

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 AT 10.00AM**

*Please note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.*

## Present

Mayor, Councillor Krieg; Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob, Waters together with Mr Butron, Acting General Manager; Mr Smith, Acting Chief Operating & Financial Officer; Mr Snow, Acting Chief Corporate & Community Officer; Mr Reinhold, Acting Head Planning & Environment; Ms Sullivan, Head Customer Experience; Ms Geraghty, Head Legal Services; Mr Singh-Pangly, Head Finance; Mr Fordham, Corporate Accountant; Mr Hewage, Financial Accountant; Mr Geikie, Executive Officer – Chief Corporate & Community Office; Ms Zaat, Corporate Reporting Coordinator; Mr Schubert, Technology Support Officer; Ms Cotterill, Governance & Risk Manager and Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer to the General Manager & Mayor and Councillors.

## Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. a leave of absence be approved for Councillor Battista from 10 to 30 June 2025
2. attendance by audio-visual link be approved for Councillor Hall due to illness and Councillor Battista for the 10 June 2025 Ordinary Meeting

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Guise)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

## Confirmation of Minutes

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meeting be confirmed:

- Ordinary Council meeting 8 April 2025
- Confidential Council meeting 8 April 2025

(Councillors Bing/Gordon)

<b>Voting for:</b>	Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters
<b>Voting against:</b>	Councillor Guise

## Disclosures of Interest

**Clr Krieg declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome

**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Krieg declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.14 Lismore CBD Levee update

**Nature:** I am a member of Rous County Council

**Clr Krieg declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry

**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Dalton-Earls declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.2 Planning Proposal to allow certain light industries to RU1, E1 and E2 zones

**Nature:** I live in a rural area

**Clr Dalton-Earls declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.2 Community Access to Salvaged Materials from Buyback Homes

**Nature:** I look for recycled materials and likes to work on houses and I received a buyback

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.7 Business Lismore Funding Request

**Nature:** I am a member of Business Lismore and former President and Vice-President

**Clr Gordon declared a Pecuniary, Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:**

11.4 Living Lab

**Nature:** I have a financial relationship with Dan Etheridge and will leave the Chamber

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.6 Rural Landsharing Community Development

**Nature:** I am a real estate agent

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome

**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.14 Lismore CBD Levee update

**Nature:** I sit as a member of Rous County Council

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Battista declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 Public Exhibition of the Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Long Term Financial Plan and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan  
**Nature:** I am a member of the Friendship Festival Committee which receives money from Council and my wife is involved with Samson Challenge which also receives funding

**Clr Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.2 Planning Proposal to allow certain light industries to RU1, E1 and E2 zones  
**Nature:** I live in a rural area

**Clr Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Hall declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 Public Exhibition of the Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Long Term Financial Plan and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan  
**Nature:** I am a member of Lismore Lake which receives funding from Council

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Knight-Smith declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.7 Business Lismore Funding Request  
**Nature:** My parents are members of Business Lismore

**Clr Bing declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Bing declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry  
**Nature:** I know Mr Santin

**Clr Jensen declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome  
**Nature:** I have met Mr Santin

**Clr Jensen declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.15 Santin's Quarry  
**Nature:** I have met Mr Santin

**Clr Waters declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 Public Exhibition of the Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Long Term Financial Plan and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan  
**Nature:** I am a volunteer for Lismore Lantern Parade that receives money from Council for events. If it is specifically mentioned, I will leave the Chamber

**Clr Waters declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.6 Rural Landsharing Community Development  
**Nature:** I live on a rural landsharing community

**Clr Waters declared a Non-Pecuniary, Non-Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.2 Community Access to Salvaged Materials from Buyback Homes  
**Nature:** I received a buyback

**Clr Waters declared a Significant Conflict of Interest for the following item:**  
11.4 Living Lab  
**Nature:** I received a buyback

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 10:19AM**

## Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. convenes a committee consisting of all interested councillors to participate in the recruitment process for a General Manager
2. provide delegated authority to the committee to shortlist and interview candidates and details of the preferred candidate be reported back to Council for resolution

(Councillor Krieg)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

**Absent:** Councillor Dalton-Earls

## Reports of Committees

### **8.1 Lismore Flood Risk Management Committee - 10 April 2025**

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes from the 10 April 2025 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(Councillors Rob/Knight-Smith) (BP25/242)

<b>Voting for:</b>	Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters
<b>Voting against:</b>	Nil
<b>Absent:</b>	Councillor Dalton-Earls

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 10:22AM**

## Matters Arising

## Reports of the General Manager

### **10.1 Public Exhibition of the Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Long Term Financial Plan and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan**

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MOTION move that the following documents be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and any submissions be reported to Council for consideration prior to adoption, the:

1. Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, including the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and the Operational Plan 2025-2026 (including detailed budget and Revenue Policy), and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan
2. Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026
3. Draft Long Term Financial Plan
4. affordable housing be included in the Community Strategic Plan as a core strategic outcome

(Councillor Knight-Smith/Dalton-Earls)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that the following documents be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and any submissions be reported to Council for consideration prior to

adoption, the:

1. Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, including the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and the Operational Plan 2025-2026 (including detailed budget and Revenue Policy), and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan
2. Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026
3. Draft Long Term Financial Plan
4. all references to affordable housing be replaced by diverse housing, where practicable

(Councillors Battista/Gordon)

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 10:47AM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 10:47AM**

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 10:53AM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 10:54AM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob and Krieg and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillors Dalton-Earls and Guise

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

87/25 **DEFEATED** that the following documents be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and any submissions be reported to Council for consideration prior to adoption, the:

1. Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, including the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and the Operational Plan 2025-2026 (including detailed budget and Revenue Policy), and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan
2. Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026
3. Draft Long Term Financial Plan
4. affordable housing be included in the Community Strategic Plan as a core strategic outcome

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/243)

**Voting for:** Councillors Dalton-Earls, Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Rob and Krieg

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise Knight-Smith and Waters

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On submission to the meeting the foreshadowed motion became the motion and was **RESOLVED** that the following documents be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and any submissions be reported to Council for consideration prior to adoption, the:

1. Draft Reimagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, including the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and the Operational Plan 2025-2026 (including detailed budget and Revenue Policy), and the Community Engagement Strategy 2025 including the Community Participation Plan
2. Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026
3. Draft Long Term Financial Plan
4. all references to affordable housing be replaced by diverse housing, where practicable

(Councillors Battista/Gordon) (BP25/243)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise and Waters

**Councillor Big Rob left the meeting, the time being 11:14 AM**

**Councillor Virginia Waters left the meeting, the time being 11:14 AM**

**Councillor Big Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 11:14 AM**

**At this point in time Councillor Guise disclosed a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest as he owns RU1 land but am a general class of ratepayer.**

### **10.2 Planning Proposal to allow certain light industries to RU1, E1 and E2 zones**

MOTION moved that Council support the Planning Proposal and instruct the General Manager to make the amended changes to the Local Environmental Plan as per the delegation issued to Council by the Gateway Determination.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing)

**Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 11:16AM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 11:16AM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 11:18AM**

89/25      **RESOLVED** that Council support the Planning Proposal and instruct the General Manager to make the amended changes to the Local Environmental Plan as per the delegation issued to Council by the Gateway Determination.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP25/155)

**Voting for:**                      Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:**                Councillor Guise

### **10.3 Planning proposal to allow additional permitted uses in South Lismore to support rail trail**

MOTION moved that Council:

1. forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking a Gateway Determination and proceeds to public exhibition in accordance with any Gateway requirements
2. confirms that should any objections be made during the public exhibition stage that the planning proposal be reported back to Council. If no objections are received, the planning proposal be finalised and made, as per the delegation of the Gateway Determination

(Councillors Battista/Knight-Smith)

**Councillor Bing left the meeting, the time being 11:28AM**

**Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 11:29AM**

**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 11:29AM**

**Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 11:30AM**

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 11:33AM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 11:35AM**

90/25      **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking a Gateway Determination and proceeds to public exhibition in accordance with any Gateway requirements
2. confirms that should any objections be made during the public exhibition stage that



the planning proposal be reported back to Council. If no objections are received, the planning proposal be finalised and made, as per the delegation of the Gateway Determination

(Councillors Battista/Knight-Smith) (BP24/1124)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

#### **10.4 DCP Housekeeping Amendments**

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MOTION moved that Council:

1. adopts the revised Development Control Plan housekeeping amendments
2. allows for the tracked changes to be accepted before the chapters come into effect and are uploaded to Council's website

(Councillors Bing/Battista)

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 11:38AM**

**Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 11:40AM**

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopts the revised Development Control Plan housekeeping amendments
2. allows for the tracked changes to be accepted before the chapters come into effect and are uploaded to Council's website

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP25/235)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise and Waters

**10.5 2025 Status update and review Lismore Urban Stormwater Management Plan**

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. Council notes the progress review and adopts the revised implementation program as per the "Lismore Urban Stormwater Management Plan (2025 Status review and update)", as attached to this report
2. the General Manager be delegated authority to vary the priority order of projects as per the implementation program to integrate with other Council projects or take advantage of grant or partnership opportunities as outlined in the Urban Stormwater Management Plan
3. the General Manager be delegated authority to add projects where necessary to address priority repairs/upgrades where the condition of stormwater infrastructure presents an unacceptable risk to public safety and or property

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/238)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**10.6 March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

That Council:

1. adopts the attached March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approve the recommended variations
2. note the forecast employee benefits and on costs budget has been restated for additional water, sewer and flood related expenses. The General Fund **forecast** employee benefit and costs have only been partly adjusted to manage impact on internally restricted reserves. Management plan to remain within approved total expenses budget of \$151m for FY2024-2025. Management will report final total salary cost numbers as part of year end processes

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 12:11PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 12:11PM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 12:15PM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 12:17PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 12:18PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 12:20PM**

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopts the attached March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approve the recommended variations
2. note the forecast employee benefits and on costs budget has been restated for additional water, sewer and flood related expenses. The General Fund **forecast** employee benefit and costs have only been partly adjusted to manage impact on internally restricted reserves. Management plan to remain within approved total expenses budget of \$151m for FY2024-2025. Management will report final total salary cost numbers as part of year end processes

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/219)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**At this point the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:43PM**

**The meeting resumed at 1:15PM**

#### **10.7 Business Lismore Funding Request**

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. commits \$50,000 (excluding GST) per annum from the Lismore Special Business Rate to Business Lismore to support the delivery of business advocacy, education and support to businesses within the ratable area including Lismore CBD, South Lismore, North Lismore and Goonellabah
2. enters into a Service Level Agreement with Business Lismore and allocates the 2025-2026 Lismore Special Business Rate contribution of \$50,000 (excluding GST) to Business Lismore

(Councillors Rob/Knight-Smith) (BP25/239)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

### 10.8 Advisory Groups Membership

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MOTION moved that Council:

1. appoint the following community members to the below advisory groups:
  - a) Aboriginal –
  - b) Sister City –
  - c) Disability Inclusion –
  - d) Koala –
  - e) Lismore Villages –

(Councillors Waters/Rob)

**RESOLVED** that the session go into Committee of the Whole.

(Councillors Rob/Gordon)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**RESOLVED** that Council leave Committee of the Whole and return to the meeting.

(Councillors Krieg/Dalton-Earls)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. appoint the following community members to the below advisory groups:
  - a) Aboriginal – Bradley Walker, Cindy Roberts, Tim Roberts
  - b) Sister City – Micheal Lynch, Cindy Roberts, Taz McLaren, Bradley Walker, Matthew Healy, Elizabeth Olivieri, Daniel Gubby, Brandon Yee
  - c) Disability Inclusion – Micheal Lynch, Brad Lancaster, Alicia Knight, Diana Grobler, Bridget Barker, Jenny London, John Zambelli, Elissa Caldwell
  - d) Koala – Lucy Kinsley, Elissa Caldwell, Shae Salmon, Mark Bailey
  - e) Lismore Villages –
    - Nimbin - Gwen Trimble, Max Pike
    - Modanville/Dunoon - Adrienne Morgan
    - Richmond Hill/Lindendale -
    - Rural South - Lucy Kinsley
    - Rural North West – Denise Whitney

Clunes/Bexhill -

2. promote and accept expressions of interest for vacant positions and be reported back to Council for further decision

(Councillors Waters/Rob) (BP25/198)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:** Nil

#### **10.9 Investments - April 2025**

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96/25 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP25/270)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise and Waters

**Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 1:54PM**

### **Notices of Motion / Questions with Notice**

#### **11.1 Mayoral Attendance Report**

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MOTION moved that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for April 2025.

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 1:56PM**

97/25 **RESOLVED** that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for April 2025.

(Councillors Krieg/Battista) (BP25/251)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillor Rob

### **11.2 Community Access to Salvaged Materials from Buyback Homes**

- 98/25      **RESOLVED** that Council write to the NSW Reconstruction Authority requesting it investigate a partnership for the sale of salvaged materials from buyback properties condemned for demolition to the community.

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Knight-Smith) (BP25/248)

**Voting for:**                      Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Waters

**Voting against:**                Councillor Rob

### **11.3 Bounty Street parking**

MOTION moved that six (6) parking spaces in Bounty Street, Lismore be changed from 10 hour to 2 hour zones.

(Councillors Jensen/Rob)

**Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 2:24PM**

**Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 2:26PM**

- 99/25      **RESOLVED** that six (6) parking spaces in Bounty Street, Lismore be changed from 10 hour to 2 hour zones.

(Councillors Jensen/Rob) (BP25/252)

**Voting for:**                      Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Voting against:**                Nil

**Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 2:31PM**

### **11.4 Living Lab**

MOTION moved that Council:

1. notes the findings of the Northern Rivers Living Lab research into timber recovery and reuse, particularly the practical experience of deconstructing two properties in North Lismore
2. acknowledges the key three recommendations to support a robust circular

timber and reuse system:

- a. development of deconstruction guidelines that align with a circular economy principles
  - b. establishment of a circular recovery facility to store, process and support the reuse of salvaged materials
  - c. development of a value assessment framework to accurately compare the benefits of deconstruction and material recovery and material recovery versus traditional demolition
3. writes to the relevant NSW ministers and the NSW Reconstruction Authority requesting urgent action to:
- a. enable and support development of deconstruction guidelines
  - b. fund and facilitate the establishment of circular material recovery infrastructure in the Northern Rivers
  - c. support the creation of value assessment framework
  - d. seek a temporary pause on the demolition of flood affected homes to allow time for the adoption of deconstruction practices and the recovery of valuable materials
4. receives a further report on opportunities for Council to actively participate in and advocate for these circular economy outcomes within the ongoing recovery and rebuild

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council:

1. notes the findings of the Northern Rivers Living Lab research into timber recovery and reuse, particularly the practical experience of deconstructing two properties in North Lismore
2. acknowledges the key three recommendations to support a robust circular timber and reuse system:
  - a. development of deconstruction guidelines that align with a circular economy principles
  - b. establishment of a circular recovery facility to store, process and support the reuse of salvaged materials
  - c. development of a value assessment framework to accurately compare the benefits of deconstruction and material recovery and material recovery versus traditional demolition

(Councillor Battista)

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 2:38 PM**

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 2:42PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 2:44PM**

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 2:44PM**

**Councillor Bing left the meeting, the time being 2:44PM**

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 2:45PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 2:45PM**

**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 2:46PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 2:46PM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 2:46PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 2:46PM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Krieg)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob and Krieg

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise and Waters

**Absent:** Councillors Gordon and Hall

100/25

**DEFEATED** that Council:

1. notes the findings of the Northern Rivers Living Lab research into timber recovery and reuse, particularly the practical experience of deconstructing two properties in North Lismore
2. acknowledges the key three recommendations to support a robust circular timber and reuse system:
  - a. development of deconstruction guidelines that align with a circular economy principles
  - b. establishment of a circular recovery facility to store, process and support the reuse of salvaged materials
  - c. development of a value assessment framework to accurately compare the benefits of deconstruction and material recovery and material recovery versus traditional demolition
3. writes to the relevant NSW ministers and the NSW Reconstruction Authority requesting urgent action to:
  - a. enable and support development of deconstruction guidelines
  - b. fund and facilitate the establishment of circular material recovery infrastructure in the Northern Rivers
  - c. support the creation of value assessment framework
  - d. seek a temporary pause on the demolition of flood affected homes to allow time for the adoption of deconstruction practices and the recovery of valuable materials
4. receives a further report on opportunities for Council to actively participate in and advocate for these circular economy outcomes within the ongoing



recovery and rebuild

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith) (BP25/254)

**Voting for:** Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

**Voting against:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

**Absent:** Councillors Gordon and Hall

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Krieg)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Jensen, Rob and Krieg

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

**Absent:** Councillors Gordon and Hall

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On submission to the meeting the foreshadowed motion became the motion and was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. notes the findings of the Northern Rivers Living Lab research into timber recovery and reuse, particularly the practical experience of deconstructing two properties in North Lismore
2. acknowledges the key three recommendations to support a robust circular timber and reuse system:
  - a. development of deconstruction guidelines that align with a circular economy principles
  - b. establishment of a circular recovery facility to store, process and support the reuse of salvaged materials
  - c. development of a value assessment framework to accurately compare the benefits of deconstruction and material recovery and material recovery versus traditional demolition

(Councillors Battista/Bing) (BP25/254)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Jensen and Knight-Smith

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise, Krieg, Rob and Waters

**Absent:** Councillors Gordon and Hall

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 3:00PM**

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 3:01PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 3:01PM**

## Continuation of Meeting and Altering Order of Business

MOTION moved that:

1. the time being 3.00pm the meeting continue to 3.30pm
2. the order of business be altered to debate item 12.1 Lease of 97 Caniaba Street, South Lismore

(Councillors Krieg/Dalton-Earls)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Rob and Krieg

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

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**RESOLVED** that:

3. the time being 3.00pm the meeting continue to 3.30pm
4. the order of business be altered to debate item 12.1 Lease of 97 Caniaba Street, South Lismore

(Councillors Krieg/Dalton-Earls)

**Voting for:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise, Knight-Smith and Waters

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

## Resumption of Open Council

When the Council had resumed its former sitting, the Mayor reported that Council, meeting in Closed Session, had **RESOLVED**:

### 12.1 Lease of 97 Caniaba Street, South Lismore

That Council delegate authority to the General Manager, in relation to 97 Caniaba Street, South Lismore (being Lot 2 DP1283633) to:

1. enter negotiations for the lease of the land
2. report back to Council for final approval before execution

(Councillors Rob/Jensen) (BP25/275)

<b>Voting for:</b>	Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg and Rob
<b>Voting against:</b>	Councillors Guise and Waters
<b>Absent:</b>	Councillor Hall

**The time being 3.24pm the following items were deferred to the 10 June 2025 at 10.00am.**

- 11.5 Revert to evening Council meetings
- 11.6 Rural Landsharing Community Development
- 11.7 Temporary warehousing solution for relocatable homes
- 11.8 Policy Number 5.17.10
- 11.9 Santin Quarry legal outcome
- 11.10 Budget Variations
- 11.11 Dunoon Road Repairs/Upgrades
- 11.12 Lismore Affordable Housing Strategy
- 11.13 Flood related resolutions
- 11.14 Lismore CBD Levee update
- 11.15 Santin's Quarry

## Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 3.24pm.

CONFIRMED 10 June 2025 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

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**MAYOR**