

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

*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; Mrs 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, Mr Goodwin, Senior Designs Engineer; Ms Sproule, Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator; Mr Mercer, Senior Corporate & Strategic Finance Accountant; Mr Harty, Senior Financial Reporting & Operations Accountant; Ms van Iersel, Strategic Planning Coordinator; Ms Longstaff, Senior Strategic Planner; Mr Stace, Regulatory Services Coordinator; Mr Pitman, Technology Support Officer; Ms Cotterill, Governance & Risk Manager, Miss Tye, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Councillors; Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer and Miss Hull, Executive Assistant to the General Manager.

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

**RESOLVED** that Council approve:

- attendance by audio-visual link for Councillor Rob on medical grounds
- a leave of absence for Councillor Dalton-Earls from 18 to 19 February 2026

(Councillors Rob/Hall)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Confirmation of Minutes

1/26 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meeting be confirmed:

- Ordinary Council meeting on 9 December 2025
- Confidential Council meeting on 9 December 2025

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Disclosures of Interest

**Clr Gordon declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.4 Future Land Use of Buyback Properties  
**Nature:** is an Executive on the Show Society

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.2 Get NSW Active, Standing Street, Mills Street to the Channon Public School, the Channon  
**Nature:** was involved in legal advice and have had a matter involving this person and the organisation providing the legal advice.

## Altering Order of Business

2/26 **RESOLVED** that following the condolence motions, the order of business be altered to debate the following matters raised during Public Forum

- 10.3 Clunes Master Plan
- 10.8 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore
- 11.2 Get NSW Active, Standing Street, Mills St to the Channon Public School, The Channon
- 11.5 Dwelling Entitlements

(Councillor Hall/Waters)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions

### 7.1 Condolence Motion - Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack

3/26 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Condolence motion for the victims of the Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack.

(Councillors Krieg/Knight-Smith) (BP26/45)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

The terror attack at Bondi, which commenced at 6:42 pm on December 14 has reshaped the culture and the community that we all know and love about Australia. Living in what was once a society that has largely been untouched by acts of terror, to now questioning our nations identity, is exactly what these orchestrated and hateful demonstrations aim to do, and that is to go beyond the act itself, and cause, division, confusion and fear for weeks, months and years to come. This well planned and callous attack on our way of life has achieved its desired result, with hastily drafted laws being passed at both state and federal levels, targeting the very valued way of life we all hold dear, and that is our rich diversity of freedoms that we once all enjoyed. The timing and the location of this attack should not be undersold either, being summer, close to Christmas, at our most famous beach, again an attack on all that we as a nation hold dear. But it is not for us in this chamber to judge, or to speculate, or to deliberate on the atrocity that occurred on beautiful Bondi Beach on December 14. What we can do as individuals, and as a community, is to join with the nation in offering our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the families of the 11 men, 3 women and 1 young girl whose lives were cut short simply because they practiced a different faith. To the forty civilians who were injured, and the countless friends and family who will carry both the physical and emotional scars of this attack, we stand with you in support. May you have the strength to find peace in your lives once more. I would ask all in the chamber to stand with me as we over a minute's silence to honour the 15 innocent lives lost at Bondi.

### 7.2 Condolence Motion - Father Paul Glynn

4/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. receive and note the Condolence motion for Father Paul Glynn
2. forward a letter of condolence to the family from the Mayor

(Councillors Krieg/Knight-Smith) (BP26/46)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Father Paul Glynn, a man whose compassion, humility, and lifelong commitment to reconciliation left an indelible mark on our community and on international friendship itself.

Father Glynn's legacy extends far beyond his ministry. During his years serving in Yamato Takada, Japan, he worked tirelessly to support the city as it rebuilt after the war. His fundraising efforts helped establish the Takada Catholic Kindergarten, a project that not only met a community need but also became the foundation for something much greater.

Through this work, Father Glynn formed a close relationship with Mayor Senzo Nagura of Yamato Takada. Their friendship, rooted in goodwill and mutual respect, inspired Mayor Nagura to propose a Sister City agreement with Lismore—a historic gesture that led to the signing of the first Sister City relationship between Australia and Japan on 7 August 1963.

This relationship, initiated through the efforts of Father Paul and his brother, Father Tony Glynn, has since become the most significant and enduring Sister City bond in Lismore's history. It continues to promote cultural understanding, student exchange, and international friendship—an ongoing testament to Father Glynn's vision of peace and reconciliation.

Father Glynn's life was shaped by service—to the Church, to the people of Japan, and to the cause of peace between nations. His influence continued long after his mission years, through his writing, his advocacy for reconciliation, and his deep spiritual guidance. His passing marks the end of an extraordinary chapter, but his legacy lives powerfully in the ties between Lismore and Yamato Takada, in the lives he touched, and in the message of unity he championed.

On behalf of the Lismore community, I extend my heartfelt condolences to all who knew and loved Father Glynn. We honour his life; we remember his profound contributions, and we remain committed to upholding the spirit of peace and friendship that he so passionately nurtured.

May he rest in peace.

### **10.3 Clunes Master Plan**

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MOTION moved that Council adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing)

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

1. adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan
2. consult with the pre-school on any potential sale of the Smith Street reserve

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Guise)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

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

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

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Amendment **DEFEATED** that Council:

1. adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan
2. consult with the pre-school on any potential sale of the Smith Street reserve

(Councillor Dalton-Earls) (BP26/10)

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

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

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

1. adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan
2. remove the sale of the Smith Street Reserve from the plan

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

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Amendment **DEFEATED** that Council:

1. adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan
2. remove the sale of the Smith Street Reserve from the plan

(Councillors Waters/Knight-Smith) (BP26/10)

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

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

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**RESOLVED** that Council adopt the attached Clunes Master Plan.

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP26/10)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**10.8 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore**

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8/26

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Council accept from Greyhound Racing NSW the gifting of property at 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore (DP 122335 lot 1, DP 114455 lot 2, DP 758615 sec 3 lot 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5), subject to due diligence being completed
2. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to:
  - a. undertake due diligence on the property and proceed if satisfactory
  - b. finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution
3. Council classify the land as Operational pursuant to section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
4. an Expression of Interest be open for a period of 30 days for future use of the site and return to Council for consideration

(Councillor Hall/Gordon) (BP26/39)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**11.2 Get NSW Active, Standing Street, Mills Street to The Channon Public School, The Channon**

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MOTION moved that Council rescind its decision of item 10.5 Get NSW Active, Standing Street, Mills Street to The Channon Public School, The Channon from the 9 December 2025 meeting.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

**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 Council:

1. rescind its decision of item 10.5 Get NSW Active, Standing Street, Mills Street to The Channon Public School, The Channon from the 9 December 2025 meeting
2. not proceed and all monies be returned to TfNSW

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Waters) (BP26/33)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Gordon and Rob

**Councillor Waters left the meeting, the time being 11:18AM**

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 11:18AM**

**Councillor Bing left the meeting, the time being 11:18AM**

**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 11:20AM**

**Councillor Waters returned to the meeting, the time being 11:20AM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 11:20AM**

### **11.5 Dwelling Entitlements**

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10/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. identify how many rural lots in our LGA do not have a dwelling entitlement and how many of those are suitable to build a dwelling
2. advise how many we can give dwelling entitlements to
3. investigate the ability for land holders to accommodate more than two dwellings on rural land
4. These measures be considered in any future reviews of the Lismore LEP

(Councillors Gordon/Bing) (BP26/41)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 11:30AM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 11:31AM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 11:34AM**

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

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 11:34AM**

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 11:35AM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 11:46AM**

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 11:48AM

Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 11:49AM

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 11:52AM

## Reports of Committees

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

11/26 **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the 3 December 2025 meeting be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

(Councillors Rob/Knight-Smith) (BP25/996)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Matters Arising

### 9.1 Questions on Notice

12/26 **RESOLVED** that the Questions on Notice responses provided in this report be noted.

(Councillor Hall/Dalton-Earls) (BP25/1020)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## **9.2 Briefings Committee Terms of Reference**

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13/26

**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. rescind 1.2.20 Council Briefings Policy
2. adopt the terms of reference for the Briefings Committee as attached to this report

(Councillors Rob/Gordon) (BP25/1021)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

## **9.3 Draft Code of Meeting Practice**

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14/2615/26 MOTION moved that Council:

1. in accordance with Section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the draft Code of Meeting Practice at Attachment 1 to this report be adopted with the inclusion of clause 14.12 c) *Completing the Public Representation Application Form*, which is available on the website, in the manner determined by council
2. notes minor administrative changes (formatting and corrections) may be made to the policy when required
3. reaffirms its previous resolution that Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 10.00am from 10 February 2026 to 8 August 2028 and notes meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 43 Oliver Ave Goonellabah or 165 Molesworth Street Lismore
4. determined the Order of Business for a Council Meeting as follows:
  1. Opening of meeting
  2. Acknowledgement of country
  3. Pause for reflection
  4. Apologies and applications for leave of absence or attendance by audio-visual link
  5. Confirmation of minutes
  6. Disclosures of Interest
  7. Mayoral minute(s) and condolence motions
  8. Reports of committees
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13. Conclusion of the meeting

(Councillors Krieg/Hall)

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

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(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith)

**RESOLVED** that the amendment be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

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Amendment **DEFEATED** that Council:

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(Councillor Knight-Smith) (BP26/6)

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

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

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

1. in accordance with Section 361 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the draft Code of Meeting Practice at Attachment 1 to this report be adopted with the inclusion of clause 14.12 c) *Completing the Public Representation Application Form*, which is available on the website, in the manner determined by council
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3. reaffirms its previous resolution that Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 6.00 pm from 10 March 2026 to 8 August 2028 and notes meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 43 Oliver Ave Goonellabah or 165 Molesworth Street Lismore
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(Councillors Guise/Knight-Smith)

**RESOLVED** that the amendment be put.

(Councillor Rob)

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

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

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(Councillor Guise/Knight-Smith) (BP26/6)

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

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

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5. Clause 4.10 is amended to no more than four (4) speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' and four (4) speakers 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council meeting

(Councillors Guise/Waters)

**RESOLVED** that the amendment be put.

(Councillor Rob)

**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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(Councillor Guise/Waters) (BP26/6)

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Dalton-Earls)

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

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

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

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(Councillor Krieg/Hall) (BP26/6)

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

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

## Reports of the General Manager

### 10.1 Proposed Crown Land Easement Acquisition related to City View Drive Sewer Main Remediation

20/26

**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. endorse Option 2 (Licence Agreement and Easement Acquisition) as the preferred approach for reinstating sewer infrastructure damaged during the AGRN1012 event.
2. proceed with the acquisition of easements over the affected Crown land by compulsory process, in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and section 186(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, acknowledging that the process is expected to take approximately 3 to 6 months, subject to Ministerial approvals and Native Title compliance

Folio	Project Location	Owner
Barham Street Crown Road Reserve adjoining Lot 7 DP 865421	City View Drive, Lismore NSW 2480	NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Crown Lands

3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to:
  - a. negotiate and finalise all matters associated with the compulsory acquisition of easements, including interim access arrangements with Crown Lands NSW
  - b. issue all notices and undertake all procedural steps required under the *Land*

*Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, including submission of the application to the Minister for compulsory acquisition

- c. engage legal and specialist advice to address Native Title and Crown land requirements
- d. execute all documentation necessary to facilitate construction and complete the acquisition
- e. finalise compensation and settlement matters arising from the acquisition process

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Battista) (BP26/3)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### **10.2 51 Three Chain Rd Property Acquisition**

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**RESOLVED** that Council approve:

1. the acquisition of part of Lot 3 in DP 602872, known as 51 Three Chain Road, Lismore, to formalise existing flood levee and stormwater encroachments and to facilitate construction of the Snow Street Flood Pump Station
2. the closure of West Street, Lismore and its potential transfer as part of a land swap to be used in compensation negotiations for the acquisition
3. the land acquisition and tenure arrangements proceed under the following structure:
  - a. Lismore City Council acquire the required land and grant Rous County Council an easement for the pump station, existing levee and associated infrastructure, with compensation (including potential land swap) to be negotiated with Rous County Council to own the pump station and associated infrastructure
4. the landowner's reasonable costs associated with the acquisition and road closure be met by Council, including but not limited to survey, fencing, Council fees, reasonable legal fees, valuation fees and plan registration fees
5. delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate and finalise the acquisition, compensation (including any land swap), easements, road closure and all documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution

(Councillor Gordon/Hall) (BP26/1)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

**10.4 December 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

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That Council:

1. adopts the attached December 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approve the recommended changes to the 2025/2026 budget
2. write to the Premier and relevant Ministers to expedite the processing of acquittals

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Gordon)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Guise

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopts the attached December 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approve the recommended changes to the 2025/2026 budget.
2. write to the Premier and relevant Ministers to expedite the processing of acquittals

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls) (BP26/23)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**Councillor Bing left the meeting, the time being 2:19PM**

**Councillor Jensen left the meeting, the time being 2:20PM**

**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 2:20PM**

**Councillor Jensen returned to the meeting, the time being 2:22PM**

**10.5 Monthly Finance and Investment Report**

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**RESOLVED** that Council note the report.

(Councillors Bing/Gordon) (BP26/32)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise and Waters

### 10.6 Investment Policy Review

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24/26 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the amendments to the current Investment Policy.

(Councillors Bing/Battista) (BP26/38)

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

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

### 10.7 Policy Review

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25/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopt the new 1.4.23 Section 356 Financial Assistance Policy and associated Mayor's Discretionary Fund
2. adopt the following revised policies:
  - a. 5.2.35 Local Street Guide - Outdoor Dining Policy
  - b. 9.1.6 Building Over and Adjacent to Water & Sewer Assets Policy
3. revoke the following policies:
  - a. 1.8.26 Annual Community Grants Scheme Policy
  - b. 6.1.2 Section 356 Donation – Dialysis Machine Water & Waste Charges Policy
  - c. 5.2.21 Protection of World's Rainforest Timber Policy
4. place on public exhibition for 28 days the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy and if any objections are received during the submission period the Policy be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy is adopted by Council

(Councillor Gordon/Hall) (BP26/13)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

## Notices of Motion / Questions with Notice

### 11.1 Mayoral Attendance Report

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26/26 **RESOLVED** that Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for December 2025 and January 2026.

(Councillor Krieg/Hall) (BP26/2)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Rob

### 11.3 Lismore and District Netball Association

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27/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. engage with the Lismore & District Netball Association and relevant stakeholders to develop a plan addressing facility requirements and community needs at the Marie Mackney Courts
2. seek grant funding opportunities to facilitate the delivery of outcomes of item 1 above
3. Council staff provide an update to the Briefings Committee

(Councillor Hall/Knight-Smith) (BP26/29)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Matter of Urgency

28/26 MOTION moved that the following issue be considered.

That Council submit the following motion for debate at ALGA's 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider annual budget allocation increases to the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), to proactively invest in preventative risk reduction and mitigation to support resilience prior to a disaster, reducing the reliance on Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), which reactively funds immediate relief and Essential Public Asset Restoration (EPAR) post-disasters.

(Councillors Rob/Gordon)

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

**RESOLVED** that the motion be considered.

The matter was considered urgent due to the closing date for submissions to the Assembly.

(Councillors Rob)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

29/26

**RESOLVED** that:

Council submit the following motion for debate at ALGA's 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider annual budget allocation increases to the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), to proactively invest in preventative risk reduction and mitigation to support resilience prior to a disaster, reducing the reliance on Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), which reactively funds immediate relief and Essential Public Asset Restoration (EPAR) post-disasters.

(Councillors Rob/Gordon) (BP26/29)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

**Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 2.49PM**

## Disclosures of Interest

**Clr Knight-Smith declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.4 Future Land Use of Buyback Properties

**Nature:** is a member of the Show Society

**Clr Battista declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.4 Future Land Use of Buyback Properties

**Nature:** is a member of the Show Society

#### 11.4 Future Land Use of Buyback Properties

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MOTION moved that Council:

1. write to The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management, The Hon Janelle Saffin MP, Minister for Recovery, Kate Fitzgerald, CEO, NSW Reconstruction Authority and Brendan Moon, CEO, National Emergency Management Agency seeking a meeting and requesting they review proposed restrictions on land subject of “buybacks” in North and South Lismore and the CBD
2. invite NEMA to visit Lismore to understand the impact of their decision
3. write to Kate Fitzgerald, CEO, NSW Reconstruction Authority requesting:
  - a. the following properties at 39, 41, 43 and 45 Elliott Road, South Lismore be gifted to Council
  - b. this land be used for industrial/commercial purposes, providing a model as to how effective building design can be integrated to ensure highest and best use of the land
4. request the buyback properties at 100, 102, 104, 106, 108 and 110 Alexandra Parade, 134 and 136 Bridge Street, 8, 8A and 10 Slater Street, 3, 5 and 7 Flick Street be gifted to the North Coast A&I Society for additional carparking during major events

(Councillors Krieg/Gordon)

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

(Councillors Krieg/Bing) (BP26/40)

**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 3:14PM**

**RESOLVED** that motion be put.

(Councillor Rob)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

**Absent:** Councillor Hall

30/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. write to The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management, The Hon

Janelle Saffin MP, Minister for Recovery, Kate Fitzgerald, CEO, NSW Reconstruction Authority and Brendan Moon, CEO, National Emergency Management Agency seeking a meeting and requesting they review proposed restrictions on land subject of “buybacks” in North and South Lismore and the CBD.

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**(Councillors Krieg/Gordon) (BP26/40)**

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

### **11.6 Integration of Heatwave Management into Council's Strategic Planning**

That Council:

1. acknowledges the significant public health and safety risks posed by extreme heat events to the residents, pets, and livestock of the Lismore LGA
2. directs the General Manager to ensure that a comprehensive Heatwave Management and Resilience framework is developed for the Lismore LGA
3. directs that this framework be delivered either as a standalone Heatwave Management Plan or as a clearly defined, integrated component of the Climate Adaptation Strategy currently under development by staff
4. directs that the framework development leverage existing best practices from other NSW regional councils to ensure the response is evidence-based and place-based for the Lismore context
5. requests a report be brought back to Council upon the completion of the draft Strategy or Plan for consideration and public exhibition

Motion withdrawn.

**11.7 Request for Update - Resolution 136/25**

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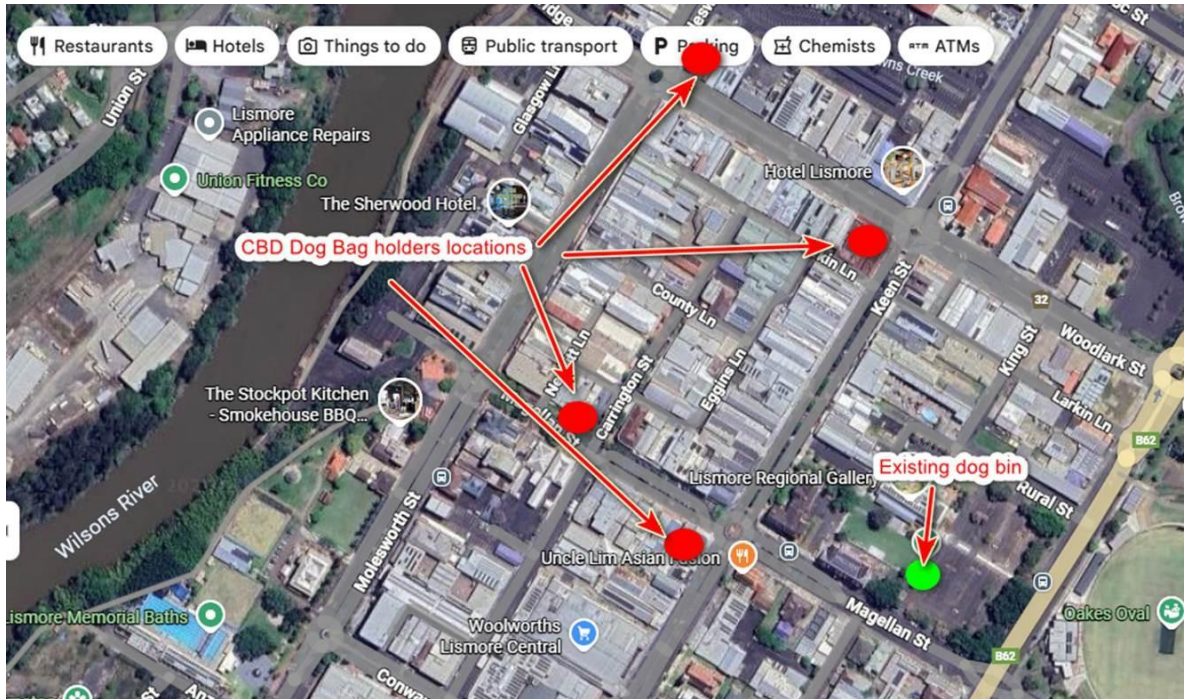
1. When will the CBD dog waste bag stations be installed?
2. Do the lighting upgrades for Fawcett Bridge include restoration of the heritage lighting components?
3. Are there any updates on the installation of an RV dump point, including location and expected timeframe?
4. Has there been any progress on delivering additional lighting in the inner CBD and CBD laneways?
5. What upgrades are planned or have occurred at the Goonellabah Off-Lead Dog Park?
6. Has the lighting at the Hepburn Park hockey fields been upgraded, or is there an expected delivery timeframe?
7. What is the expected timeframe for installing a bus shelter at the Goolmangar bus interchange?

**General Manager's response:**

Resolution 136/25 states:

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

1. *adopt Reimagine Lismore: A Plan for the Future 2025-2035 combining the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 and Delivery Program 2025-2029, including seeking funding for:*
    - a. *upgrades to the Goonellabah Off-lead Dog Park*
    - b. *beautification works in South Lismore*
    - c. *installation of an RV dump point*
    - d. *installation of CBD dog waste bag stations*
    - e. *lighting upgrades to Hepburn Park hockey complex*
    - f. *inner CBD and laneway lighting upgrades*
    - g. *a bus shelter at Goolmangar bus interchange*
    - h. *fix heritage lighting on Fawcetts Bridge*
  2. *publish the documents on Council's website*
  3. *provide a copy to the Office of Local Government*
1. Bag dispensers were installed at the below locations on 30 January 2026.



2. The resolution stated, “fix heritage lighting on Fawcetts Bridge”. Officers’ primary objective was to fix the lighting. Councillors were provided information in City Notes and the December business paper as to why like-for-like replacement is not recommended.
3. Plans are being developed prior to seeking funding.
4. Staff continue to investigate funding avenues.
5. In 2024/2025 upgrades included a new shelter, seating, picnic tables and footpaths. Future plans are being developed, including agility equipment, prior to seeking funding.
6. Far North Coast Hockey late last year applied for funding to install LED lights from the Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants program. Successful applicants have not been announced.
7. As previously advised in September’s business paper, “an unfunded action (4.3.7) was included in the recently adopted delivery plan. A submission for a new bus shelter located at Goolmangar will be included in our next round of funding applications in 2026”.

**Councillor Guise left the meeting, the time being 3:29PM**

31/26 **RESOLVED** that Council obtain quotes to install a light pole with wired or solar lighting to adequately light up most of the Goonellabah Dog Park from dusk until 9pm and report the results to council for further consideration at the March council meeting.

(Councillors Rob/Jensen) (BP26/48)

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

## Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMED this > > 2026 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

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**MAYOR**