



Council

An Ordinary Meeting of Lismore City Council will be held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 10:00 AM

Members of Council are requested to attend.

Lismore City Council acknowledges the Widjabul Wia-bal people of the Bundjalung nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Eber Butron
General Manager

4 March 2026



ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A guiding checklist for councillors, staff and community committees

Ethical decision making

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to gain personally at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

Conflict of interest

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict:

- Pecuniary – an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to yourself or another person or entity defined in part 4 of the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct with whom you are associated.
- Non-pecuniary – a private or personal interest that you have that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct. These commonly arise out of family or personal relationships, or out of involvement in sporting, social, religious or other cultural groups and associations, and may include an interest of a financial nature.

The test for conflict of interest

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

Identifying problems

- Do I have private interests affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- Do my private interests' conflict with my official role?

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - a. at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - b. at any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge - a person does not breach this clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Non-pecuniary Interests - Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as of the provisions in the Code of Conduct (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

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Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions



Mayoral Minute

Subject **Six Point Regional Health Plan**

TRIM Record No BP26/148:EF19/25-8

That Council:

1. fully endorse and support Dr McGirr's six-point plan to see improvements in rural and regional health into the future
2. write to the Minister for Regional Health to advise our support

Comment

Regional and Rural Healthcare Recommendations

Rural and Regional Health is of critical importance to everyone living outside metropolitan areas. The work that Dr Joe McGirr, Member for Wagga Wagga, has done in his six-point plan to address critical health shortfalls is of vital importance to those living in the country.

Attachment/s

1. Regional Health Plan

TRIM Record No: BP26/148:EF19/25-8

RURAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

Better Care, Closer to Home

THE PROBLEM

Regional and rural communities are being failed by a health system that’s fragmented, under-resourced, and reliant on expensive fly-in staff. Local services are closing, patients face long waits or long drives, and communities are being left out of decisions.

THE PLAN

The Rural Health Action Plan outlines six affordable and achievable reforms, drawn directly from a major parliamentary inquiry. This is not about billion-dollar restructures — it’s about fixing what’s broken with practical changes that put people first.

1

A GP Guarantee

Every town should have a doctor
→ Fund flexible, team-based models and train a local workforce

2

Birth Closer to Home

Safe, local maternity care
→ Reopen rural birthing units and expand midwife-led & culturally safe models

3

Local Staff, Not Fly-ins

End the \$270M locum merry-go-round
→ Redirect funds to permanent staffing, housing, and support

4

Local Voices, Real Power

No more decisions made without the people affected
→ Mandate genuine consultation and embed communities in governance, including First Nations communities

5

A Watchdog for Rural Health

Accountability, not just promises
→ Create an independent Rural Health Commissioner

6

One System, Working Together

Stop the gaps and handballs
→ Fund Rural Health Precincts and require collaboration between hospitals, GPs, and community care

WHAT IT DELIVERS

- Patients – better access, closer to home
- Families – safer birthing and kids’ health
- Workers – stable jobs, less burnout
- Communities – local voice in decisions
- Taxpayers – better value for money

This is how we fix the system — and make rural health fair again.

Mayoral Minute

Subject Uralba Street Pedestrian Crossing

TRIM Record No BP26/149:EF19/25-8

That Council works with Transport for NSW to explore options to provide safe passage across Uralba Street, between Dawson and Brewster Streets.

Comment

Since the skate park was built, many young people have been walking from the bus interchange to the skate park, creating a high risk of collision with traffic. Often these young people take risks crossing the street, dodging moving vehicles as they navigate their way across the road.

Something needs to be done to minimise the risk of an accident and improve pedestrian accessibility. An overpass, underpass or crosswalk installation needs to be considered to create a safe alternative to dodging moving vehicles.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/149:EF19/25-8

Reports of Committees



Report of Committee

Local Traffic Forum

That the minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

Attachment/s

1. LTF Minutes December 2025
2. LTF Minutes February 2026

Local Transport Forum Minutes 3 December 2025

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 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.

Please note: Consultation with relevant bus companies will occur before any further consideration of matters discussed.

Present

Councillor Hall (Chairperson); A/Sgt Shannon Hudson (NSW Police); Bel Hanson (On Behalf of Janelle Saffin MP) and Ms Caleisse Dunston (Transport for NSW).

In Attendance

Ms Nolan, Manager Roads Planning; Ms Keneally, Director Roads & Infrastructure; Mr Clough, Director Waste & Resilience and Ms Underhill, Executive Assistant.

Apologies

Nil.

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of 16 July 2025 were confirmed.

(Member Dunston/Member Hanson)

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Hall declared that she is a bus operator and that her son currently attends the school referenced in Item 4.1, but will no longer attend this school in the new year.

Action Items

Item 4.1 Request for School Zone Extension and No Left Turn

- Confirm installation of "No Stopping" sign raised in a previous meeting.
- TfNSW to conduct a review of School Zone extents and trees and vegetation on Dibbs Street and adjoining streets. Solar-powered school signs may pose placement challenges.

Item 4.2 Request for Bus Zone Relocation at Corndale Public School

- Council to contact the school to advise there is currently a funding application

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in place with TfNSW and note that the group discussed the matter and will await further input from TfNSW in consultation with bus operators.

Item 4.3 Request for Relocation of Lismore Transit Centre

- Council to provide a response to Janelle Saffin's office noting the item was reviewed by the Local Traffic Forum (LTF) and the matter has been referred to appropriate staff for further investigation, in consultation with relevant bus companies.

Other Business

Speed Humps & Convex Mirrors

- TfNSW to provide their standard position on speed humps and convex mirrors.

Ballina Road Bus Shelter in front of Arcadia Motel

- Complete concept plan for Ballina Road Bus Shelter including TfNSW pedestrian safety fencing. Once completed, send to TfNSW for review and approval. The high cost of compliant pedestrian safety fencing was discussed and future installation would be subject to available funding.
- Keep the community informed on the progression of the project.

4.1 Request for School Zone Extension and Left Turn Only

A community member raised concern regarding the school zone extension on and around Dibbs Street and left turn only at the intersection of Ballina Road and Nielson Street.

School Zone Extension

- The group discussed whether the "No Stopping" sign from the previous meeting has been installed.
- Members noted ongoing issues with school parking and suggested possible extensions of restrictions halfway up Bright Street, with an inlet at Music Street similar to Jacaranda. Avondale may also need consideration if extensions proceed.
- TfNSW representative advised that tree placement on Dibbs Street could affect solar-powered school signs, which may require careful positioning.
- Additional safety measures such as "School Zone Ahead" signs were suggested.
- The group noted that the extension could be considered, pending TfNSW approval, community consultation and funding.
- Consultation with bus operators will occur before any further consideration

Request for Left Turn Only at the intersection of Nielson Street and Ballina Road

- Available accident history at the location of Ballina Road and Nielson Street does not support a change in its current status.

Nearby Dibbs Street intersection was identified as requiring urgent attention and is currently with TfNSW.

4.2 Request for Bus Zone Relocation at Corndale Public School

A request has been received from a local school staff regarding relocation of Bus Zone at Corndale Public School.

- An application has been submitted to the Country Passenger Transport

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Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS) for this location.

- Letter of support has been provided by CCC Bus Services
- The group noted that extension could be considered, pending consultation and funding.

4.3 Request for Relocation of Lismore Transit Centre

Janelle Saffin had a meeting with Northern Rivers Buslines regarding the Lismore Transit Centre.

- Matter to be referred to appropriate Council staff for further investigation, in consultation with bus companies.

4.4 Request for Road Closure on Molesworth Street from August 2026 to November 2027

A Traffic Guidance Scheme has been prepared to manage the closure on Molesworth Street during the restoration and upgrade to the existing pump station.

- Two options were discussed:
 - Full road closure for pump relocation.
 - No road closure, which would double construction time and increase disruption to businesses and the community.
- New pump footprint will be significantly larger than the current one.
- The group discussed that a full road closure may be acceptable, subject to further review and stakeholder engagement.

4.5 Minutes of the Local Traffic Internal Working Group - 24 November 2025

Minutes of the Local Traffic Internal Working Group on 24 November 2025 to be noted by the forum.

- Minutes of the Local Traffic Internal Working Group were noted by the group.

Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 11:30am.

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM HELD IN ON WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:10 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

Councillor Hall (Chairperson); Bel Hanson (On Behalf of Janelle Saffin MP); Caleisse Dunston (Transport for NSW); Ben Wilson (NR Bus Lines) Clint Williams (NSW Police Dept.)

In Attendance

Kym Rose – Executive Assistant, Fiona Keneally – Director Roads & Infrastructure, Barry Goodwin – Senior Design Engineer.

Apologies

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of 3 December 2025 were confirmed

Disclosure of Interest

Action Items

4.1 2026 Anzac Day Traffic Management Plan

Proposed road closures for Anzac Day

Minutes

- Updated TGS to be provided by RSL as incorrect dates listed
- NR bus lines requested comms be distributed for Road closures

Approval be granted for requested road closures for 2026 Anzac Day activities

4.2 Roundabout foliage/structures

Request for low foliage and structures on roundabouts

- Generally it is a requirement that plants/structures are not higher than 1.5m per Australian Standards.
- LCC to investigate available accident data and assess roundabouts against appropriate design standards

Removal of large plants and structures from all roundabouts providing better visibility.

4.3 Pedestrian Traffic Lights

Request for pedestrian traffic lights on Oliver Avenue near Council Chambers

- TfNSW (Caleisse) to investigate potential funding options to enhance the existing pedestrian refuge island
- Barry to investigate current traffic management layout

4.4 Corndale Public School

Corndale Public School Safety barriers, Pathways, Road surface, Car park, U Turn, Bus shelter

- Communications to be issued to Corndale Public School outlining – Funding for bus shelter (if Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grant application is successful) could include relocating bus zone, U Turn area is proposed where double unbroken lines are marked, therefore the proposed site would not meet current design standards if line marking is removed.
- Advise Corndale Public School as Tennis Courts are located on school grounds for the proposed car park this is a NSW Department of Education issue.

Minutes

4.5 Local Traffic Internal Working Group Minutes 29 January 2026

LTIWG Minutes 29 January 2026 be noted

Noted

General Business:

- Local Traffic Forum members to carry out general site inspections Wednesday 4 March meeting at Corporate Centre.
 - It is suggested that a member from LCC Events team be invited to attend LTF meetings as required.
 - Northern Rivers Buslines representative requested:
 - o The loading zone at 54 Avondale Avenue be changed to a bus zone as currently dropping children there and appears that the loading zone is not utilised
 - o The bus turnaround area on Rosehill Rd is falling away, could someone please investigate and repair
 - o Crawford Rd development appears to not show any bus shelter infrastructure; can this be confirmed as shelters will be required
- These items to be referred to the Local Traffic Internal Working Group and operational staff as required.
- Fiona requested a copy of current bus routes. These are available on TfNSW website

Closure**Next meeting 20 May 2026**

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 11.22am.

Matters Arising



Matters Arising

Subject	Crime Prevention Advisory Group
TRIM Record No	BP25/997:EF13/463-7
Prepared by	Executive Officer
Reason	To determine the future of a Crime Prevention Advisory Group
Strategic Theme	Community
Strategy	Foster safe, healthy and inclusive communities for all ages, cultures and abilities
Action	Facilitate public safety and wellbeing

Executive Summary

At the November 2025 Council meeting it was resolved that a report come back to Council regarding establishing a Crime Prevention Advisory Group.

Recommendation

That Council decide on the future of a Crime Prevention Advisory Group.

Background

At the November 2025 Council meeting the following was resolved:

That Council prepare a report looking at the pros and cons of establishing a Crime Prevention Advisory Group to be reported back to council for further consideration at the March meeting.

At the April 2023 Council meeting the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee was disbanded. Attached is a copy of the report presented.

Pros for the establishment of an advisory group are:

1. collaboration and partnerships with key stakeholders
2. community engagement and insight
3. recommendations to Council on priorities for future strategic direction

Cons for the establishment of an advisory group are:

1. limited authority – advisory role only
2. administrative burden on the councillor chairing the group
3. Council currently engages and collaborates with organisations on a regular basis which are involved in youth, mental health and crime prevention, therefore this may be seen to be doubling-up

Council recently organised a public Community Safety Forum which included speakers from NSW Police, NSW Health, NSW Ambulance, Social Futures, Business Lismore and local MP's. The main concern raised was the prevalence of mental health issues associated with anti-social behaviour and crime. It is envisaged future forums will be held, facilitated by other organisations.

Matters Arising

Council officers regularly meet with stakeholders, including attendance at the NSW Police Community Safety Precinct Committee.

If Council decides to pursue a group it should appoint councillor representatives, determine the membership and terms of reference (which could either be the current advisory group terms or stand alone).

Public consultation

Not required.

Attachment/s

1. Social Justice & Crime Prevention Committee

Report

Report

Subject	Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee
TRIM Record No	BP23/202:EF13/463-5
Prepared by	Governance Manager
Reason	Discontinuation of committee
Strategic Theme	Leadership and participation
Strategy	We provide effective management and responsible governance.
Action	Ensure the efficient and effective operation of Council.

Executive Summary

Council records indicate the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee has not met since August 2019. A report was considered by Council in February 2022 and a briefing provided in April 2022. There has not been any progress since that time. As part of a tidy up it is recommended this committee be discontinued.

Recommendation

That the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee be discontinued.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 11 January 2022 staff recommended the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee be discontinued. This was not supported and Council resolved the following:

That a decision on the discontinuation of the Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee is deferred to the February meeting to allow a more detailed report to be prepared for consideration including secretariat and staffing considerations; and that as part of that report feedback is sought from previous committee members as to the value of continuing the committee.

(Councillors Bird/Ekins)

Voting for: Councillors Bing, Bird, Colby, Cook, Ekins, Guise, Hall and Krieg

Voting against: Councillors Gordon, Jensen and Rob

At the ordinary meeting of 8 February 2022 staff provided a report for consideration which included feedback from previous committee members. Council resolved the following;

That a workshop be held to assist with exploring the purpose, membership and Terms of Reference in conjunction with Police and community representatives.

(Councillors Cook/Jensen) (BP22/37)

Voting for: Councillors Bing, Bird, Colby, Cook, Ekins, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Krieg and Rob

Voting Against: Councillor Guise

Report

A briefing was held for councillors on 5 April 2022 which contained the following considerations:

Considerations

- The Committee's former activity was heavily driven by an individual councillor who had a passion for this area of focus.
- The role of Council appeared to be to facilitate appropriate communication and collaboration across organisations that operate in the social justice space.
- Council itself has limited capacity to operate in the area of social justice and crime prevention, outside targeted projects identified through the Operational Plan.
- If Council seeks to continue this committee, it would require:
 - A clear purpose and terms of reference
 - Commitment around leadership
 - Clarification of membership, and
 - Identification of (and funding for) additional resource requirements from Council.
- If Council determines that continuing the committee is appropriate, it may also consider whether this is an immediate activity, or one that could be deferred for 6-12 months to allow Council to focus on community recovery in the context of the natural disaster response.
- In discussions with members of the committee it was felt there were no longer any benefits for it to continue

As there has been no progress on this matter since the April 2022 briefing, staff recommend this committee be discontinued.

Public consultation

Not required.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

Matters Arising

Subject	Questions on Notice
TRIM Record No	BP26/119:EF19/25-8
Prepared by	Executive Assistant - General Manager
Reason	To provide a response to councillors for questions taken on notice at the previous Council meeting
Strategic Theme	Leadership
Strategy	Ensure effective governance, advocacy, engagement and partnerships with a focus on long-term financial sustainability
Action	Provide responsible, transparent and accountable leadership with sustainable management of Council finances, assets, risks and human resources

Executive Summary

The following Questions on Notice were taken by Council officers at the February Ordinary Council meeting. As per Clause 9.17 of the Code of Meeting Practice the response is being reported.

Recommendation

That the Questions on Notice responses provided in this report be noted.

Background

Cr Dalton-Earls

10.4 Move to CBD

1. Can you please provide a detailed breakdown of costs related to the move to CBD?

Officer response:

The relocation budget associated with the move to the CBD is set out below.

Please note:

1. the budget incorporates both costs directly associated with the move and those costs that would be expected to be incurred in any event to make the municipal building fit for purpose for occupation (by any tenant). More directly, some costs have been incurred as part of the relocation project budget but would be expected to occur anyway (eg if the building was being leased to another tenant). These costs have been brought forward into this project
2. the budget includes \$249,198 related to AV for the relocated chambers. Existing AV is outdated and not operating effectively. The IT team had flagged the requirement to upgrade Council Chamber AV equipment as part of the CCRR funding requests in 2024/2025

3. as discussed at the February Council meeting all costs of the move are being funded from existing Council FY25/26 budgets – no additional budget is being requested
4. cost associated with the renovations to the Terania Building are not part of the present relocation and have been excluded from the budget. At present, following Council approval of the December QBRS, we have provisioned \$500,000 toward renovation of that building.
5. to save costs associated with the move furniture and IT equipment is being utilised (as far as reasonably possible)

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Technology Fit out		
Technology Fit out- WAP's/Data/GPO's	\$ 80,240	
CCTV system (11 cameras)	\$ 40,265	
Network switches, UPS's, Firewall	\$ 29,000	
EVAC/Lockdown System	\$ 18,807	
Soft wiring	\$ 15,338	
Relocate printer (Winc)	\$ -	
Door access card readers x7 & duress buttons x4	\$ 18,424	\$ 202,074
Tenant requirements		
Chambers AV	\$ 249,198	
Chambers maglock install	\$ 2,500	
20 amp power circuits for sit/stand power	\$ 5,000	
Relocated desks & furniture	\$ 11,442	
Appliances - fridges, microwaves, kettles, toaster	\$ 1,670	
Cutlery, utensils, cups, cleaning equipment	\$ 500	
Lunchroom tables & chairs	\$ 2,300	
Meeting room table & chairs	\$ 4,000	
Joinery cupboard for stationary room	\$ 2,400	
Stationary lockable cupboard	\$ 600	\$ 279,610
Building Maintenance and Repairs		
Ceiling access panels	\$ 8,000	
Chasing, patching etc	\$ 4,500	
Painting	\$ 5,000	
Render	\$ 5,000	
4 x Aluminium Safety Doors	\$ 23,570	
Consultant Heritage Architecture Design documentatio	\$ 7,000	
BCA Compliance Consultant	\$ 10,500	
BCA Check Consultant Site Inspection Travel Costs	\$ 1,000	
Performance Solution	\$ 2,750	
Fire Engineering requirements	\$ 1,500	
Heritage Building Requirements	\$ 2,458	
Review of Environmental Factors	\$ 2,000	
Construction clean	\$ 5,400	\$ 78,678
Rectification of existing carpark	\$ 30,160	\$ 30,160
Contingency	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
		\$ 600,523

Cr Guise

10.2 51 Three Chain Road Property Acquisition

1. Can you please advise the landholder of the 51 Three Chain Road property?

Officer response:

Due to privacy reasons, no response can be given to the public. Information was provided separately to Councillors.

Cr Battista

9.3 Draft Code of Meeting Practice

1. The Code of Meeting Practice limits the number of NOMS to three (3) for each Councillor and the number of Questions with notice to three (3) per Councillor. How does this impact the councillor moving motions in a Council meeting especially moving motions on questions with notice?

Officer response:

The code of meeting practice clause 3.10 (a) which is about giving notice of business to be considered at council meetings is shown below

♣ (a) A councillor may submit no more than three (3) notices of motion to be considered at each Ordinary meeting of the Council.

Clause 3.12 (a) which is about Questions with notice is shown below

♣ (a) A councillor may submit no more than three (3) questions with notice for response at each Ordinary meeting of the Council.

These clauses do not prevent councillors from moving motions at the council meeting

Cr Gordon

9.3 Draft Code of Meeting Practice

1. Can you please provide the statistics on public attendance and livestreaming numbers for Council Meetings since we moved our meeting start time to 10 am?

Officer response:

Below is a comparison of public access and website lives.

Noting 10am meetings commenced November 2024, 9am public access commenced February 2025.

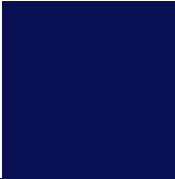
	Feb 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
Public access speakers	3	0	5	6	1	1	3	2	6 (5 people)	5 (2 meetings)
Website live views	257	145	749	254	266	94	194	477	385	479

	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Public access speakers	3	9	2	2 (1person)	2	1	2	5 (3 people)	6	1	2
Website live views	293	495	329	503	239	248	461	354	545	Not available	Not available

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

Reports of the General Manager



Report

Subject	Monthly Finance and Investment Report
TRIM Record No	BP26/126:EF22/158-3
Prepared by	Senior Corporate & Strategic Finance Accountant
Reason	Monthly Financial Performance and Investment Report to Council
Strategic Theme	Leadership
Strategy	Ensure effective governance, advocacy, engagement and partnerships with a focus on long-term financial sustainability
Action	Provide responsible, transparent and accountable leadership with sustainable management of Council finances, assets, risks and human resources

Executive Summary

Staff have prepared a Monthly Financial and Performance Investment Report to improve transparency and provide clarity over Council's financial affairs, to be presented each month at the Council Meeting.

Recommendation

That Council note the report and adopt the Investment report for February 2026.

Background

The Lismore City Council Monthly Financial Performance and Investment Report for January is attached. Summary of highlight and supporting details are incorporated into the Report.

This month's report has been expanded to cover the grants pipeline including: grants submitted, grants currently under development, grants not considered/not applied for, and grants received.

As previously discussed with the Council, this report is a new finance initiative designed to improve transparency over financial matters and business decision making. Any feedback on the report and its content is welcome.

Please note the monthly Investment Report is also included in this document.

Due to the business paper timeline for Council meetings, the body of the report will include the Investment Performance Report for the month before (31 January 2026 in this instance) and the most recent months Investment Performance Report (28 February 2026 in this instance) will be included as an appendix.

Conclusion

Council note the Monthly Finance Performance and Investment Report and adopt the Investment Report for February 2026 included as an appendix.

Attachment/s

1. Monthly Finance and Investment Performance Report March 2026 (Over 7 pages)

Report

Subject	Investment Strategy
TRIM Record No	BP26/159:EF22/158-3
Prepared by	Financial Accountant
Reason	
Strategic Theme	Leadership
Strategy	Ensure effective governance, advocacy, engagement and partnerships with a focus on long-term financial sustainability
Action	Provide responsible, transparent and accountable leadership with sustainable management of Council finances, assets, risks and human resources

Executive Summary

Staff are seeking Council endorsement for the proposed Investment Strategy. The Strategy proposes to add bonds issued by Australian banks and TCorp managed funds.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve adding Australian bank bonds and TCorp managed funds in the Investment Strategy for the Investment Portfolio with the asset allocation ranges
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to periodically adapt specific asset allocation across the approved asset classes and within the range

Background

As discussed at the March Briefing, management seek Council endorsement to implement investment strategy to add bonds issued by Australian banks and TCorp managed funds within the asset allocation ranges as set out below:

Asset Class	Allocation Range
Cash at Bank	15-50%
Term Deposits	20-80%
Bank Bonds	0-30%
TCorp Managed Funds	0-25%

Key Principles discussed at the briefing include:

- When benchmarked against other NSW Councils, LCC Investment Portfolio has one of the lowest investment returns. Council currently does not invest in bank bonds or TCorp Managed Funds.
- Council has limited investment options to increase investment return. The 2011 Ministerial Order prescribes investment asset classes that are permissible. The proposed investment asset classes and allocations are within Ministerial guidelines.

- Investment options presented are based on advice of Prudential, which is Councils investment advisor.
- Council can only directly invest in growth assets through TCorp managed funds. Growth assets generate superior risk adjusted returns in the long term but can have short term volatility. Investments in growth assets should be for the long term. Council does hold some funds for long term eg water and sewer funds.
- An asset allocation range is necessary because assets to fill that range are not always universally available. For example, Bank issued bond will only be available if and when those specific entities decide to issue those instruments.
- Regular reporting on the performance of the Investment Strategy will be provided to the Council on a monthly basis. A review of the Investment Strategy will be conducted with the Council on a six-monthly basis.

Attachment/s

1. Investment Strategy Presentation (Over 7 pages)

Report

Subject	Policy Review
TRIM Record No	BP26/116:EF09/140
Prepared by	Executive Officer
Reason	To consider the adoption of revised policies
Strategic Theme	Leadership
Strategy	Ensure effective governance, advocacy, engagement and partnerships with a focus on long-term financial sustainability
Action	Provide responsible, transparent and accountable leadership with sustainable management of Council finances, assets, risks and human resources

Executive Summary

Council officers are undertaking a body of work to review and update the policy register. Some policies have not been reviewed for a number of years and are now considered redundant, whilst others are recommended to be reviewed and continue. This is an ongoing process with policies regularly coming to Council for decision.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. adopt the new 1.2.34 Customer Service Policy
2. adopt the revised 8.2.1 Sport, Culture, Art & Tourism
3. revoke 8.5.1 Arts & Culture Policy

Background

Council has commenced an extensive review of all policies. Over the coming months Council will be asked to consider adopting new and revised policies, as well as rescind outdated or superseded ones.

Revisions

At the 11 November 2025 Council meeting it was resolved to review policy 8.2.1 Public Art. This has been done and also includes sport and tourism.

Revocations

The Arts & Culture Policy has been added into the 8.2.1 Sport, Culture, Art & Tourism Policy.

Public consultation

Not required.

Attachment/s

1. 1.2.34 Customer Service Policy
2. 8.2.1 Sport Tourism Culture and Art Policy

CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY



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COUNCIL POLICY

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CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY



Introduction

1. Purpose

Lismore City Council is committed to delivering high standards across all aspects of customer service. We strive to deliver quality services and respond to customer requests in a professional and ethical manner, ensuring Council's resources are used efficiently.

In conjunction with the following Council documents, this policy forms Council's Customer Service Framework:

1. Customer Service Charter
2. Social Media Policy
3. Customer Compliments and Complaints Procedure
4. Unreasonable Conduct Policy and Procedure
5. Customer Exclusion Procedure
6. Lismore City Council Staff Code of Conduct

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to the following persons:

- a) Council staff (permanent, temporary, and casual).
- b) Mayor and councillors
- c) Contractors, consultants, volunteers or other people representing Council in an official capacity
- d) Customers

This policy applies to all customer interactions on property and premises that Lismore City Council is the owner, occupier or otherwise in charge of. It also applies to customer interactions online, via telephone, email, social media or other electronic means.

Guiding Principles

In its dealings with customers, Lismore City Council will:

- a) uphold a professional and positive approach
- b) provide relevant advice and deliver services in a prompt, efficient and timely manner
- c) treat customers with courtesy and respect
- d) give appropriate consideration to their age, culture, ability and background
- e) make every reasonable effort to understand and address the customer's request/enquiry and manage their needs and expectations
- f) act with integrity and honesty
- g) respect the privacy and rights of customers

Council expects that its customers will:

- a) treat Council staff and representatives with courtesy and respect
- b) respect the rights of other customers
- c) comply with all conditions of entry at any Council facility, venue, property or event
- d) provide complete, accurate, honest and relevant information in relation to any service requested or other matter
- e) understand that Council resources, governance requirements, legislation or other factors outside of Council's control may result in decisions customers may not agree with
- f) understand that in response to unreasonable behaviour Council may, in accordance with its policies and procedures, restrict or modify a customer's access to facilities, venues, services or means of communicating with Council

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3. Responsibility

- a) Council Leadership – embed a culture of excellence in customer service throughout the organisation
- b) Managers and Supervisors – lead by example and ensure all staff are trained, supported, and compliant with Council’s customer service standards and procedures
- c) All Staff, Volunteers and Contractors – deliver services in accordance with this Policy, demonstrating Council’s values and commitment to quality customer experiences

4. Policy

Customers who interact with Council can expect a high level of customer service. Council will:

- a) document and uphold customer service standards; and make these standards available to the public
- b) provide customers with accessible options and choice as to how they interact with and give feedback to Council, ensuring individual needs are met where reasonable
- c) ensure staff understand relevant customer service standards and related procedures
- d) document and implement procedures for managing and responding to customer feedback and complaints
- e) utilise complaints and other feedback to identify opportunities for service improvement
- f) have in place procedures for managing unreasonable or unacceptable customer behaviour including appeal processes
- g) act in accordance with the law and Council’s policies, procedures, Values and Code of Conduct

5. Standards

All Council workers are expected to:

- a) act in accordance with policies and procedures making up Council’s Customer Service Framework and Code of Conduct
- b) work to meet Council’s customer service standards or other reasonable expectations of its customers
- c) follow documented procedures relating to handling of customer service and/or complaints

6. Definitions

Term	Definition
Customer	Individuals and organisations to which Council provides service. Customers include ratepayers, residents, applicants, businesses, asset users, consultants, developers, other government and non-government agencies, community organisations and visitors to the Lismore City local government area.
Complaint	An expression of dissatisfaction with Council’s policies, procedures, charges, representatives, quality of service or goods sold or provided. Complaint does not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a request for service

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Term	Definition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) a request for information or explanation of policies or procedures c) reports of damaged or faulty infrastructure (ie potholes) d) reports of hazards (eg fallen trees) e) disputes concerning neighbours f) the lodging of an appeal or request to review a decision g) matters where Council has no jurisdiction
Customer Service Standards	The standards that define the level and quality of service customers can expect when interacting with Council, including measurable performance (e.g. response times and satisfaction), communication expectations, and service delivery principles.
Feedback	Information, comments, or suggestions provided by customers about Council services or performance that may not require a formal response or investigation.
Staff	All Council employees, volunteers, contractors, agency staff, and any person engaged to deliver services on behalf of Council.
Unreasonable or unacceptable conduct	<p>Any behaviour by a person which, because of its nature or frequency, raises substantial health, safety, resource or equity issues for the people involved.</p> <p>Modified from the NSW Ombudsman Managing Unreasonable Conduct by a Complainant</p>

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SPORT, CULTURE, ART & TOURISM POLICY



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COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER: 8.2.1

SPORT, CULTURE, ART & TOURISM POLICY



Introduction

1. Purpose

Lismore City Council commits to fostering a liveable, active, and culturally rich community where residents and visitors have access to experiences, facilities, and opportunities that reflect their interests and enhance quality of life.

Council recognises that sport, tourism, culture, and art are interconnected drivers of wellbeing, prosperity and local identity, by providing for physical activity, creative expression, cultural exchange, and shared experiences that strengthen community life.

The purpose of this policy is to set out the principles that guide Council's planning, investment, partnerships and resource management across these sectors. These principles provide a coordinated, consistent and transparent basis for decision-making and inform the development of related strategies and plans, supporting outcomes that align with community priorities.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Council's planning, programs, services, infrastructure and partnerships relating to sport, tourism and the visitor economy, culture, art and creative industries across the Lismore LGA. It applies to all Council staff, volunteers, contractors and partners involved in:

- providing, maintaining or activating facilities, public spaces and cultural assets
- delivering programs, events, creative initiatives and visitor experiences
- planning, investment, engagement or collaboration relevant to these sectors.

3. Guiding Principles

Council will be guided by the following principles across all decisions and activities:

- Inclusion – fair, safe, and equitable access to programs, facilities, and events.
- Public value – long-term community benefit, sustainability and responsible use of resources.
- Cultural identity – reflect Lismore's unique character, creativity and cultural heritage.
- Accountability – Decisions are informed by evidence, community insight and transparent processes.

4. Responsibility

Role	Responsibility
Mayor and Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide civic leadership and advocacy • Represent Council to strengthen partnerships and attract investment
Council Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed this policy within governance and strategic frameworks • Ensure alignment with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and relevant sector strategies
Managers and Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate this policy into operational plans, budgets, asset management and risk frameworks • Foster cross-unit collaboration to deliver coordinated outcomes
All Staff, Volunteers and Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and deliver programs, services and facilities in accordance with this policy

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5. Policy

Council is committed to:

1. enabling fair and inclusive access to opportunities, programs, places and experiences across the community.
2. developing, maintaining and adapting community facilities and assets - including sporting facilities, cultural venues, libraries, galleries, public spaces, public art and cultural collections - to recognised standards so they are safe, accessible and responsive to community needs, with planning and investment guided by principles of multi-use design, climate resilience and whole-of-life asset management.
3. supporting the activation of assets to enhance community wellbeing and regional vitality, prioritising effective use of existing infrastructure and activation that generates social, cultural, and economic benefits, balanced between local community need and major events.
4. reflecting and celebrating local identity and cultural heritage in respectful collaboration with the community including First Nations peoples.
5. supporting Lismore's visitor economy through a strong destination identity and positive visitor experience for Lismore, Nimbin and the villages.
6. applying fair, transparent and sustainable funding and delivery approaches that balance community needs and financial sustainability.
7. applying evidence-informed decision-making and proportionate risk management to guide asset use and programming.

6. Key References

- Reimagine Lismore: A Plan for the Future (Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2025–2035)
- Lismore Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Lismore Economic Development Strategy
- Lismore Development Control Plan
- Sport and Recreation Plan
- Open Space Strategy 2024–2034
- Destination Management Plan
- Lismore Events Strategy
- Lismore Regional Gallery Management Strategy
- Fees & Charges Pricing Policy (Policy No. 1.5.9)
- Lismore Regional Gallery Permanent Collection Policy
- Council Asset Management Framework and Facility Standards

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Definitions

Term	Definition
Sport	Physical activity that can be undertaken by a team or an individual in a social or competitive environment in pursuit of a result. It can be organised or less formal, with a greater focus on social outcomes. (NSW Office of Sport, https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do)
Art	Art is the practice of creating visual, literary, sonic, spatial, digital, performative or interdisciplinary works that express ideas, stories, identities, cultural knowledge, imagination, or creative intention.
Culture	Culture is the shared expression of a community's stories, identities, knowledge, creativity and heritage. It is shaped by the diverse practices, traditions and creative activities through which people make meaning, connect with one another and understand their place in the world.
Tourism	Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes. (From United Nations World Tourism Organisation Glossary of Terms - https://www.untourism.int/glossary-tourism-terms)

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Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Subject **Mayoral Attendance Report**

TRIM Record No BP26/124:EF19/25-8

That Council receives the Mayoral Attendance Report for February 2026.

February 2026

- 2 Lismore Villages Advisory Group
- 7 Titan's Rugby Fan Day
- 9 Premiers, Remote Rural and Regional Advisory Council – Out of Session Meeting
- 10 Council Meeting
- 11 Trinity 2026 School Year Commencement Mass
RTRL Committee Meeting
- 12 St Carthage's Opening School Mass
Koala Advisory Group
- 16 Trinity Bus Exchange Safety Crisis Meeting
Training: Understanding Local Government Finance
- 17 Media Event: Groovin' The Moo
Regional Cities Meeting
Community Safety Forum
- 18 Rous County Council Meeting
- 19 Citizen of the Year Photoshoot
Media Event: Rumble on the River Skate Event
- 20 Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Meeting
- 23 Training: Councillor Cultural Awareness – Session One
- 24 Interview: ABC – Flood Anniversary and Resilient Homes Program
Lismore Chiropractic Centre Official Opening
Training: Councillor Cultural Awareness – Session Two
- 25 RTRL Extraordinary Meeting
Business After Hours
- 26 Media Event: Clean Up Australia Day
Premiers, Remote Rural and Regional Advisory Council – Out of Session Meeting
- 27 Media Event: Four Year Flood Anniversary
Eltham Public School – Car Park Heros

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Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

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Media Event: Groovin the Moo



Community Safety Forum



Citizen of the Year Photoshoot



Lismore Chiropractic Centre Official Opening

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Media Event: Four year Flood Anniversary

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Councillor Big Rob has given notice of intention to move:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Group be dissolved pursuant to clause 2 of the Advisory Groups Terms of Reference and reference to it be removed from the Terms of Reference and Council's website.

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

Several Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG) meetings have now been held with only one community representative attending, and only one other attending one meeting late. There have been three consecutive meetings where all other members have been absent. The meetings are also dominated by councillors and have been very poorly run. Meetings have been mostly a one person campaign for someone who reportedly no longer lives in the LGA (to be confirmed), and a political platform for the Chair. The notes coming out of the meeting in no way reflect consultation with the wider community and should not inform council regarding how to proceed with recommendations or suggestions. The Mayor and two other Councillors, including myself, have reluctantly already resigned from the Group. It is expected there may be further resignations. Regardless, it appears an attempt is being made to now hold meetings outside business hours, in conflict with the intention of keeping costs down and holding meetings at Council Chambers to facilitate any staff support and online access, and meetings have been scheduled monthly. It appears that the best avenue for consultation with the Aboriginal community is through Council's RAP process. This should ensure wider consultation, as opposed to personal or political agendas dominating outcomes.

Cost of Implementing

Nil

Funding Source

N/A

Officer Consulted

Nil

Officer Comment

Executive Officer

Staff continue to work with existing channels to create effective and meaningful engagement with First Nations peoples across the Lismore LGA. This adopted approach is tailored, flexible and connects with existing and recognised Aboriginal community organisations that are owned and managed by the local community members, this includes monthly engagement separately with both the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC,) as the registered native title body corporate that holds native title on trust, and Ngulingah Aboriginal Land Council.

The Terms of Reference currently state "at least two councillors – one Chairperson and one Deputy Chairperson". Following resignations the group currently meets this minimum.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/94:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Harper Dalton-Earls has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. acknowledges the AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report 2024–25, confirming that women aged 55+ are the fastest-growing cohort seeking homelessness assistance in Australia, with approximately 31,700 individuals seeking support nationally in the last financial year
2. notes the Minns Labor Government's Building Productivity Reforms 2026, which establish a single statewide approval pathway for modular and prefabricated housing to accelerate delivery times and reduce construction costs
3. resolves to write to The Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Housing and Homelessness and The Hon Janelle Saffin MP, Member for Lismore to:
 - a. request that Lismore be designated a priority trial site for state-led Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) pilots specifically designed for older women at risk of or experiencing homelessness

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

National data from the AIHW (2025) reveals a critical trend: while overall homelessness numbers are high, the rate of growth for women aged 55 and over seeking specialist assistance has outpaced almost every other demographic over the last decade. These women are frequently "hidden homeless" living in cars, short-term rentals, or precarious "couch surfing" arrangements. Local governments and especially Lismore has a role in contributing to the solutions for the most vulnerable. This motion compliments the on-going work of the State Government and our local member Janelle Saffin.

Cost of Implementing

Staff time

Funding Source

Operational Budget

Officer Consulted

Nil

Officer Comment

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/87:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Andrew Gordon has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. notes the reduction of the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore to Casino, aimed at reducing koala fatalities
2. recognises the urgent need to protect koala populations in the Northern Rivers and their ecological, cultural, and tourism value to local communities
3. expresses concern that a speed limit reduction on a major regional transport corridor may:
 - a. impede freight and commercial transport efficiency
 - b. increase travel times for residents, workers, and emergency services
 - c. lead to non-compliance and driver frustration without achieving significant wildlife protection outcomes
4. requests Transport for NSW and relevant agencies prioritise evidence-based and targeted mitigation measures before implementing a permanent speed reduction, including:
 - a. installation of wildlife fencing and fauna underpasses/overpasses at identified high-risk koala crossing points
 - b. rumble strips, reflective signage, and flashing warning systems at verified wildlife crossings
 - c. motion-detection or thermal sensor technology to alert drivers during peak koala movement periods
 - d. roadside vegetation management to improve sightlines and reduce collision risk
5. calls on the NSW Government to provide detailed, publicly available data on:
 - a. confirmed koala strike statistics along the Lismore–Casino corridor
 - b. the effectiveness of an 80 km/h speed limit compared to targeted mitigation strategies
 - c. cost-benefit analysis of alternative wildlife protection measures
 - d. advocates for a balanced solution that safeguards koalas while maintaining the safety, efficiency, and economic viability of a key regional transport route

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

Council opposes the reduction of the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore to Casino. While recognising the importance of protecting koalas, blanket speed reductions on major regional transport routes risk slowing freight, increasing travel times, and causing non-compliance without necessarily reducing wildlife fatalities.

Council calls for evidence-based, targeted measures such as wildlife fencing, fauna underpasses, rumble strips, improved signage, and motion-detection systems, combined with publicly available data on koala strikes and mitigation effectiveness. This approach seeks to protect both wildlife and the safety, efficiency, and economic viability of the corridor.

Cost of Implementing

Nil

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Funding Source

Not required

Officer Consulted

Nil

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/144:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Jeri Hall has given notice of intention to move:

That Council requests the General Manager to provide a report on options for an investment attraction strategy, aligned to the proposed Economic Development Plan and Local Strategic Planning Statement, including indicative costs for consideration in the 2026/2027 budget.

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

Lismore is well on the way to developing a long term strategy to ensure continued and growing success, through its soon to be completed Local Strategic Planning Statement. As a governing body we need to be at the forefront of driving our growth and prosperity by doing our part in attracting potential new external investment opportunities. To do this we need to have a professional, strategic campaign to announce that Lismore is open for business.

Cost of Implementing

Not applicable

Funding Source

Staff time

Officer Consulted

General Manager

Officer Comment

Director Corporate Sustainability

The matter will be considered as part of financial planning for FY26/27 once options and associated costs are finalized.

Director People & Community

We are supportive of the intent of this Notice of Motion and the proactive positioning of Lismore for investment. In responding to the request for a report on options for an investment attraction strategy, it will be important that any future approach (including associated marketing activity) is firmly grounded in the finalised Economic Development Plan and aligned with the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

While targeted collateral and outreach to priority market segments will be critical, major investors and developers will ultimately assess infrastructure capacity, water security, housing supply, transport connections and long-term planning certainty before committing capital. Investment decisions are based on feasibility, margin and confidence in sustained growth pathways.

Preparing a report with options will help guide indicative costs for the 2026/2027 budget but may require readjustment following adoption of the relevant plans and strategies. Our intention is to ensure any future marketing or investment attraction activity is credible, evidence-based and aligned to the city's infrastructure and strategic investment settings.

Director Economy, Planning & Environment

Staff are preparing an advocacy framework titled Lismore's Futures Plan. This Plan is being prepared together with Solve Property Group, the consultants assisting in the preparation of the LSPS. Lismore Futures Plan will be one concise advocacy document that will narrate the future vision for Lismore and collate the key advocacy pieces from across Council's Strategic Planning Framework. It is being specifically designed for Councillors and Executive Staff to utilise when meeting with government

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departments and senior politicians, as well as for staff, businesses and communities to use when seeking private investment and partnerships.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/141:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Virginia Waters has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. support a Richmond River Commission, with a commissioner, ongoing funding and statutory powers and obligations to improve the health of the Richmond River, its catchment, tributaries and estuary
2. writes to the relevant NSW Government Ministers and MP's seeking their urgent support to improve the health of the Richmond River, including by:
 - i. establishing a Richmond River Commission as described in part 1
 - ii. ongoing funding of the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative, including increased funding for research and education on river recovery, fencing provisions for riverbanks, wetland restoration, catchment revegetation, and weed management
 - iii. establishing a state-led revolving land acquisition fund and a voluntary covenant program for the purchase and sale of key pieces of low-lying agricultural land, based on the prior work of Rous County Council's Operation Recovery Stages 1 and 2
3. invites the relevant NSW Government Ministers, MPs and the coordinators of the Richmond River Catchment Partnership Steering Committee to meet and discuss the items outlined above, including visits to important sites of degradation and restoration across the catchment, including within the Lismore local government area

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

Ballina and Byron Council and Rous County Council have each adopted resolutions supporting the establishment of A Richmond River Commissioner and calling for strengthened, coordinated action to improve the health of the Richmond River and its catchment.

This Notice of Motion seeks Lismore Council's support for this regional advocacy effort and recognises the importance of a unified catchment approach with Kyogle and Richmond Valley considering similar action. The Richmond River is one of the most degraded river systems on the East Coast of Australia.

The Richmond River Ecological Health Program (RREHP), which provides ongoing riparian and ecological river health information for the Richmond River and its waterways, has assigned a C- rating to the Richmond River catchment, with ratings as low as E for some tributaries.

Within the Lismore local government area, the Wilsons River and its tributaries form a major component of the Richmond River catchment, both hydrologically and culturally. The health of these waterways directly influences downstream river condition, water quality, flood behaviour and ecological outcomes across the broader catchment.

Lismore's experience of repeated flooding, water quality impacts and ecological decline highlights the interconnected nature of the catchment and the need for coordinated whole of system responses that extend from headwaters to estuary. Local restoration efforts across the Wilsons River, Leicester Creek, Goolmangar Creek and other tributaries demonstrate both the scale of degradation and the strong community commitment to recovery.

The Richmond River has also been closed to oyster and shellfish harvesting since March 2025 due to poor water quality. Blackwater events are becoming more extreme, with mass fish kills following rain events including as recently as March 2025.

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Operation Recovery was endorsed by Ballina Shire and Rous County Councils in 2025 and sought NSW Government support for a buyback of the lowest lying land on the floodplain; restoring 10.5% of the floodplain to wetland would reduce blackwater by 55%.

Programs such as the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative led by Rous County Council recognise the importance of catchment to coast approaches to river health, including catchment revegetation, riparian restoration and soil regeneration. However, this program was a one-off funding provision and expires in 2026. The continuing poor health of the river indicates that urgent support is needed for ongoing funding of this program and further research and education to support river recovery.

River governance includes a wide array of stakeholders, including five local governments (Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Kyogle and Richmond Valley Councils) plus Rous County Council; Local Land Services; community organisations such as OzFish, Richmond Riverkeepers and Landcare; Bundjalung traditional owners, land councils, native title holders and community; NSW Government departments such as DCCEEW and DPI; and peak bodies for industries including macadamia, fishing, sugar cane and dairy.

A Richmond River Commissioner with statutory obligations to improve the health of the Richmond River, its catchment, tributaries and estuary is urgently needed and would play a critical role in supporting collaboration and effective direction of efforts.

We must continue to advocate to the NSW Government to work with the community including industries reliant on the Richmond River, science-based expertise and First Nations traditional owners to deliver a whole-of-system, integrated approach and ongoing funding to rescue and revive the Richmond River.

Cost of Implementing

Nil

Funding Source

N/A

Officer Consulted

Spoke briefly with General Manager.

Officer Comment

Staff participate in a forum across the Northern Rivers called Richmond River Collaborative Partnership, hosted by the Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water and including other relevant local government staff. The idea for a Richmond River Commission has been discussed there, and governance arrangements were being considered.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/136:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Harper Dalton-Earls has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. notes that under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (NSW), Council, as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking, has a primary duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers, including psychological health
2. acknowledges that the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice: Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work, and associated regulatory requirements, require organisations to identify, assess and control psychosocial risks
3. recognises that while councillors are not classified as workers or officers under the WHS Act, Council business may expose both staff and councillors to psychosocial risks including bullying, harassment and aggression
4. resolves that the General Manager provide a report to Council that:
 - a) outlines Council's current systems, policies and procedures for identifying, assessing and managing psychosocial hazards under its WHS obligations
 - b) identifies whether those systems align with the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice and current WHS Regulation requirements, and outlines any areas requiring strengthening
 - c) clarifies how psychosocial risks affecting councillors and staff in the conduct of Council business are addressed through existing governance mechanisms

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

To ensure Council has clear visibility of its systems for managing psychosocial risks, and to confirm those systems are consistent with current Work Health and Safety legislative and regulatory expectations for managing psychosocial risks

Cost of Implementing

Nil – Staff time

Funding Source

Existing operational budget

Officer Consulted

Officer Comment

WHS Manager

Council's current WHS systems, policies and procedures for identifying and controlling psychosocial risk include:

- WHS Management Policy – Psychosocial Hazards
- Prevention of Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment Management Policy
- Code of Conduct for Staff
- Code of Conduct for Councillors

These policies and procedures provide guidance on identifying psychological hazards and suggested controls referring to Council's WHS – Risk management Procedure.

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Mandatory training and refresher training are provided and monitored for compliance by People and Culture in Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment.

These policies and procedures are aligned Section 55C Managing psychosocial risk, and Section 55D Control measures, of the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2025* and with SafeWork NSW's Code of Practice: Managing psychosocial hazards at Work framework.

Council is also implementing an additional mandatory training plan for all people leaders and workers with annual refreshers required to ensure up-to-date information and training is provided. This training is planned to commence across March and April 2026.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/146:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Virginia Waters has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. undertake community consultation with regards to the future use of Bellevue Park
2. engage with the Nimbin A&I Society to determine its interest in the land
3. pending the outcome of the community consultation, a report be brought back to Council as to the future preferred use of the land

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

Through this notice of motion, I am seeking that council progress this matter to community consultation, while acknowledging the Nimbin A&I Society's longstanding care and maintenance of Bellevue Park and its formal expression of interest in securing the land. Bellevue Park has always been community land and sits within the broader Nimbin Showgrounds precinct, supporting community events, sport, emergency functions, local services and valued open space.

I also note that this matter has been subject of previous Council motions and resolution which remains unresolved. With Councils Property Strategy now in place, I believe the timing is appropriate to revisit the issue, seek community input, and progress discussions in a way that is transparent and inclusive.

Cost of Implementing

Unknown

Funding Source

Nil

Officer Consulted

Officer Comment

Director Corporate Sustainability

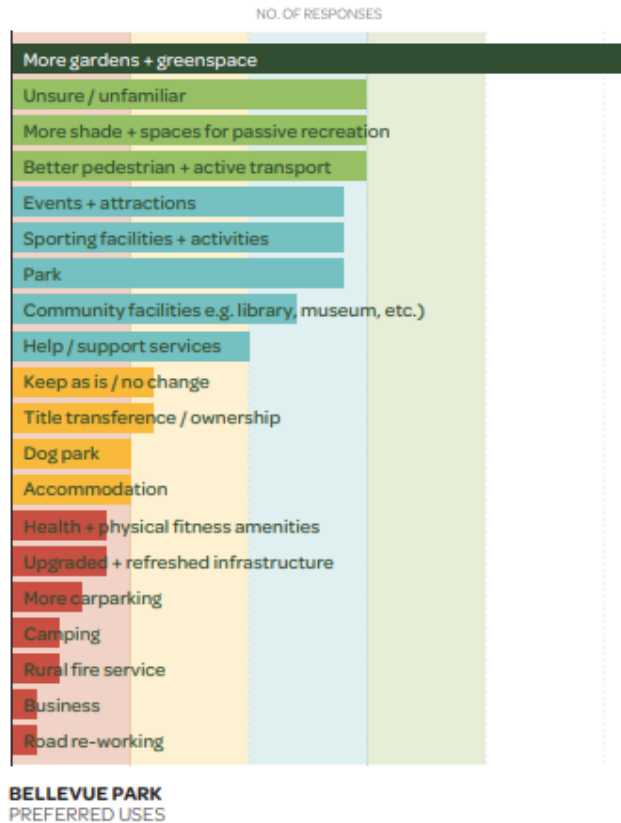
Council is facing significant financial sustainability challenges with constrained revenue (and revenue growth opportunities) and increased operating costs. In this context, it will be important to ensure that full value is realised for this Council asset, in the interest of all ratepayer community should the asset be considered for transfer. Finance agrees that a strategic review be undertaken before any formal decision is made.

Director Planning & Economy

Based on the outcomes of the Nimbin Place Plan, it is recommended further community consultation is undertaken as part of Council's due diligence process, prior to selling Bellevue Park.

During the preparation of the Nimbin Place Plan in 2024, community were asked about their preferred uses for Bellevue Park. The results were mixed and are shown in image 1. As a result, the final adopted Nimbin Place Plan includes action 19 that recommends "In light of this it is suggested that additional engagement is undertaken with the community and stakeholders to delve deeper into potential future opportunities."

Image 1, taken from page 12 of the Nimbin Place Plan



Property Services Manager

On 10 March 2015 Council **resolved**:

That:

1. Council enter into negotiations with the Nimbin Agricultural & Industrial Society Inc for the sale of land known as 49 Cecil Street, Nimbin, formally described as Lot 3 in DP 774889.
2. the General Manager be authorised to progress negotiations for the sale of the property on the basis of a market valuation and report back to Council.
3. in addition to the **market value of the land**, the Nimbin A&I Society be responsible for all legal survey and other costs arising from the sale of the land.
4. the seal of Council be affixed to the following documents:
 - a) Contract for Sale of Land
 - b) Memorandum of Transfer
 and any other documents necessary to finalise this sale.

(Councillors Smith/Houston) (BP15/19)

Voting for: Councillors Battista, Bennett, Clough, Dowell, Ekins, Houston, Ritchie and Smith
 Voting against: Councillors Marks and Meineke.

A Council-commissioned valuation in May 2015 assumed a rezoning to private recreation (no dwelling entitlement), representing a concession compared to the site's classification and zoning at that time (operational land, zoned Village). Despite negotiations over several years, no sale has been finalised.

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

In May 2024, a Notice of Motion proposing transfer of the land at no cost was deferred. Subsequent consideration of the Nimbin Place Plan and the adopted Property Strategy has provided additional strategic context. Bellevue Park is now categorised as having “High Value Economic and Social Opportunities”, indicating that its future use should be assessed having regard to its strategic, community and financial potential.

The land remains leased to the A&I Society on a holding-over basis at \$100 per annum plus GST. The NSW Valuer General land value is \$436,000 (as at 1 July 2024).

Prior to any sale or transfer, Council would need to address outstanding land management matters, including road widening to formalise the car park access and creation of a sewer easement.

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Image 2, Draft Plan identifying road dedication and Easement to drain sewer

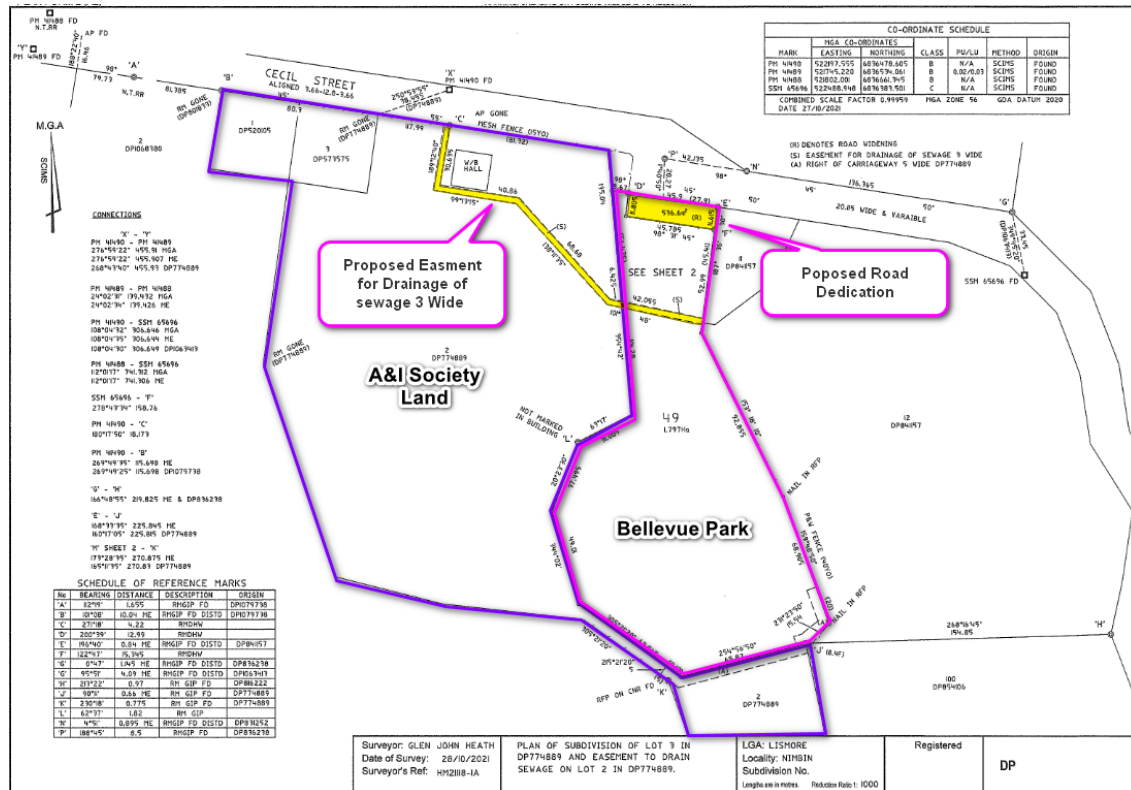


Image 3, Aerial with Water Sewer and Stormwater Layer identifying sewer infrastructure and identifying Sealed Car Park and water filling station

Officer Comment

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/138:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Andrew Gordon has given notice of intention to move:

That Council:

1. affirms its strong support for local timber industry workers, contractors, haulage operators, sawmills, manufacturers and small businesses operating within the Lismore local government area (LGA)
2. recognises that the forestry and timber sector remains a critical employer in the Northern Rivers and forms part of the region's economic backbone
3. notes with concern ongoing public discussion regarding further transfers of State Forests and private land into National Parks and Conservation Reserves across the region
4. states unequivocally that Lismore City Council opposes any further announcements of, or transfers of, State Forest or privately owned land within the Lismore LGA into National Parks, Conservation Reserves or similar classifications that would remove or substantially restrict sustainable timber harvesting activities
5. calls on the NSW Government to:
 - a. immediately rule out further land tenure changes within the Lismore LGA that threaten local timber jobs
 - b. guarantee meaningful consultation with affected communities and Council prior to any future proposals
 - c. publicly release full economic and employment impact assessments
 - d. writes urgently to the NSW Premier, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, and local State Members seeking formal clarification of Government intentions regarding land tenure changes within the Lismore LGA

Councillor Comment

Outcome Sought

No Koala National Parks in this LGA

Cost of Implementing

Nil

Funding Source

Nil

Officer Consulted

Nil

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/140:EF19/25-8

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Harper Dalton-Earls has put the following question with notice:

Can the General Manager provide a report detailing changes to budget allocations and the planned maintenance program/schedule (including maintenance frequencies and service levels) for Open Spaces and Parks maintenance over the past five financial years, presented by financial year, including the annual adopted budget and any variations/revisions for each year, and noting any changes to service levels/frequencies and any changes to staffing, contractors, or delivery model arrangements (and if any component is not available in this format, please provide the closest available report/extract and identify the source system)?

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/142:EF19/25-8

General Manager's response:

Yes a report can be provided if Council resolves accordingly. Please note much of the financial information requested is publicly available on Council's website by examining past adopted budgets, QBRS and end of financial year reports.

Notice of Motion / Question with Notice

Councillor Harper Dalton-Earls has put the following question with notice:

Can the General Manager provide a project summary for the Blakebrook Quarry boundary fencing works referenced in the December 2025 QBRS, including the scope of works, the procurement method (including whether delivered in-house or by external contractor), the delivery timeframe (start and completion month/quarter), and a financial summary showing the total approved budget, expenditure/commitments to date, and remaining budget?

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

TRIM Record No: BP26/145:EF19/25-8

General Manager's response:

Yes, a summary can be provided if Council resolves accordingly. Please note part of this project has been completed following a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and guidelines.

Confidential Business



Confidential Matters – Closed Council Meeting

A Council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of any of the following:

Section 10A(2) – *Local Government Act 1993*:

- a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals;
- b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage of a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or
 - iii) reveal a trade secret;
- e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law;
- f) matters affecting security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property;
- g) advice concerning litigation, or advice, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege;
- h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

Clause 14.9 of Council Code of Meeting Practice

Representations from the public as to whether part of the meeting should be closed to the public can be made after the motion to close the meeting has been moved and seconded.

Recommendation

That the Council exclude members of the press and public from the meeting and move into Closed Council Meeting to consider the following matters:

Item	12.1 Waste Capital Program - FY2026/2027 Funding Commitment and Contract Award Delegation
Grounds for Closure	Section 10A(2) (c):
Public Interest	Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to:information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
Item	12.2 Proposed Rates Write Off
Grounds for Closure	Section 10A(2) (b):
Public Interest	Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest because it relates to:the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

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; Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer; Ms Cotterill, Governance & Risk Manager; Miss Tye, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Councillors 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

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

5/26 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

6/26 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

7/26 **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

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

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

9/26

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

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

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

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
 9. Matters arising
 10. Reports of the General Manager
 11. Notices of motion/Questions with notice.
 12. Confidential matters

13. Conclusion of the meeting

(Councillors Krieg/Hall)

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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 13. Conclusion of the meeting

(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

16/26

Amendment **DEFEATED** 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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 13. Conclusion of the meeting

(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
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 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

17/26

Amendment **DEFEATED** that Council:

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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

Amendment moved that Council:

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(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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Amendment **DEFEATED** that Council:

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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

19/26

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

At this point the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 1:03PM

The meeting resumed at 1:33PM

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

21/26

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

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

22/26

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

23/26 **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

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

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

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

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

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:

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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

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:

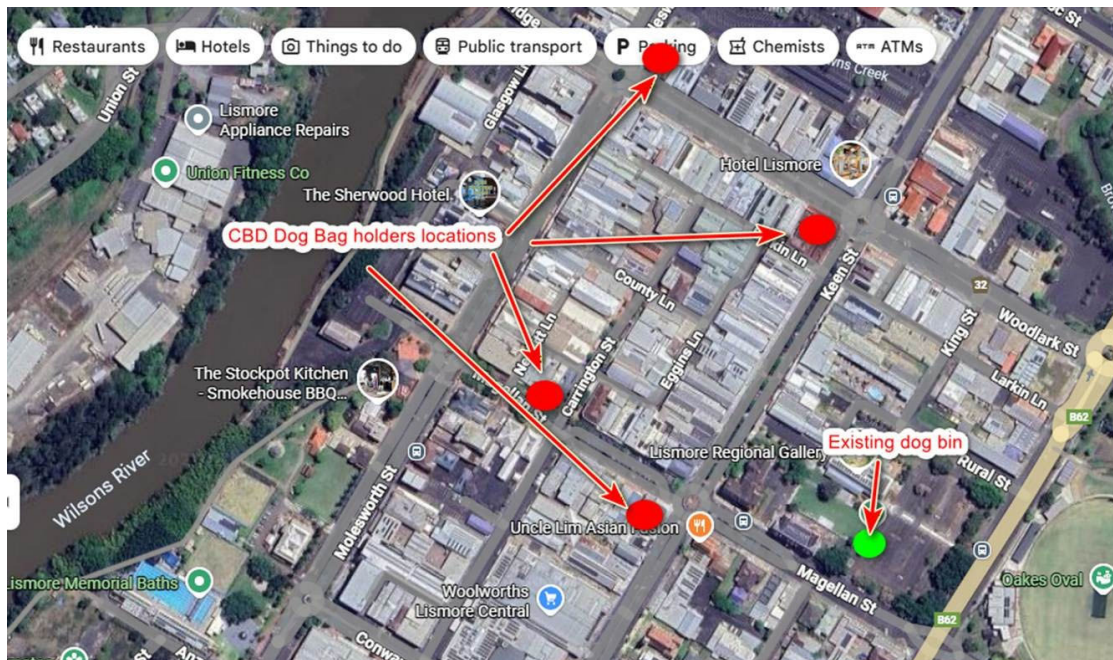
Resolution 136/25 states:

*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)

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

Voting against: Councillors Krieg and Waters

Absent: 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.

MAYOR