Check report completed by Scyne Advisory for the Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade project and:

1. Endorse completion of the following recommended Critical actions:
 - a. Complete a project cost reassessment to +/- 10% accuracy range during the detailed design phase and incorporate the outcome into financial modelling and an updated business case.
 - b. Review and re-establish the project delivery model including integrated team structure, resourcing levels and leadership oversight.
 - c. Reassess plant capacity needs, options analysis, and regulatory approval pathways including contingency plans, alternative strategies and solutions proportional to risk.
2. Report back to Council the response plan and progress on the Essential and Suggested Actions identified in the Health Check report.
3. Write to the ACT Government as the owner of ICON Water Limited to seek formal advice that a joint venture and regional solution has been considered from ICON Water's strategic plan perspective.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.4 Queanbeyan to Bungendore Bulk Water Supply Transfer Pipeline Project Update

This Item was dealt with in earlier business.

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9.5 Nellie Hamilton Centre Ground Floor and Level 3 Fit-outs**RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)**

That Council:

1. Approve the design and fit-out proposals for the ground floor and Level 3 of Nellie Hamilton Centre for the additional community/library and conference/meeting room space.
2. Approve the transfer of \$892,000 from the existing Nellie Hamilton Centre construction budget for this project.

The resolution was carried.

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

Against: Cr Grundy

9.6 Karabar Microforest Proposal - Ash Street, Queanbeyan**MOVED (Preston/Wilson)**

That Council endorse the parklet at 5 Ash Street, Queanbeyan (Lot 1 DP 702676) for the use of a microforest and provide in-kind support through Council labour, advice and assistance to work collaboratively with the Microforest Collective.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Note the request from the Microforest Collective to establish a second microforest, at 5 Ash Street, Karabar.
2. Receive a report from staff evaluating the Blackall Park microforest project including impact on neighbouring residents, ongoing maintenance and success of plantings.
3. Request a design concept for the microforest to ensure that existing mature trees are retained and that new plantings and design enable a clear path through the parklet for residents.
4. Review the request to establish a microforest at 5 Ash Street, Karabar after receiving the evaluation report and design concept.
5. Commit to undertaking community consultation on the proposal before finalising a decision on the proposal.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Macdonald) was put.

For: Crs Broadbent, Gundy, Macdonald, Schweikert, Taskovski, Willis, and Waterhouse

Against: Cr Livermore, Preston, Wilson and Winchester

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Note the request from the Microforest Collective to establish a second microforest, at 5 Ash Street, Karabar.
2. Receive a report from staff evaluating the Blackall Park microforest project including impact on neighbouring residents, ongoing maintenance and success of plantings.
3. Request a design concept for the microforest to ensure that existing mature trees are retained and that new plantings and design enable a clear path through the parklet for residents.
4. Review the request to establish a microforest at 5 Ash Street, Karabar after receiving the evaluation report and design concept.
5. Commit to undertaking community consultation on the proposal before finalising a decision on the proposal.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.7 Bungendore Aquatic Centre Project

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

9.8 Committee Members: QPRC Access Committee

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RESOLVED (Macdonald/Waterhouse)

That Council appoint the following 14 community members to the Access Advisory Committee:

Anne Crowe	Bob McAlister
Ciara McKillop	Helen Stig
Lynelle Hamer	Naomi Taylor
Robyn Culver	Winifred Hanson
Annette Bell	James Fowler
Judit Kovacs	Lisa Dunphy
Rebecca Bigg	Melanie Dowline

The resolution was carried unanimously.

9.9 Renewal of Licence Agreement - Googong Community Garden

759/25

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council endorse the renewal of the licence agreement with the Googong Residents' Association over 44 Helen Circuit, Googong for use of the land as a community garden.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

- 760/25 **9.10 Post-Exhibition Report - Code of Meeting Practice**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Waterhouse)
That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice with amendments to the following clauses:
- Clause 4.12
 - Clause 4.22
 - Clause 5.1
 - Clause 5.34
 - Clause 7.3
 - Clause 10.23 - noting change from 3 to 5 minutes

The resolution was carried.

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

- 761/25 **9.11 Policy Review**
RESOLVED (Macdonald/Waterhouse)
That Council:
1. Endorse the following QPRC Strategic Policies and place on exhibition for 28 days:
 - Agency Asset Policy
 - Asset Capitalisation Policy
 - Asset Class Definitions Policy
 - Asset Management Policy
 - Asset Revaluation Policy
 - Asset Depreciation and Impairment Policy
 - Library Collections Policy
 - Local and Family History Collections Policy
 - Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards QPRC and its Employees Policy
 - Liquid Trade Waste Policy
 2. If no submissions are received, the Policies be adopted.
 3. Rescind the Workplace Surveillance Policy as a Strategic Policy.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Correspondence Captains Flat Containment Cell

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

Having declared an interest in the following Item, Cr Taskovski left the room at 8.33pm.

762/25 **10.2 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**
RESOLVED (Waterhouse/Wilson)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Cr Taskovski returned to the meeting at 8.34pm.

763/25 **10.3 Quarterly Rates and Charges Outstanding Report**
RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

764/25 **10.4 Councillor Workshops**
RESOLVED (Preston/Grundy)

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There were no Reports of Committees.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 Notice of Motion - Growing Regions Need More Police

This Item was dealt with in earlier business.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates Reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Questions With Notice - Lead Remediation Council Land

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

**14.2 Questions With Notice - Council Support to Southern
Tablelands Arts (STA)**

765/25 **RESOLVED (Broadbent/Macdonald)**

That the report be received for information.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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

766/25

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 2024-70 Design and Construct Netball Pavilion - Bungendore Sports Hub

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.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 8.47pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 RFT 2024-70 Design and Construct Netball Pavilion - Bungendore Sports Hub

767/25

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Preston)

That Council approve Wood and Co Living Pty Ltd as the contractor for RFT 2024-70 Design and Construct Netball Pavilion at the Bungendore Sports Hub for the contract price of \$777,089 (ex GST).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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RESOLVED (Preston/Livermore)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.
The resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8.52pm.

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 8.53pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

CR KENRICK WINCHESTER
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON