



REPORT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 25 MARCH 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Property and Land Development, the Manager Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Communications Partner, the Communications Team Leader, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer, Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Space, the Manager Community Services, the Manager Regional Events, the Community Development Officer, Seniors and People with Disability.

Mayor J Black assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:31 PM at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber, with a prayer for Divine Guidance to the Council in its deliberations and activities. The acknowledgement of country was also read by Councillor P Wells.

CCL25/49 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/387)

There were no requests for leave of absence.

CCL25/50 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/168)

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Councillor J Cowley CCL25/69 – Non Pecuniary, Significant
- Councillor S Chowdhury CCL25/69 – Non Pecuniary, Less Than Significant
CCL25/75 – Pecuniary, Significant
CCL25/80 – Non Pecuniary, Less Than Significant
- Councillor J Black CCL25/80 – Non Pecuniary, Significant
- Councillor P Wells CCL25/80 - Non Pecuniary, Significant

CCL25/51 PUBLIC FORUM (ID25/389)

The Council reports having met with the following persons during Public Forum:

- Anna Bloomfield – Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
- James McKay – Fluoridation of Dubbo Drinking Water Supply
- Peter Duggan – Tree Preservation Order
- Margaret McDonald – Improving Urban Tree Canopy, Tree Preservation Order
- Vicki Canalese – Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
- Bron Powell – Improving Urban Tree Canopy, Tree Preservation Order
- Leonie Ward - Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
- Tina Reynolds – Homelessness in Dubbo LGA
- Mel Gray – Tree Canopy
- Mel Hancock – Improving Urban Tree Canopy, Tree Preservation Order

CCL25/51a EXTEND PUBLIC FORUM

The Council received a motion from Councillor S Chowdhury to extend Public Forum by 30 minutes, as per section 4.3 of the Code of meeting Practice.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That Council moved to extend public forum by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

INFORMATION ONLY MATTERS:

CCL25/52 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS (ID25/219)

The Council had before it the report dated 19 February 2025 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Appointments and Meetings.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/53 MAYORAL EXPENSES - FEBRUARY 2025 (ID25/220)

The Council had before it the report dated 19 February 2025 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Expenses - February 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/54 INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - FEBRUARY 2025 (ID25/335)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 March 2025 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Investment Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - February 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That the information contained within the Investment under Section 625 of the Local Government Act Report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/55 MONTHLY REPORTING SNAPSHOT FOR COUNCILLORS - FEBRUARY 2025 (ID25/362)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 March 2025 from the Corporate Strategy Performance Coordinator regarding Monthly Reporting Snapshot for Councillors – February 2025.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, dated 10 March 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/56 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES (ID25/377)

The Council had before it the report dated 11 March 2025 from the Governance Team Leader regarding Outstanding Actions from Council and Committees.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the report from the Governance Team Leader be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/57 QUARTERLY REPORT ON COMPLAINT STATISTICS UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - QUARTER 2 (ID25/381)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 March 2025 from the Acting Manager Corporate Governance regarding Quarterly Report on Complaint Statistics Under Council's Code of Conduct - Quarter 2.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Acting Manager Corporate Governance, dated 13 March 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES:

CCL25/58 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2025 (ID25/383)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 11 March 2025.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/59 REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2025 (ID25/385)

The Council had before it the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held 11 March 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/60 REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - MEETING 11 MARCH 2025 (ID25/386)

The Council had before it the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held 11 March 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025, be noted, save and except item CSC25/14 which will be dealt with separately.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC25/14 COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETERMINATION OF COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

The Council had before it the report dated 26 February 2025 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Council Community Committees – Terms of Reference and Determination of Councillor Representation.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor A Ryan

MOTION

1. That Council note the information contained within the report of the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement, dated 26 February 2025.
2. That the Draft Terms of Reference and Code of Meeting Practice documents (Appendices 1 to 6) regarding the listed Council Community Committees be endorsed for the purpose of adoption by their respective committees:
 - a. Wellington Town Committee;
 - b. Villages Committee;
 - c. Youth Council;
 - d. Renewable Energy Zone Benefit Committee;
 - e. Sister City Committee; and
 - f. Multicultural Advisory Committee.
3. That a minimum of two Councillor representatives be determined for each of the Council Community Committees and they are:
 - a. That Councillors A. Ryan, L Butler, R Ivey and P Toynton be the representatives for the Wellington Town Committee.
 - b. That Councillors S. Chowdhury, P Toynton, A Ryan and K Richardson be the representatives for the Villages Committee.
 - c. That Councillors P Wells and J Cowley be the representatives for the Youth Council.
 - d. That Councillors R Ivey and J Black be the representatives for the Renewable Energy Zone Benefit Committee.
 - e. That Councillors S Chowdhury and M Wright be the representatives for the Sister City Committee.
 - f. That Councillors M Wright and S Chowdhury be the representatives for the Multicultural Advisory Committee.
4. That the above representatives will serve on the Council Community Committees for the duration of the Council term.
5. That all Council Community Committees, at their first meetings, adopt the Terms of Reference and Code of Meeting Practice, elect a chairperson from the Councillor representatives, and be presented with an introduction and induction to Council Community Committee meeting operations.
6. That clause 3.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice (within the Terms of Reference) for all Council Community Committees be amended as follows: One of the Councillor representatives will be elected as chairperson at the first meeting of the committee.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/61 REPORT OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 17 MARCH 2025 (ID25/391)

The Council had before it the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 17 March 2025.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 17 March 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION:

CCL25/62 AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY 2026 - WELLINGTON AND DUBBO (ID25/358)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 7 March 2025 from Councillor R Ivey regarding the Australia Day Ceremony 2026 - Wellington and Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor A Ryan

MOTION

That 2026 Australia Day Ceremonies for Wellington and Dubbo be held as follows:

1. Wellington: late afternoon/evening of Sunday 25 January 2026 in Cameron Park, or in the case of inclement weather, in the Wellington Civic Centre.
2. Dubbo: in the morning of Monday 26 January 2026 in Victoria Park, or in the case of inclement weather, in the Dubbo Civic Centre.

LOST

For: Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and A Ryan.

Against: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, K Richardson, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the consideration of the dates and location for Australia Day 2026 be determined at the Ordinary Council meeting in July 2025.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillors M Dickerson and A Ryan.

CCL25/63 CHILDCARE SECTOR IN DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (ID25/364)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 10 March 2025 from Councillor J Cowley regarding the Childcare Sector in Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

1. **That the CEO provide a report to the ordinary meeting of Council in June 2025 offering analysis of the childcare sector across the DRC LGA including:**
 - a. **Challenges facing the Dubbo and Wellington communities in accessing childcare services;**
 - b. **The sector's ability to recruit and retain the skilled workers required by legislation;**
 - c. **A SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis of DRC's childcare services; and**
 - d. **Any other matters regarding childcare deemed appropriate for consideration by the elected body.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor R Ivey.

CCL25/64 IMPROVING URBAN TREE CANOPY (ID25/413)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 17 March 2025 from Councillor J Cowley regarding the Improving Urban Tree Canopy.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That the CEO provide a report to Council outlining the strategic mechanisms currently in place, and being considered for the future, to improve urban tree canopy cover within the Local Government Area.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/65 STREET NAMES WIRADJURI TRANSLATIONS (ID25/422)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 17 March 2025 from Councillor M Dickerson regarding the Street Names Wiradjuri Translations.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

That the Chief Executive Officer:

- 1. Identifies any further appropriate street names in proximity to the Dubbo or Wellington CBD that have Aboriginal origins.**
- 2. Recommends any additional signage for existing and new street names as identified.**
- 3. Provides costing estimates for the new street signs.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

Councillor J Cowley left the meeting, the time being 7:23pm, and returned to the meeting, the time being 07:25pm.

Councillor Lukas Butler left the meeting, the time being 07:26pm, and returned to the meeting, the time being 07:29pm.

CCL25/66 HOMELESSNESS IN THE DUBBO LGA (ID25/423)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 17 March 2025 from Councillor M Wright regarding the Homelessness in the Dubbo LGA.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

1. That through the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Reference Group, the CEO work with agencies and Non-Government Organisations, including Councillor representation to consider the current homeless challenges in our community and develop innovative options to address the level of homelessness in the LGA and particularly rough sleepers on the central Dubbo and river corridor area.
2. That Council endorses the call by The Foyer Foundation for Government financial support to establish a Youth Foyer in Dubbo and in this regard formal correspondence be provided to parties contesting the upcoming Federal election seeking financial support commitments noting that:
 - Dubbo has been identified as priority location in NSW by the Foyer Foundation,
 - Youth Foyers provide a safe and stable home for around 40 young people, aged 16-24, with integrated education and employment supports under one roof for up to 2 years and
 - Within 2 years of living in a Youth Foyer, statistics show a young person has had the assistance they need to change their life trajectory whereby more than 80% of young people exit into safe and stable housing, 65% gain secure and decent employment, and they are 60% less likely to be involved in the justice system.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/67 AUDIT OF TREES WITHIN THE LGA (ID25/424)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 17 March 2025 from Councillor L Butler regarding the Audit of Trees within the LGA.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

1. That the results of previous audits of Council's urban street trees and the Street Tree Master Plans be provided to Councillors as part of their consideration of the draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan and associated budget.
2. That costings be developed for street tree and park tree activities to be considered as part of the draft 2025-26 to 2028-29 four year budget. Services to be costed are:
 - a. Replacement street tree planting four year program to address gaps identified in previous audits.
 - b. Maintenance program for newly planted trees included education of adjacent properties as to the benefit of street tree canopy cover.
 - c. Introduction of a community tree planting program to be held four times per annum over four years.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor M Dickerson

Councillor Kate Richardson left the meeting, the time being 7:43pm, and returned to the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION:

CCL25/68 FLUORIDATION OF DUBBO DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (ID25/359)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion of Rescission dated 26 February 2025 from Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That Council determine this Notice of Motion of Rescission.

LOST

For: Councillors S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, and M Wright.

Against: Councillors J Black, L Butler, A Ryan, K Richardson, P Toynton and P Wells

Councillor S Chowdhury left the meeting, the time being 7:51pm, and returned to the meeting, the time being 7:52pm.

Councillor A Ryan left the meeting, the time being 8:01pm, and returned to the meeting, the time being 8:02pm.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL25/69 COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND 2024/2025 ROUND 2 (ID24/2080)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 March 2025 from the Manager Community Services regarding Community Services Fund 2024/2025 Round 2.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That Council allocate \$84,987.59 to the community-based organisations in accordance with Section 356 of The Local Government Act 1993 and notification to be sent to each recommended applicant:

• Burrendong Arboretum Land Manager	\$9,900.00
• Dubbo Environment Group	\$6,699.48
• Western Cancer Centre Foundation Ltd	\$7,456.11
• Emmanuel Care Centre Incorporation	\$2,342.00
• Boys to the Bush Ltd	\$25,414.00
• Dubbo & District Parent Support Group for Deaf/Hearing Impaired	\$5,637.00
• Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie (Inc) in Community Partnership with Dubbo Dementia Alliance	\$1,539.00
• Marradhali Aboriginal Corporation	\$10,000.00
• Lifeline Central West Inc	\$16,000.00
	CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was previously part of the ORISCON Committee.

Councillor J Cowley declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Cowley sits on the boards of both the Western Cancer Centre Foundation and the Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie.

CCL25/70 2025 - 2029 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN (ID25/258)

The Council had before it the report dated 26 February 2025 from the Manager Community Services regarding 2025 - 2029 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

- 1. That the submissions received during the public exhibition, as well as the contributions made by the community during the community engagement phase be acknowledged.**
- 2. That Council endorse the 2025 – 2029 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan as provided in Appendix 1.**
- 3. That it be noted that the CEO will be required to review the Community Services Branch level for service delivery to allow sufficient resources to implement the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/71 MOWER ALLOCATION TO INCORPORATED BODIES WITHIN THE VILLAGES (ID24/1078)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 February 2025 from the Director Infrastructure regarding Mower Allocation to Incorporated Bodies within the Villages.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor A Ryan

MOTION

1. That Council offer the opportunity to an incorporated body within the villages participating in the Villages Committee to purchase a mower that is proposed for disposal by Council.
2. That when mowers become available, the Director Infrastructure advise the participating members that there is an opportunity for a mower to be purchased, up to the point where a mower has been provided to each village wanting to participate in this offer.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/72 INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW - 2025 (ID25/229)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2025 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Investment Policy and Strategy Review - 2025.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

1. That the draft Investment Policy March 2025 and the draft Investment Strategy March 2025 attached to this report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 12 March 2025 as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, be adopted.
2. That Council's Investment Policy and Investment Strategy be again reviewed and submitted to Council for determination in March 2026.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/73 UPDATE ON AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONIES FOR 2025 (ID25/365)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 March 2025 from the Governance Team Leader regarding Update on Australia Day Ceremonies for 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

1. That the report of the Governance Team Leader be noted.
2. That the Australia Day awards for the Dubbo Local Government area consist of:
 - a. Citizen of the Year
 - b. Senior Citizen of the Year
 - c. Young Citizen of the Year
 - d. Services to Sport
 - e. Sports Person of the Year
 - f. Young Sports Person of the Year
 - g. Services to The Arts (Dubbo Only)
 - h. Community Group of the Year (Dubbo Only)
 - i. Community Event of the Year (Wellington Only)
3. That Council consult with the community to ascertain expectations and suggestions for what type of activities they would like to see alongside the Civic Ceremonies.
4. That at the conclusion of the community consultation a Councillor workshop be held to discuss the options.
5. That a further report be brought to the Ordinary Council meeting in July 2025 for determination.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

CCL25/74 DUBBO REGIONAL THEATRE AND CONVENTION CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES (ID25/414)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 14 March 2025 from Councillor S Chowdhury.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCL25/75 SOUTHLAKES PLAYGROUND UPDATE (ID25/415)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 14 March 2025 from Councillor M Wright.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

That the information contained within the report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury lives in Southlakes Estate.

CCL25/76 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID25/390)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

CONFIDENTIAL

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

The items listed come within the following provisions of the Act:

- CCL25/77 – Proposed Purchase of Groundwater Access Licence - *the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c))*
- CCL25/78 – Dubbo Regional Airport Advertising Expressions of Interest - *commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret (Section 10A(2)(d)(iii))*
- CCL25/79 – Outcome of Expression of Interest Process – 139 Darling Street, Dubbo - *information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))*
- CCL25/80 – Outcome of Expression of Interest Process – 4 Akela Place, Dubbo - *information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))*
- CCL25/81 – Tender for stock handling at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Market - *information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))*

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

At this junction it was moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury that the Council resolves into Closed Session, the time being 9:28pm.

The Open Session resumed at 10:21pm.

The following resolutions made in the closed session of Council were displayed on the screen.

CCL25/77 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF GROUNDWATER ACCESS LICENCE (ID25/380)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 March 2025 from the Acting Director Infrastructure regarding Proposed Purchase of Groundwater Access Licence.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

- 1. That Council pursue the purchase of the identified Water Access Licence (WAL) located within the Upper Macquarie Alluvial Groundwater Source to the maximum value and as described within this report.**
- 2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms of the purchase in accordance with the details outlined in this report.**
- 3. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any documentation in relation to the purchase of the WAL described within this report.**
- 4. That any documentation that the Chief Executive Officer is unable to execute in accordance with resolution number three (above) be executed under Power of Attorney.**
- 5. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase of future water access licences within the financial limits provided in the body of the report.**
- 6. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

**CCL25/78 DUBBO REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVERTISING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(ID25/360)**

The Council had before it the report dated 7 March 2025 from the Manager Airport Strategy and Operations regarding Dubbo Regional Airport Advertising Expressions of Interest.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret (Section 10A(2)(d)(iii)).

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

- 1. That Dubbo Regional Council agree to continue negotiations with Bishopp's Advertising and engage once an agreement is finalised.**
- 2. That Council delegate authority to Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the other terms of the Partnership.**
- 3. That all documentation in relation to this matter be executed under Power of Attorney.**
- 4. That the information contained within this report remain confidential to the Council.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

**CCL25/79 OUTCOME OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS - 139 DARLING STREET,
DUBBO (ID25/393)**

The Council had before it the report dated 14 March 2025 from the Manager Property and Land Development regarding Outcome of expression of interest process - 139 Darling Street, Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

MOTION

1. That Council decline to accept the expression of interest (EOI) submission by Premise Group Services Pty Ltd to lease the premises situated at 139 Darling Street, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 42 on DP632829 (Property).
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate directly with Premise Group Services Pty Ltd, to lease the Property.
3. That:
 - a. a further Council report will be submitted, if negotiations with Premise Group Services Pty Ltd are successful; and
 - b. the Property be re-advertised for lease, if negotiations with Premise Group Services Pty Ltd are unsuccessful.
4. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

**CCL25/80 OUTCOME OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS - 4 AKELA PLACE, DUBBO
(ID25/379)**

The Council had before it the report dated 12 March 2025 from the Manager Property and Land Development regarding Outcome of expression of interest process - 4 Akela Place, Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor R Ivey

MOTION

1. That Council offer a lease of the premises situated at 4 Akela Place, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 3 on DP1114602, to ORISCON Inc:
 - a. for a term of three (5) years; and
 - b. on the key terms as generally described within the body of this report.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute any documentation in relation to the lease as outlined in resolution no. 1 (above).
3. That any documentation that the Chief Executive Officer is unable to execute in accordance with resolution no. 2 (above) be executed under Power of Attorney.
4. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

LOST

For: Councillors S Chowdhury, M Dickerson and R Ivey.

Against: Councillors L Butler, J Cowley, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

1. That Council offer a lease of the premises situated at 4 Akela Place, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 3 on DP1114602, to Jesus is Lord (Australia) Inc:
 - a. for a term of three (5) years; and
 - b. on the key terms as generally described within the body of this report.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute any documentation in relation to the lease as outlined in resolution no. 1 (above).
3. That any documentation that the Chief Executive Officer is unable to execute in accordance with resolution no. 2 (above) be executed under Power of Attorney.
4. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

LOST

For: Councillors L Butler and K Richardson.

Against: Councillors S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, A Ryan, P Toynton and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

1. That Council offer a lease of the premises situated at 4 Akela Place, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 3 on DP1114602, to Dubbo Sikh Associated Incorporated:
 - a. for a term of three (5) years; and
 - b. on the key terms as generally described within the body of this report.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute any documentation in relation to the lease as outlined in resolution no. 1 (above).
3. That any documentation that the Chief Executive Officer is unable to execute in accordance with resolution no. 2 (above) be executed under Power of Attorney.
4. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

LOST

For: Councillors S Chowdhury, R Ivey, A Ryan, and M Wright.

Against: Councillors L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, K Richardson and P Toynton.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

1. **That Council offer a lease of the premises situated at 4 Akela Place, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 3 on DP1114602, to Orana Support Service Incorporated:**
 - a. **for a term of three (5) years; and**
 - b. **on the key terms as generally described within the body of this report.**
2. **That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute any**

- documentation in relation to the lease as outlined in resolution no. 1 (above).
3. That any documentation that the Chief Executive Officer is unable to execute in accordance with resolution no. 2 (above) be executed under Power of Attorney.
 4. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan and P Toynton.

Against: Councillors S Chowdhury and M Wright.

Councillor J Black declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Black met with an applicant – ORISCON – and left the room in order to remove and perceived conflict of interest.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained the room during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor S Chowdhury was previously part of the ORISCON Committee.

Councillor P Wells declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Council and left the room and was out of sight during the Council's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor P Wells is friends with one of the applicants.

CCL25/81 TENDER FOR STOCK HANDLING AT THE DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS (ID25/347)

The Council had before it the report dated 4 March 2025 from the Manager Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets regarding Tender for Stock Handling at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

The Council recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)).

Moved by Councillor M Dickerson and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the item to be deferred to the April 2025 Corporate Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 10:21pm.

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CHAIRPERSON