

REPORT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24 JUNE 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 Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the Communications Partner, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Space, the Manager Community Services, the Rainbow Cottage Coordinator and the Family Day Care Coordinator.

Councillor J Black assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The prayer was delivered by Councillor L Butler and an Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Councillor J Cowley.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:30 PM.

CCL25/140 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/457)

There were no requests for leave of absence

Councillors R Ivey, P Wells and the Chief Executive Officer attended via audio visual link.

CCL25/141 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/458)

The following conflicts of interest were declared.

Councillor S Chowdhury

- CCL25/150 – Report of the Infrastructure Planning and Environment Committee – Meeting 10 June
- CCL25/156 – Consideration of Certain Development Applications by Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee
- CCL25/160 - 2024/2025 SPARC Support Grant Assessment Report
- CCL25/161 - 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program - Community Events Fund - Round 2

Councillor J Black

- CCL25/157 - Naming of Thoroughfare associated with Development Consent D22-122(5) - 4L Camp Road Dubbo
- CCL25/161 - 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program - Community Events Fund - Round 2

At this juncture Councillor R Ivey joined the meeting, the time being 5:36pm.

CCL25/142 PUBLIC FORUM (ID25/963)

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

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| • Jessica Herbert | Increasing Tree Canopy Percentage in the Dubbo Region |
| • Martin Simmons | CCL25/167 - Budget - Fees and Charges DRLM |
| • David Salter | Troy Gulley Park |
| • Gary Todd | CCL25/164 – Causeway Crossing at Forestvale Road |
| • Jacob Perry | Terrabella Ridge |
| • Mark Conn | CCL25/164 – Causeway Crossing at Forestvale Road |
| • Marie Caton | Port Headland Documents |

CCL25/143 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27 MAY 2025 (ID25/1061)

The Council had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 May 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

1. That the minutes of the Dubbo Regional Council Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 May 2025 (as attached) be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.
2. That a correction be made to CCL25/124 on Page 16 of the business paper which mistakenly notes Councillor L Butler and Councillor P Toynton voting For the item, as well as Against. Votes For the item will be removed.

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:

CCL25/144 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS (ID25/1070)

The Council had before it the report dated 3 June 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

CCL25/145 MAYORAL EXPENSES - MAY 2025 (ID25/1069)

The Council had before it the report dated 3 June 2025 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Mayoral Expenses - May 2025.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

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

CCL25/146 INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - MAY 2025 (ID25/1072)

The Council had before it the report dated 12 June 2025 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Investment Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - May 2025.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor A Ryan.

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

CCL25/147 MONTHLY REPORTING SNAPSHOT FOR COUNCILLORS - MAY 2025 (ID25/1035)

The Council had before it the report dated 5 June 2025 from the Corporate Strategy Performance Coordinator regarding Monthly Reporting Snapshot for Councillors – May 2025.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, dated 5 June 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

CCL25/148 QUARTERLY REPORT ON COMPLAINT STATISTICS UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - QUARTER 3 (ID25/1095)

The Council had before it the report dated 5 June 2025 from the Manager Corporate Governance regarding Quarterly Report on Complaint Statistics Under Council's Code of Conduct - Quarter 3.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Manager Corporate Governance, dated 5 June 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:

CCL25/149 REPORT OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 2 JUNE 2025 (ID25/1104)

The Council had before it the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 2 June 2025.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 2 June 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

CCL25/150 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - MEETING 10 JUNE 2025 (ID25/1140)

The Council had before it the report of the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 10 June 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 10 June 2025, be adopted.

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 was out of the room and absent from the vote.

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.

CCL25/151 REPORT OF THE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 10 JUNE 2025 (ID25/1141)

The Council had before it the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held 10 June 2025.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

That the report of the Culture and Community Committee meeting held on 10 June 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

CCL25/152 REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - MEETING 10 JUNE 2025 (ID25/1142)

The Council had before it the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held 10 June 2025.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025, be adopted, save and except item CSC25/38.

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

CSC25/38 DRAFT 2025/2026 BUDGET, OPERATIONAL PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS – RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The Committee had before it the report dated 2 June 2025 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Draft 2025/2026 Budget, Operational Plan and associated documents - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

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2. That the finalised documents once adopted, will commence operation on 1 July 2025.
3. That it be noted that the 2025-2029 Delivery Program, 2025/2026 Operational Plan and budget do not reflect the Federal Government commitment to the Parkes Electorate of \$2M for street trees in the Dubbo CBD.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor administrative corrections prior to publication and authorise the relevant staff to implement any such corrections.
5. That those who made a submission be advised of Council's determination on this matter.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor A Ryan.

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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

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

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8. That the 2025/2026 Fees and Charges in respect of the Cattle Feeding Fee – per head be adjusted to \$0.10 for Stock Sold in the Dubbo Regional Livestock Market Sale inclusive of GST.

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.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

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CARRIED

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

Against: Councillor P Toynton.

Moved by Councillor A Ryan and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

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CARRIED

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Against: Nil

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by P Toynton.

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12. That the 2025-2029 Delivery Program Strategic Pillar theme Healthy Environment and Sustainable Future activity *'Encourage and support investment in renewable energy opportunities'* be reworded to *'Recognise downstream opportunities arising from weather dependent technologies.'*

LOST

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, K Richardson and P Toynton.

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

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

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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

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor L Butler.

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13. That Council
 - a. allocate \$250,000 in the 2025/2026 budget to fund additional toilet facilities at Cameron Park Wellington,
 - b. That the design and specifications of the additional facilities be finalised after consideration of the Dubbo Region Public Toilet Strategy (expected in August 2025) - having regard to the \$250,000 budget allocation.
 - c. That this be a priority project to be funded in the 2025/2026 financial year Quarterly Reviews through operational or other project savings.

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 amendments on being put to the meeting were carried.

CARRIED

The amendments then become the motion and on being put to the meeting were carried.

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:

CCL25/153 LOCAL FLAG PROTOCOLS (ID25/1153)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 16 June 2025 from Councillor J Cowley regarding the Local Flag Protocols.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the CEO provide a report to 23 September Ordinary Council meeting outlining the current Flag Protocols and options for setting of a localised Flag Protocol Policy.

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

At this juncture it was noted that Councillor P Toynton voted against this item due to a technical issue, and verbally changed his vote to for. The Item was carried unanimously.

CCL25/154 ROAD RECATEGORISATION (ID25/1155)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 16 June 2025 from Mayor J Black regarding the Road Recategorisation.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor A Ryan.

MOTION

That Dubbo Regional Council prepare proposals and make submissions for the recategorisation of Saxa Road and Gollan Road from Regional Roads to State Roads.

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

CCL25/155 CHURCH STREET FLATS (ID25/1156)

Council had before it a Notice of Motion dated 16 June 2025 from Mayor J Black regarding the Church Street Flats.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That Dubbo Regional Council approach The Honourable Rose Jackson, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth, to raise concerns regarding: the Church Street flats, Dubbo; the impact on the Dubbo CBD area, and seek an ongoing solution to the issues of antisocial behaviour emanating from the Church Street flats.

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CCL25/156 CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS BY INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (ID25/946)

The Council had before it the report dated 16 June 2025 from the Director Development and Environment regarding Consideration of Certain Development Applications by Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

- 1. That Council Delegate to the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee the consideration and determination of Development Applications that meet the following criteria:**
 - **The Development Application must be recommended for approval by Council Staff.**
 - **There has been less than eight valid planning objections to a Development Application that have been received from separate households within the notification area.**
 - **There has not been any petition received by Council in respect of a Development Application.**
- 2. That this Delegation to the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee be reviewed after a period of 12 months.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton and P Wells.

Against: Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and M Wright.

Councillor S Chowdhury was out of the room and absent from the vote.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than 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.

CCL25/157 NAMING OF THOROUGHFARE ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT CONSENT D22-122(5) - 4L CAMP ROAD DUBBO (ID25/1103)

The Council had before it the report dated 6 June 2025 from the LIS and E-Services Coordinator regarding Naming of Thoroughfare associated with Development Consent D22-122(5) - 4L Camp Road Dubbo.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

Councillor P Toynton assumed chair of the meeting for consideration of this matter.

MOTION

1. That the road names as proposed, being Glenmore View and Victory Court be approved by Council as per the road layout plan.
2. That the proposed road names be notified on Council's website for a period of 14 days.
3. If no objections are received, the proposed road names of Glenmore View and Victory Court be gazetted.
4. If Council receives any objections to the proposed road names, a further report be provided to Council for consideration.
5. That the owner be advised accordingly once the proposed names have been gazetted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors 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 Black was out of the room and absent for the vote.

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 lives on Camp Road near the site owned by Mr and Mrs Bender and although the names of the streets will not impact the value of his property, Councillor J Black left the room to remove any perception of a conflict.

Councillor J Black resumed chair of the meeting.

CCL25/158 CHILDCARE REVIEW: DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ID25/624)

The Council had before it the report dated 28 March 2025 from the Director Community, Culture and Places regarding Childcare Review: Dubbo Regional Council.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That Council note the report.

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

CCL25/159 DUBBO AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE - INDOOR FACILITY (ID25/1118)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 June 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre - Indoor Facility.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

1. That Council endorse the progression of the indoor aquatic facility project to the next stage of community engagement; and
2. That the \$20,000 for consultation be funded from the amendment to the Aquatic Leisure Centre budget detailed as:
 - a. Reduce advertising by \$5,000;
 - b. Reduce interior/exterior painting by \$14,300; and
 - c. Reduce concourse maintenance by \$700.

LOST

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

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

CCL25/160 2024/2025 SPARC SUPPORT GRANT ASSESSMENT REPORT (ID25/767)

The Council had before it the report dated 24 April 2025 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding 2024/2025 SPARC Support Grant Assessment Report.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

1. That Council allocate \$30,000 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:

ORISCON	\$3,300.00
Tamara Lawry	\$2,600.00
Marradhali Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,900.00
NSW Central West Muslims Association Incorporated	\$1,500.00
SOMAD (Songwriters and Original Musicians Association Dubbo)	\$6,000.00
Dubbo and Districts Family History Society	\$1,550.00
Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre	\$1,500.00

Nolan Furnell	\$3,200.00
Dubbo Stampede (Running Festival Inc.)	\$2,000.00
Dubbo Filmmakers	\$2,450.00
<i>Total amount</i>	<i>\$30,000.00</i>

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by K Richardson.

AMENDMENT

1. That Council allocate \$24,100 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:

ORISCON	\$3,300.00
Tamara Lawry	\$2,600.00
NSW Central West Muslims Association Incorporated	\$1,500.00
SOMAD (Songwriters and Original Musicians Association Dubbo)	\$6,000.00
Dubbo and Districts Family History Society	\$1,550.00
Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre	\$1,500.00
Nolan Furnell	\$3,200.00
Dubbo Stampede (Running Festival Inc.)	\$2,000.00
Dubbo Filmmakers	\$2,450.00
<i>Total amount</i>	<i>\$24,100.00</i>

2. That Council defer the allocation of \$5,900 to Marradhali Aboriginal Corporation until further governance and cultural appropriateness assessments are undertaken.

CARRIED

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

Against: Councillor M Wright.

AMENDMENT

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was carried.

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 was out of the room and absent from the vote.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Council and remained in/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 does volunteer work with ORISCON, NSW Central West Muslim Association and Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre.

At this juncture Councillor K Richardson left the room, the time being 8:16pm, and returned to the room at 8:17pm.

**CCL25/161 2024/2025 EVENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND -
ROUND 2 (ID25/1062)**

The Council had before it the report dated 2 June 2025 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program - Community Events Fund - Round 2.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

Councillor P Toynton assumed chair of the meeting for consideration of this matter.

MOTION

That Council allocate funding totalling \$14,600 under Round 2 of its 2024/2025 Community Events Fund as follows:

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| • Dubbo National Merino Show & School Wether Challenge | \$3,000 |
| • 2025 DKC Australasian Gold Cup & Rotax Life Event | \$3,000 |
| • Stumbil Community Concert | \$1,200 |
| • Ramayan Rhapsody: a Dolls Exhibition and Story Telling Experience | \$3,000 |
| • Dubbo Greyhound Racing Club Mayor's Cup | \$3,000 |
| • Carols by Candlelight | \$1,400 |

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

Councillors J Black, S Chowdhury and P Wells were out of the room and absent from the vote.

Councillor J Black declared a pecuniary, less than 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 displayed election posters on the fence on numerous occasions and left the room to remove the perception of any conflict.

Councillor S Chowdhury 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 S Chowdhury displayed his corflute on the Dubbo Greyhound Racing Fence during the election.

Councillor P Wells declared a pecuniary, less than 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 displayed her corflute on the Dubbo Greyhound Racing Fence during the election.

Councillor J Black resumed chair of the meeting.

CCL25/162 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES 2025/2026 (ID25/353)

The Council had before it the report dated 10 June 2025 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Making of Rates and Charges 2025/2026.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

1. That in accordance with Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, WHEREAS the Draft Operational Plan was endorsed for public display by Council on 22 April 2025, and WHEREAS public notice of the 2025/2026 Draft Operational Plan was given for 28 days as per Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council has taken into consideration any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with, and pursuant to, sections 494, 496, 501, 504 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council make the following Ordinary Rates and Annual Charges for Drainage and Waste Management for the year 2025/2026, and that such Ordinary Rates and Annual Charges be the amount specified hereunder and in accordance with Section 548 the Ordinary Rates be subject to the minimum amount per assessment specified in the Ordinary Rates table in the report of the Revenue Accountant dated 10 June 2025.
2. That in accordance with Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993, WHEREAS the Draft Operational Plan was endorsed for public display by Council on 22 April 2025, and WHEREAS public notice of the 2025/2026 Draft Operational Plan was given for not less than 28 days as per Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council has taken into consideration any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with, and pursuant to, sections 501, 502, 551 and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council make the following Annual and User Charges for Water and Sewerage supply for the year 2025/2026 as specified in the report of the Revenue Accountant dated 10 June 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: Nil

CCL25/163 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES - 2025/2026 (ID25/1147)

The Council had before it the report dated 13 June 2025 from the Manager Corporate Governance regarding Councillor and Mayoral Fees - 2025/2026.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 248(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual fee payable to Councillors for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 be set at \$27,860.

2. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 249(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual additional fee payable to the Mayor for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 be set at \$68,800.

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

CCL25/164 CAUSEWAY CROSSING AT FORESTVALE ROAD (ID25/983)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 23 May 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/165 VILLAGE OF MUMBIL (ID25/984)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 23 May 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/166 STUART TOWN TRAFFIC (ID25/985)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 23 May 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/167 DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS (ID25/986)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 23 May 2025 from Councillor P Toynton.

CCL25/168 WATER USAGE CHARGES (ID25/1160)

The Council had before it the Question on Notice dated 17 June 2025 from Councillor S Chowdhury.

CCL25/169 COMMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY (ID25/1163)

There were no matters recorded under this clause.

The meeting closed at 8:49pm.

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CHAIRPERSON