

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COONAMBLE ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:34AM**

**PRESENT:** Member D Batten, Member N Kinsey, Member P Fisher, Member M Garnsey, Member M Cooke, Member D Bell, Member G Whiteley, Member G Peart, Member Z Holcombe, and Member G Rummery

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF MEMBERS:** M. Urquhart (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Biosecurity Officer) and R Wilson (Minute Secretary)

**WELCOME:** Meeting was opened at 10:34am and Chairman Member Batten, welcomed all Members and staff to the meeting.

Member Batten welcomed Ms. Penny Heuston of Warren Shire Council, attending the meeting as an observer.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **Public Presentation – Todd Pallister**

*Todd Pallister from LLS – Coordinator for the Hudson Pear Programme, provided Council with a comprehensive update on the Hudson Pear Control Programme. The presentation included details of the 24/25 operations and achievements, as well as 25/26 operations and results to date.*

*It was suggested by CMCC Councillors that the presentation be shared with Walgett Shire Council for information purposes. It was agreed that Member Greg Rummery would arrange an invitation via the Walgett Shire Council Mayor, for Todd to present to Walgett Shire Council.*

*Member Kinsey requested that a copy of the presentation be forwarded to each constituent Council to be shared for information purposes. Mr Pallister agreed to do this. It was also agreed to that the presentation be shared with Lightning Ridge Opal Reserve Trust, following suggestion from the General Manager.*

**05/25/01 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Cooke

**Carried**

**05/25/02 Reports of Committees****Recommendation:**

That

1. the ARIC Meeting Agenda for 28.08.2025 be received and noted and'
2. the CMCC ARIC Annual Report for 2024-25 be accepted.

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Holcombe

**Carried**

**05/25/03 Council's Decision Action Report – October 2025****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for October 2025 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Garnsey

**Seconded:** Member Whiteley

**Carried**

**05/25/04 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 25-18 to 25-21 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Peart

**Seconded:** Member Holcombe

**Carried**

**05/25/05 Cash and Investment Report – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025****Resolved:**

That the investment report for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Rummery

**Seconded:** Member Garnsey

**Carried**

The General Manager noted that a full report for the working funds would be presented to the November 2025 meeting.

#### **05/25/06 Delegates, Representatives and/or Members of Committees, Reference Groups and External Bodies – Terminating September 2026**

##### **Resolved:**

That members, representatives and delegates be appointed to the committees, reference groups and external organisations as outlines in the scheduled for the period terminating September 2026.

*North-West Regional Weeds Committee – Member Greg Rummery*

*Central West Regional Weeds Committee – Member Noel Kinsey*

*Western Region Unincorporated Area – Member Doug Batten*

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Cooke

#### **05/25/07 First Quarter Operational Plan 2025/2026**

##### **Resolved:**

That Council accepts the progress made on the 2025/2026 Operational Plan as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**Moved:** Member Peart

**Seconded:** Member Whiteley

**Carried**

#### **05/25/08 Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors - Policy**

##### **Recommendation:**

That:

1. the General Managers report be received
2. Council having not received any submissions during the public exhibition period, now formally adopts the "Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors' policy as tabled.

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Rummery

**Carried**

**05/25/09 Pecuniary Interest Returns**

**Resolved:**

That the General Manager's report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Whiteley

**Seconded:** Member Fisher

**Carried**

**05/25/10 Adoption of Model Code of Meeting Practice**

**Resolved:**

That;

1. Council receives the Model Code of Meeting Practice documents
2. The Code of Meeting Practice be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days calling for comment from the public.

**Moved:** Member Peart

**Seconded:** Member Bell

**Carried**

**05/25/11 Ordinary Council Meetings – Time, Dates and Venue for 25/26**
**Recommendation:**

That:

1. Council endorse the below dates for the 2025/2026 Ordinary Council Meetings to be held at the Coonamble Council Chambers commencing at 10:30am;

27 November 2025

23 February 2026

27 April 2026

22 June 2026

24 August 2026

26 October 2026

30 November 2026

2. Council advertise on Councils website the meeting schedule for the 2025-2026 meetings including the time, date and place as stated above.

3. An Ordinary meeting of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council be held at each constituent Councils meeting chamber during the current term.

**Moved:** Member Rummary

**Seconded:** Member Garnsey

**05/25/12 Important Dates for Members - Upcoming Meetings & Events**
**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

**Moved:** Member Whiteley

**Seconded:** Member Rummary

**Carried**

Following Councillors interest in conducting and participating in a weeds tour, it was agreed that the General Manager was to organise a tour for 2026.

**05/25/13 Quarterly Biosecurity Report**

**Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Holcombe

**Seconded:** Member Kinsey

**Carried**

Member Batten noted the installation of the electronic sign boards in the Gilgandra Shire for public information. It was suggested that these boards could be utilised for high priority weeds alerts. It was noted by the Senior Biosecurity officer.

It was requested by Members that the General Manager write to Bio Security Commissioner and Local Member Mr Roy Butler extending an invitation to meet with CMCC Members to discuss current bio security matters of concern.

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in Coonamble

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12:05pm

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Chairman

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General Manager