

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COONAMBLE ON THURSDAY 27th
NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:48AM**

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 10:48am 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. It was at this time that Member Greg Whiteley confirmed his resignation as a delegate member of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council. Member Whiteley advised that Ms Penny Heuston would be nominating to be the new delegate member for Warren Shire Council in December 2025.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

06/25/01 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27th October 2025

Resolved:

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

Moved: Member Garnsey

Seconded: Member Holcombe

Carried

Public Presentation – Dr Andrew McConnachie Senior Research Scientist

Dr McConnachie provided Council with an update on the successes of the Hudson Pear Biological control program site at Grawin and Cumborah. During his presentation to council, he displayed data showing significant reductions in the number of plants found at the Grawin and Cumborah monitoring sites.

Dr McConnachie advised that funding had been secured for Grawin and Cumborah sites for the next 5 years and Stephen's Creek in the Unincorporated Area for the next 12 months. CMCC's involvement in the program was commended.

Public Presentation – Mr Manuel Moncada Audit Office of NSW

Mr Moncada from the Audit Office spoke to the 2024/2025 Audited Financials and the overall audit process for 2024/2025. He noted that the process was smooth running thanks to prompt co-operation from management staff. Mr. Moncada reported Council was in a sound financial position with no significant detail to disclose or report to Council, Mr Moncada closed his presentation to council.

06/25/02 Reports of Committees

Recommendation:

That the reports from the following committees be received and noted;

- Macquarie & Lachlan Valleys Weeds Committee General Meeting Minutes – 12.08.2025
- Macquarie & Lachlan Valleys Weeds Committee Annual General Meeting – 12.08.2025
- Macquarie & Lachlan Valleys Weeds Committee General Meeting Minutes – 23.10.2025
- Hudson Pear Taskforce Meeting Minutes – 13.05.2025
- Harrisia Cactus Taskforce Meeting Minutes – 13.05.2025

Moved: Member Rummery

Seconded: Member Kinsey

Carried

06/25/03 Council's Decision Action Report – November 2025

Resolved:

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

Moved: Member Holcombe

Seconded: Member Fisher

Carried

05/25/04 Cash and Investment Report – 31st October 2025

Resolved:

That the investment report for 31st October 2025 be received and noted.

Moved: Member Peart

Seconded: Member Garnsey

Carried

06/25/05 Government Information Public Access Act – Annual Report**Resolved:**

That;

1. the Administration Officers report be received
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2024/2025
3. the Information Commissioner be sent a link t Council's 2024/2025 Annual Report

Moved: Member Fisher

Seconded: Member Holcombe

06/25/06 PID Annual Report**Resolved:**

That;

1. the Administration Officer report be received
2. Council adopt the 2024/2025 Public Interest Disclosure Annual Report

Moved: Member Rummery

Seconded: Member Garnsey

Carried

06/25/07 Audited Financials Statements and Audit Report**Recommendation:**

That the Council receive the Audited Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Moved: Member Whiteley

Seconded: Member Garnsey

Carried

Chairman Batten called for thoughts on public awareness campaigns given the healthy financial position of CMCC. There was discussion amongst members regarding this. It was suggested by Member Holcombe that Council consider suggestions from Biocontrol officers. Member Whiteley commented that keeping a surplus in the bank account would be of benefit to council as grant funding isn't secured income.

06/25/08 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – September 2025**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th September 2025 as tabled.

Moved: Member Garnsey

Seconded: Member Holcombe

Carried

06/25/09 Annual Report 202/2025**Resolved:**

That Council formally adopts its Annual Report for 2024/2025.

Moved: Member Peart

Seconded: Member Bell

Carried

06/25/10 Important Dates for Members - Upcoming Meetings & Events**Recommendation:**

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

Moved: Member Holcombe

Seconded: Member Bell

Carried

06/25/11 Quarterly Biosecurity Report**Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted.

Moved: Member Fisher

Seconded: Member Garnsey

Carried

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Monday 23rd February 2026 in Coonamble

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 11:37am

Chairman

General Manager