

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 12 MAY 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; Ms Sullivan, Director People & Community; Ms Keneally, Director Roads & Infrastructure; Mr Potter, Director Water Waste & Open Spaces (via audio-visual); Mr Singh-Pangly, Director Corporate Sustainability; Ms van Iersel, Acting Director Economy Planning & Environment; Mr Bradridge, Development Assessment Lead; Mr Reinhold, Manager Development Services; Mr Fordham, Corporate Accountant Finance; Mrs Boland, Management Accountant; Mr Williams, Management Accountant; Ms Tye, Executive Assistant to Mayor and Councillors; Mr Pitman, Technology Support Officer; Ms Cotterill, Manager Governance; Mrs Mitchell, Executive Officer; Miss Hull, Executive Assistant - General Manager.

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

61/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. approve attendance by audio-visual link for Councillor Rob on medical grounds
2. grant a leave of absence for Councillor Bing from 14 to 19 May 2026

(Councillors Hall/Jensen)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Confirmation of Minutes

62/26 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meeting be confirmed:

- Ordinary Council meeting on 14 April 2026
- Confidential Ordinary Council meeting on 14 April 2026

(Councillors Bing/Dalton-Earls)

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

## Disclosures of Interest

**Clr Battista declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.5 Public Exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027, Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027, Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027, Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027 and Draft long term Financial Plan 2026-2036

**Nature:** I am the President of LisAmore event being held on 6 July at the Lismore Turf Club

**Clr Battista declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 11.2 Sister City Relationships

**Nature:** I am the President of Sister City Committee

**Clr Waters declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.5 Public Exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027, Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027, Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027, Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027 and Draft long term Financial Plan 2026-2036

**Nature:** I am doing work with the Lismore Lantern Parade starting next week and if there is any mention of the Lismore Lantern Parade, I will leave the Chambers during this discussion

**Clr Rob declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 10.1 Staged Co-living housing (Health Worker Accommodation)

**Nature:** I previously owned 4 Weaver Street

**Clr Hall declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest for the following item:** 9.2.1 Molesworth Street, Lismore

**Nature:** I know people who have applied for an expression of interest for the parcel of land

## Altering order of Business

63/26 **RESOLVED** that the order of business be altered to debate the following matters raised during Public Forum:

- 10.1 Staged Co-living Housing (Health Workers Accommodation)
- 10.6 Policy Review

(Councillors Hall/Battista)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### **10.1 Staged Co-living Housing (Health Worker Accommodation)**

MOTION moved that Development Consent be granted for DA26/44, subject to the recommended conditions provided in **Attachment 1** of this report.

(Councillors Krieg/Battista)

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 10:22AM**

**Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 10:23AM**

64/26 **RESOLVED** that Development Consent be granted for DA26/44, subject to the recommended conditions provided in **Attachment 1** of this report.

(Councillors Krieg/Battista) (BP26/337)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

### **10.6 Policy Review**

MOTION moved that Council:

1. adopt the new:
  - a. 1.2.35 Service Review Policy
2. adopt the revised:
  - a. 1.8.25 Leasing of Council Properties Policy
  - b. 1.2.25 Volunteer Program Policy
  - c. 1.2.26 Unsolicited Proposals Policy
3. revoke:
  - a. 1.4.18 Gathering Information Policy
4. insert into all current policies "The General Manager (or their nominated delegate) has delegated authority from Council to make administrative changes, which do not change the intent of this policy"
5. General Manager consult with a legal team to ensure that any media policy is compliant with Australian law

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Dalton-Earls)

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

1. adopt the new:
  - a. 1.2.35 Service Review Policy

- b. 1.4.3 Media Policy
2. adopt the revised:
  - a. 1.8.25 Leasing of Council Properties Policy
  - b. 1.2.25 Volunteer Program Policy
  - c. 1.2.26 Unsolicited Proposals Policy
3. revoke:
  - a. 1.4.3 Media Releases Policy
  - b. 8.5.3 Social Media Policy
  - c. 1.4.18 Gathering Information Policy
4. insert into all current policies “The General Manager (or their nominated delegate) has delegated authority from Council to make administrative changes, which do not change the intent of this policy”

(Councillors Rob/Bing)

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 11:02AM**

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

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Krieg)

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

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

AMENDMENT moved that Council:

1. adopt the new:
  - a. 1.2.35 Service Review Policy
  - b. 1.4.3 Media Policy
    - replacing “**must**” with “**where appropriate**” in Clause 4.3e
2. adopt the revised:
  - a. 1.8.25 Leasing of Council Properties Policy
  - b. 1.2.25 Volunteer Program Policy
  - c. 1.2.26 Unsolicited Proposals Policy
3. revoke:
  - a. 1.4.3 Media Releases Policy
  - b. 8.5.3 Social Media Policy
  - c. 1.4.18 Gathering Information Policy
4. insert into all current policies “The General Manager (or their nominated delegate)

has delegated authority from Council to make administrative changes, which do not change the intent of this policy”

(Councillors Dalton-Earls / Knight-Smith)

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

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

**Councillor Knight-Smith left the meeting, the time being 11:18AM**

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

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

**Councillor Knight-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 11:21AM**

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

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**DEFEATED** amendment that Council:

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  - a. 1.2.35 Service Review Policy
  - b. 1.4.3 Media Policy
    - replacing “must” with “where appropriate” in Clause 4.3e
2. adopt the revised:
  - a. 1.8.25 Leasing of Council Properties Policy
  - b. 1.2.25 Volunteer Program Policy
  - c. 1.2.26 Unsolicited Proposals Policy
3. revoke:
  - a. 1.4.3 Media Releases Policy
  - b. 8.5.3 Social Media Policy
  - c. 1.4.18 Gathering Information Policy
4. insert into all current policies “The General Manager (or their nominated delegate) has delegated authority from Council to make administrative changes, which do not change the intent of this policy”

(Councillors Dalton-Earls/Knight-Smith) (BP26/345)

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. adopt the new:
  - a. 1.2.35 Service Review Policy
  - b. 1.4.3 Media Policy
2. adopt the revised:
  - a. 1.8.25 Leasing of Council Properties Policy
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4. insert into all current policies "The General Manager (or their nominated delegate) has delegated authority from Council to make administrative changes, which do not change the intent of this policy"

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP26/345)

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

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

## Mayoral Minute(s) and Condolence Motions

### 7.1 Transit Centre

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. notes the Transit Centre located on Reserve 85348 is currently unoccupied and subject to ongoing vandalism, anti-social behaviour and unlawful activity, adversely impacting the use and amenity of the reserve
2. supports in principle the use of the building for a security presence as an interim land management measure to improve safety, deter unlawful activity, and support the public recreation objectives of the reserve

3. delegates authority to the General Manager to:
  - a. investigate, negotiate and, if appropriate, enter into a lease or licence arrangement for a term not exceeding 12 months for the use of the building by a security provider
  - b. determine the appropriate tenure structure and conditions of use, subject to compliance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993* and undertaking any required public notice

(Councillor Krieg)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## 7.2 Code of Meeting Practice

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. Council include the following clause in the Code of Meeting Practice: 3.10 ♠ (b) A notice of motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the Council's current adopted Operational Plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the notice of motion and it's alignment with the adopted Community Strategic Plan
2. the Code of Meeting Practice be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and receive submissions for not less than 42 days
3. if no objections are received following the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice be updated
4. if any objections are received during the submission period the Code of Meeting Practice be reported back to Council for further consideration

(Councillor Krieg)

**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 11:42AM**

### 7.3 Groovin the Moo

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**Councillor Bing returned to the meeting, the time being 11:44AM**

**At this time Councillor Guise declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest for the Groovin the Moo as he stated he was gifted a ticket.**

**Councillor Battista declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest for the Groovin the Moo as his wife runs the “Our Kids” charity and made money at the event.**

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**RESOLVED** that Council:

1. publicly acknowledge Groovin the Moo and recognition of its success
2. delegate to the General Manager to work with the promoters to bring it back in future years

(Councillor Krieg)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

## Matters Arising

### 9.1 Reconciliation Action Plan Committee

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MOTION moved that Council request the General Manager to investigate the appropriateness of establishing a Reconciliation Action Plan Committee with Terms of Reference incorporating the Aboriginal Advisory Group to be drafted and return to a future meeting for consideration.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Rob)

**Councillor Gordon left the meeting, the time being 12:06PM**

**Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 12:08PM**

**Councillor Gordon returned to the meeting, the time being 12:08PM**

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

**Councillor Battista left the meeting, the time being 12:13PM**

**Councillor Battista returned to the meeting, the time being 12:15PM**

- 70/26 **AMENDMENT DEFEATED** that Council:
1. request the General Manager to investigate the appropriateness of establishing a Reconciliation Action Plan Committee with Terms of Reference incorporating the Aboriginal Advisory Group to be drafted and return to a future meeting for consideration
  2. the RAP reports bi-annually to Council

(Councillors Waters/Dalton-Earls) (BP26/276)

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

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

**Councillor Dalton-Earls left the meeting, the time being 12:22PM**

**Councillor Dalton-Earls returned to the meeting, the time being 12:25PM**

- 71/26 **RESOLVED** that Council request the General Manager to investigate the appropriateness of establishing a Reconciliation Action Plan Committee with Terms of Reference incorporating the Aboriginal Advisory Group to be drafted and return to a future meeting for consideration.

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Rob) (BP26/276)

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

**Voting against:** Councillors Battista, Bing, Dalton-Earls and Gordon

### **9.2 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore**

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- 72/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:
1. delegate authority to the General Manager to meet with the committee of Northern Rivers Junior Motorcycle Club and Jagun Alliance Corporation with a view to negotiating the following:
    - a) interest in part of (majority of site) 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore being utilised by Northern Rivers Junior Motorcycle Club
    - b) interest in part of (portion of land along the creek) 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore being utilised by Jagun Alliance Aboriginal Corporation
  2. request this be reported back to Council for decision

(Councillors Hall/Gordon) (BP26/365)

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

### 9.3 Questions on Notice

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73/26 **RESOLVED** that the Questions on Notice responses provided in this report be noted.  
(Councillors Bing/Knight-Smith) (BP26/367)

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

## Reports of the General Manager

### 10.2 Application to Close Public Road - Part Suffolk Road, Blue Knob

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74/26 **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. in accordance with Section 38D of the *Roads Act, 1993*, support the application to close the unused portion of Suffolk Road, that bisects 5 Suffolk Road, Blue Knob (Lot 1 in DP 577574), as shown on the plan included in this report (the excess road)
2. upon closure of the excess road, sell the excess road to the landowner of Lot 1 in DP 577574 (the applicant)
3. require that all costs associated with the road closure and sale to be met by the applicant
4. require the applicant to consolidate the land with Lot 1 in DP 577574 at the earliest opportunity at the applicant's cost
5. delegate authority to the General Manager to:
  - a. negotiate final boundaries of the proposed closure
  - b. negotiate the sale price in accordance with a valuation prepared by a registered valuer and finalise settlement
  - c. execute all necessary documentation, including:
    - Subdivision Certificate
    - Road Closure Plan and S88B Instrument (if applicable)
    - Contract for Sale for the sale and purchase of land

- Transfer Instrument
- and any other documents necessary to give effect to this resolution

(Councillors Knight-Smith/Bing) (BP25/721)

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

**Voting against:** Nil

### **10.3 Monthly Finance and Investment Report**

75/26 **RESOLVED** that Council note the report and adopt the Investment report for April 2026.

(Councillors Battista/Bing) (BP26/374)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

### **10.4 March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

76/26 **RESOLVED** that Council adopts the attached March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approves the recommended changes to the 2025/2026 budget.

(Councillors Bing/Gordon) (BP26/378)

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

**Voting against:** Councillor Guise

**10.5 Public Exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027, Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027, Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027, Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036**

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

1. Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027
2. Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027
3. Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027
4. Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027
5. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036
6. Remove the \$1.3m Regional Landfill line item from the budget

(Councillor Guise/Waters)

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

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2. Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027
3. Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027
4. Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027
5. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036

(Councillors Rob/Bing)

**RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

(Councillor Hall)

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

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

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

1. Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027
2. Draft Budget by Program 2026-2027
3. Draft Revenue Policy 2026-2027
4. Draft Fees and Charges 2026-2027
5. Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2036

(Councillors Rob/Bing) (BP26/379)

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

## Closure

The Mayor deferred Items 11.1 to 11.9 to the June Ordinary Meeting and this concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 3.03 pm.

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

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**MAYOR**