

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 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 (via audio-visual), Waters together with Mr Butron, General Manager; Ms Sullivan, Director People & Community; Ms Keneally, Director Roads & Infrastructure; Mr Potter, Director Water Waste & Open Spaces; Mr Singh-Pangly, Director Corporate Sustainability; Mr Snow, Director Planning & Economy; Ms Foy, Executive Director, Flood Restoration Portfolio; Mrs Albertini, Manager People & Culture; Mr Reinhold, Executive Planner; Mr Pitman, Technology Support Officer; Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer and Miss Hull, Executive Assistant.

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

187/25	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>attendance by audio-visual link be approved for Councillor Rob</li><li>a leave of absence for Councillor Jensen on 21 October 2025</li></ul> <p>(Councillors Knight-Smith/Bing)</p> <p><b>Voting for:</b> Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters</p> <p><b>Voting against:</b> Nil</p>
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## Confirmation of Minutes

188/25	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the following meeting be confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ordinary Council meeting 9 September 2025</li><li>Confidential Council meeting 9 September 2025</li></ul> <p>(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Bing)</p> <p><b>Voting for:</b> Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Hall, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Krieg, Rob and Waters</p> <p><b>Voting against:</b> Nil</p>
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## Disclosures of Interest

**Clr Jensen declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.4 Proposed Sale to Dunoon & District Sports & Recreation Club Ltd - Part 1 Cowley Road, Dunoon

**Nature:** I am a member of the Dunoon & District Sports & Recreation Club

**Clr Gordon declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.3 Tobacco and Vape Shops

**Nature:** I will leave the Chamber

**Clr Hall declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 DA25/103: Temporary Accommodation (58 beds) in McKenzie Street, Lismore

**Nature:** I previously worked with the CEO of Social Futures

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 DA25/103: Temporary Accommodation (58 beds) in McKenzie Street, Lismore

**Nature:** I will leave the Chamber as I have potential connections with the organisation

## Altering Order of Business

189/25 **RESOLVED** that the order of business be altered to debate the following matters raised during Public Forum:

- 10.1 DA25/103: Temporary Accommodation (58 beds) in McKenzie Street, Lismore
- 10.4 Proposed Sale to Dunoon & District Sports & Recreation Club Ltd - Part 1 Cowley Road, Dunoon
- 11.4 Letters of In-Principle Support

(Councillors Krieg/Battista)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions

**10.1 DA25/103: Temporary Accommodation (58 beds) in McKenzie Street, Lismore**

MOTION moved that Development Consent be granted to DA25/130, subject to the recommended conditions of consent (see Attachment 1).

(Councillors Hall/Knight-Smith)

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

190/25     **RESOLVED** that Development Consent be granted to DA25/130, subject to the recommended conditions of consent (see Attachment 1)

(Councillors Hall/Knight-Smith) (BP25/638)

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

**Voting against:**        Nil

**Absent:**                    Councillor Rob

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 10:29AM**

**10.4 Proposed Sale to Dunoon & District Sports & Recreation Club Ltd - Part 1  
Cowley Road, Dunoon**

MOTION moved that:

1. the license agreement between Council and Dunoon and Districts Sports and Recreation Club be increased, to a level to be negotiated by the General Manager to cover costs by Council
2. the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate a sale at a future date when the Club is in a financial position to purchase the land

(Councillors Gordon/Knight-Smith)

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 10:34AM**

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that:

1. the license agreement between Council and Dunoon and Districts Sports and Recreation Club be increased, to a level to be negotiated by the General Manager to cover costs by Council
2. the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate a sale for \$1 at a future date when the Club is in a financial position to purchase the land

(Councillor Dalton-Earls)

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 10:37AM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 10:41AM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 10:42AM**

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 10:45AM**

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. the license agreement between Council and Dunoon and Districts Sports and Recreation Club be increased, to a level to be negotiated by the General Manager to cover costs by Council
2. the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate a sale at a future date when the Club is in a financial position to purchase the land

(Councillors Gordon/Knight-Smith) (BP25/627)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

**Absent:** Councillor Rob

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 10:48AM**

#### **11.4 Letters of In-Principle Support**

MOTION moved that Council write letters of in-principle support for:

1. the future introduction of a low-emission train service within the railway corridor between Lismore and Booyong, subject to the availability of further information including relevant reports and feasibility studies, and on the condition any proposed works are compatible with any existing or planned Rail Trail infrastructure, for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors to the Northern Rivers region
2. Nimbin Youth to acknowledge and contribute support for their grant applications and to assist in securing additional funding

(Councillor Dalton-Earls/Gordon)

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 11:03AM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 11:04AM**

- 192/25 **DEFEATED** that Council write a letter of in-principle support for the future introduction of a low-emission train service within the railway corridor between Lismore and Booyong, subject to the availability of further information including relevant reports and feasibility studies, and on the condition any proposed works are compatible with any existing or planned Rail Trail infrastructure, for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors to the Northern Rivers region.

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Gordon) (BP25/715)

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

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

MOTION moved that Council write a letter of in-principle support for Nimbin Youth to acknowledge and contribute support for their grant applications and to assist in securing additional funding.

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Knight-Smith)

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 11:16AM**

**Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 11:19AM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillors Hall/Gordon)

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

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

- 193/25 **DEFEATED** that Council write a letter of in-principle support for Nimbin Youth to acknowledge and contribute support for their grant applications and to assist in securing additional funding.

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Knight-Smith) (BP25/715)

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

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

## Reports of Committees

### 8.1 Lismore Flood Risk Management Committee - 3 September 2025

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MOTION moved that the minutes from the 3 September 2025 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(Councillors Rob/Bing)

AMENDMENT moved and **DEFEATED** that the minutes from the 3 September 2025 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted with a change to item 4.4 that the Committee recommend Council consider submitting a request to the CSIRO asking if they would be able to review and update our Flood Risk Management Plan following completion of the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI) flood modelling project they are currently working on and, if agreeable, ask if they can provide a cost estimate to complete the work.

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith)

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

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

194/25 **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the 3 September 2025 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP25/685)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise and Waters

## Matters Arising

### 9.1 Questions on Notice

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195/25 **RESOLVED** that the Questions on Notice responses provided in this report be noted.

(Councillors Battista/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/683)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Reports of the General Manager

### 10.2 Planning Proposal to enable Additional Permitted Uses in South Lismore

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. Council supports the Planning Proposal to apply Additional Permitted Uses to the Lismore Local Environmental Plan for the mapped area of E4 General Industrial zone as detailed in this report,
2. the Planning Proposal be finalised in accordance with the delegation issued to Council by the Gateway Determination.

(Councillors Gordon/Battista) (BP25/711)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### 10.3 Child Safe Policy

MOTION moved that Council adopt the Child Safe Policy as attached to the report.

(Councillor Knight-Smith/Waters)

**Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 11:35AM**

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 11:36AM**

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**RESOLVED** that Council adopt the Child Safe Policy as attached to the report.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters) (BP25/714)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### 10.5 FOGO Community Consultation

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198/25 **RESOLVED** that changes to FOGO waste collection zones adopted as part of the FY25/26 Revenue Policy be rescinded until the 2030 EPA mandate or until all exemptions are known.

(Councillors Hall/ Jensen) (BP25/717)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Krieg

### 10.6 Local Transport Forum - Terms of Reference

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199/25 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts the Local Transport Forum Terms of Reference.

(Councillors Hall/ Bing) (BP25/718)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### 10.7 Disaster Management Committee Terms of Reference

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200/25 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Lismore City Council Emergency Management Committee.

(Councillors Rob/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/723)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### 10.8 Investments - September 2025

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201/25 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/741)



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

### 10.9 Pecuniary Interest Returns

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202/25 **RESOLVED** that the report be received, and the tabled Disclosure of Interests in written returns be acknowledged.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP25/705)

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

### 10.10 Advisory Groups

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MOTION moved that Council appoint to the Lismore Villages Advisory Group one community member for both the Rural South and Richmond Hill/Lindendale districts, that being Ross Davies and Bronwyn Gowing respectively.

(Councillors Waters/Dalton-Earl)

AMENDMENT moved that Council appoint to the Lismore Villages Advisory Group Craig Parrish for the Richmond Hill/Lindendale district.

(Councillors Rob/Bing)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillors Hall/Bing)

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

203/25 On submission to the meeting the amendment was **RESOLVED** that Council appoint to the Lismore Villages Advisory Group Craig Parrish for the Richmond Hill/Lindendale district.

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP25/662)

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

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**RESOLVED** that:

On submission to the meeting the amendment became the motion and was **RESOLVED** that Council appoint to the Lismore Villages Advisory Group Craig Parrish for the Richmond Hill/Lindendale district.

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP25/662)

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

## Notices of Motion / Questions with Notice

### 11.1 Crime Prevention Plan

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MOTION moved that Council rescind its decision of item 11.4 from the 9 September 2025 meeting.

(Councillors Rob/Battista)

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 11:57AM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 11:58AM**

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 12:05PM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 12:10PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 12:14PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 12:15PM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillors Hall/Bing)

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

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 12:28PM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 12:32PM**

205/25 **RESOLVED** that Council rescind its decision of item 11.4 from the 9 September 2025 meeting.

(Councillors Rob/Battista) (BP25/663)

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

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

**At this point the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:33PM**

**The meeting resumed at 1:02PM**

### **11.2 Mayoral Attendance Report**

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206/25 **RESOLVED** that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for September 2025.

(Councillors Krieg/Bing) (BP25/703)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Rob

**Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 1:07PM**

### **11.3 Tobacco and Vape Shops**

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207/25 MOTION moved that Council write to the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon Mark Butler MP, the Minister for Home Affairs the Hon Tony Burke MP and NSW Minister for Small Business, The Hon Janelle Saffin MP and:

1. inform them of the high number of illegal tobacco and vape shops in Lismore. Approximately eight in the CBD at last count
2. express Lismore City Council's concern at the organised crime implications that this presents
3. request Council be informed what is proposed at a Federal level concerning compliance and enforcement given Lismore is not the only area with a concerning number of tobacco and vape shops

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council strongly oppose any business selling unlicensed tobacco or related products and welcome any enforcement action to prevent it.

(Councillor Rob)

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**RESOLVED** that Council write to the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon Mark Butler MP, the Minister for Home Affairs the Hon Tony Burke MP and NSW Minister for Small Business, The Hon Janelle Saffin MP and:

1. inform them of the high number of illegal tobacco and vape shops in Lismore. Approximately eight in the CBD at last count
2. express Lismore City Council's concern at the organised crime implications that this presents
3. request Council be informed what is proposed at a Federal level concerning compliance and enforcement given Lismore is not the only area with a concerning number of tobacco and vape shops

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters) (BP25/631)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Bing and Rob

**Absent:** Councillor Gordon

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 1:36PM**

### 11.5 Community Safety

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MOTION moved that Council:

1. advocate to work in collaboration with Richmond Police District to:
  - a. reinstate the Drug Squad that was disbanded over a year ago now
  - b. boost the specialist TAG unit back to full capacity
  - c. support increasing police resources by actively seeking grant funding opportunities with support from the NSW Police Commissioner and Member for Lismore
  - d. support ongoing high visibility policing and operations throughout the LGA with supplementary support by way of regular Ranger patrols
2. actively pursue grant opportunities to increase lighting and boost CCTV capabilities across the LGA as a deterrent against antisocial and criminal activity
3. request the Minister for Health and the Minister for Mental Health to provide the Northern NSW Local Health District more resources to deal with the increased number of patients who require acute support
4. request the Minister/s for Housing and Homelessness provide additional resources to address housing insecurity and homelessness across the LGA
5. notes the actions staff are undertaking with regards to:
  - a. increased patrols in Lismore CBD and Nimbin
  - b. meeting and collaborating with local Police to identify and address emerging

crime issues

- c. seeking grant funding to improve street lighting across Lismore CBD and villages
- d. supporting youth programs, education and awareness campaigns

(Councillors Krieg/Hall)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council:

1. advocate to work in collaboration with Richmond Police District to:
  - a. reinstate the Drug Squad that was disbanded over a year ago now
  - b. boost the specialist TAG unit back to full capacity
  - c. support increasing police resources by actively seeking grant funding opportunities with support from the NSW Police Commissioner and Member for Lismore
  - d. support ongoing high visibility policing and operations throughout the LGA with supplementary support by way of regular Ranger and security patrols
2. actively pursue grant opportunities to increase lighting and boost CCTV capabilities across the LGA as a deterrent against antisocial and criminal activity
3. request the Minister for Health and the Minister for Mental Health to provide the Northern NSW Local Health District more resources to deal with the increased number of patients who require acute support
4. notes the actions staff are undertaking with regards to:
  - a. increased patrols in Lismore CBD and Nimbin
  - b. meeting and collaborating with local Police to identify and address emerging crime issues
  - c. seeking grant funding to improve street lighting and boosting CCTV capabilities across Lismore CBD and villages
  - d. supporting youth programs, education and awareness campaigns

(Councillor Rob)

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. advocate to work in collaboration with Richmond Police District to:
  - a. reinstate the Drug Squad that was disbanded over a year ago now
  - b. boost the specialist TAG unit back to full capacity
  - c. support increasing police resources by actively seeking grant funding opportunities with support from the NSW Police Commissioner and Member for Lismore
  - d. support ongoing high visibility policing and operations throughout the LGA with supplementary support by way of regular Ranger patrols
2. actively pursue grant opportunities to increase lighting and boost CCTV capabilities across the LGA as a deterrent against antisocial and criminal activity

3. request the Minister for Health and the Minister for Mental Health to provide the Northern NSW Local Health District more resources to deal with the increased number of patients who require acute support
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5. notes the actions staff are undertaking with regards to:
  - a. increased patrols in Lismore CBD and Nimbin
  - b. meeting and collaborating with local Police to identify and address emerging crime issues
  - c. seeking grant funding to improve street lighting across Lismore CBD and villages
  - d. supporting youth programs, education and awareness campaigns

(Councillors Krieg/Hall) (BP25/720)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

#### **11.6 The Lismore Museum & Richmond River Historical Society**

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MOTION moved that Lismore City Council offer the Richmond River Historical Society the space they previously rented in the municipal building so that they may operate the Museum and the Historical Society from this building.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council:

1. resolves to relocate back into the Lismore CBD by relocating into existing buildings that it owns, manages and leases
2. acknowledges this may be a stage approach given the various status of its buildings
3. request the General Manager to bring a report to Council should additional budget funding be required

(Councillor Battista)

**Councillor Krieg left the meeting, the time being 2:02PM**

**Councillor Krieg returned to the meeting, the time being 2:03PM**

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 2:06PM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 2:08PM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

210/25 **DEFEATED** that Lismore City Council offer the Richmond River Historical Society the space they previously rented in the municipal building so that they may operate the Museum and the Historical Society from this building.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters) (BP25/726)

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

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

**Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 2:27PM**

**Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 2:28PM**

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 2:29PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 2:31PM**

**Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 2:32PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 2:34PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 2:35PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 2:36PM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

211/25 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. resolves to relocate Council employees back into the Lismore CBD by relocating into existing buildings that it owns, manages and leases
2. acknowledges this may be a stage approach given the various status of its buildings
3. request the General Manager to bring a report to Council should additional budget funding be required

(Councillors Battista/Bing) (BP25/726)

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

### 11.7 Dibbs Street Intersection

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212/25 **RESOLVED** that Council request Transport for New South Wales:

1. to expedite the implementation of timed right-turn restrictions at the from Dibbs Street onto Ballina Road, to make it "No Right Turn" between the hours of 8am - 9am, and 3pm - 4pm on weekdays, to improve safety and reduce congestion during school drop off and pick up times
2. fund this through one of the road safety initiative programs

(Councillors Hall/Rob) (BP25/733)

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

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 2:52PM**

### 11.8 Property Strategy

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Can the General Manager outline the progress and timeframes for the Property Strategy. Is the Property Strategy overdue? What was the original due date and what is the current due date?

#### **General Manager's response:**

The Property Strategy is expected to be presented to Council for adoption at the November 2025 Council meeting. A briefing will be provided prior to the meeting.



## Matter of Urgency

213/25     **RESOLVED** that the following issue be considered.

That Council:

1. notes the introduction of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025* by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP, on 17 September 2025
2. acknowledges that the Bill proposes the most significant changes to the NSW planning framework since the original *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, yet was introduced into Parliament without public consultation, explanatory material, or local government briefing
3. requests that the Mayor urgently write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Minister for Local Government, and Local Government NSW expressing Council's concern about the absence of consultation and the erosion of local decision-making powers
4. calls on the NSW Government to pause the progression of the Bill and commence a comprehensive public and local government consultation process, including regional and rural councils

(Councillor Waters)

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

The Mayor deemed the matter urgent.

**RESOLVED** that the time being 3.00pm the meeting continue to 3.30pm.

(Councillors Krieg/Bing)

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

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 3:02PM**

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 3:02PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 3:04PM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 3:05PM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Battista)

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

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

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 3:14PM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 3:15PM**

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**DEFEATED** that Council:

1. notes the introduction of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025* by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP, on 17 September 2025
2. acknowledges the Bill proposes the most significant changes to the NSW planning framework since the original *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, yet was introduced into Parliament without public consultation, explanatory material, or local government briefing
3. requests the Mayor urgently write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Minister for Local Government, and Local Government NSW expressing Council's concern about the absence of consultation and the erosion of local decision-making powers
4. calls on the NSW Government to pause the progression of the Bill and commence a comprehensive public and local government consultation process, including regional and rural councils

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith)

**Voting for:** Councillors Guise and Waters

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

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

### **11.9 Sharps bin at the Lismore Transit Centre**

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Can the General Manager advise if the large yellow sharps bin currently located in front of the Rose Gardens at the Lismore Transit Centre could be relocated to inside the Transit Centre building where determined most appropriate?

Relocating the sharps bin inside the Transit Centre would likely better promote its use by offering greater privacy, while also creating a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors, particularly those arriving by bus.

#### **General Manager's response:**

The large yellow sharps bin currently located outside the Transit Centre is provided to support safe disposal of needles and bulk sharps containers for the surrounding area. It is regularly used by staff and the Country Women's Association (CWA) to manage needles found outside their building.

To enhance safety for staff and the community, the Transit Centre now closes nightly at 7:00pm. Relocating the large sharps bin inside the building would reduce its accessibility after hours and place it in a less safe location.

For individual use, discreet sharps disposal units are available inside the Transit Centre toilet cubicles to ensure privacy and convenience.

## **Altering Order of Business**

215/25      MOTION moved that the order of business be altered to debate item 12.1.

(Councillors Rob/Jensen)

**Voting for:**                      Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon, Jensen and Rob

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

**Absent:**                            Councillor Hall

The vote being tied the Mayor declared the motion **DEFEATED** with his casting vote.

**Councillor Rob left the meeting, the time being 3:18PM**

**Councillor Rob returned to the meeting, the time being 3:19PM**

## Adjournment of Meeting

MOTION moved that the meeting be adjourned with the meeting to resume on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 6pm.

(Councillors Krieg/Dalton-Earls)

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 3:21PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 3:21PM**

216/25     **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned with the meeting to resume on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 6pm.

(Councillors Krieg/Dalton-Earls)

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

**Voting against:**                Councillors Battista, Jensen and Rob

**Absent:**                            Councillor Hall

**Meeting adjourned at 3.25pm.**

## Present

Mayor, Councillor Krieg; Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls, Gordon, Guise, Jensen, Knight-Smith, Rob (via audio-visual), Waters together with Mr Butron, General Manager; Ms Sullivan, Director People & Community, Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer and Miss Hull, Executive Assistant.

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

217/25

**RESOLVED** that:

- attendance by audio-visual link be approved for Councillor Rob
- Council note Councillor Jensen is on approved leave
- an apology be received from Councillor Battista

(Councillors Hall/Bing)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Confidential Matters – Closed Council Meeting

218/25

**DEFEATED** that Council now exclude the press and public and meet in Closed Council to consider the following matters;

<b>Item</b>	12.1 Richmond Tweed Regional Library: Council Decision on Participation Beyond 2027
<b>Grounds for Closure Public Interest</b>	Section 10A(2) (a): Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to: personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

(Councillors Gordon/Bing)

**Voting for:** Councillors Bing, Gordon, Hall and Krieg

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

**12.1 Richmond Tweed Regional Library: Council Decision on Participation Beyond 2027**

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219/25 **RESOLVED** that points 1 and 2 be considered in Closed Session and point 3 remain in Open Session.

(Councillors Krieg/Hall)

**Voting for:** Councillors Bing, Gordon, Hall, Krieg and Rob

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

## Resumption of Open Council

220/25 When the Council had resumed its former sitting, the Mayor reported that Council, meeting in Closed Session, had RESOLVED:

**12.1 Richmond Tweed Regional Library: Council Decision on Participation Beyond 2027**

That Council:

1. remain as the Executive (Administering) Council under a refined Deed of Agreement, with supporting service charters for transparent operations and cost recovery and under a reduced Cooperative Library Services Model (LMS), only overseeing Lismore library staff and a reduced shared services team (collections, programs, LMS, mobile library)
2. endorse the transfer of local branch staff employment to their respective councils, retaining only Lismore-based and regional support staff by June 2027 - embedding local accountability for staff, WHS, and branch operations

(Councillors Gordon/Knight-Smith) (BP25/719)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise

**12.1 Richmond Tweed Regional Library: Council Decision on Participation Beyond 2027**

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221/25 MOTION moved that Council authorise RTRL Committee and Leadership team to negotiate amendments to the Deed to include new appendices (risk management, service charters, cyber security, planning protocols) to strengthen governance and transparency changes prior to June 2027.

(Councillors Gordon/Dalton-Earls)

FORESHADOWED MOTION moved that Council:

1. authorise RTRL Committee and Leadership team to negotiate amendments to the Deed to include new appendices (risk management, service charters, cyber security, planning protocols) to strengthen governance and transparency changes prior to June 2027
2. may not remain as the Executive Council after June 2027

(Councillor Rob)

AMENDMENT moved that Council authorise RTRL Committee and Leadership team to negotiate amendments to the Deed to include new appendices (risk management, service charters, cyber security, planning protocols) to strengthen governance and transparency changes prior to June 2027 and seek expressions of interest by member councils to be the Executive Council by December 2025.

(Councillors Hall/Rob)

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 6:47PM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 6:47PM**

222/25 AMENDMENT moved and **RESOLVED** that Council authorise RTRL Committee and Leadership team to negotiate amendments to the Deed to include new appendices (risk management, service charters, cyber security, planning protocols) to strengthen governance and transparency changes prior to June 2027 and seek expressions of interest by member councils to be the Executive Council by December 2025.

(Councillors Hall/Rob)

**Voting for:** Councillors Bing, Gordon, Hall, Krieg and Rob

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

**Councillor Bing left the meeting, the time being 7:13PM**

**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 7:14PM**

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On submission to the meeting the amendment became the motion and was **RESOLVED** that Council authorise RTRL Committee and Leadership team to negotiate amendments to the Deed to include new appendices (risk management, service charters, cyber security, planning protocols) to strengthen governance and transparency changes prior to June 2027 and seek expressions of interest by member councils to be the Executive Council by December 2025.

(Councillors Hall/Rob)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

## Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 7.20pm.

CONFIRMED 11 November 2025 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

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**MAYOR**