

## CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COONAMBLE ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:31AM

**PRESENT:** Member D Batten, Member N Kinsey, Member P Fisher, Member M Cooke, Member D Bell, Member G Peart, Member P Heuston and Member Z Holcombe.

**ABSENT:** Member G Rummery and Member M Garnsey

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

**WELCOME:** Meeting was opened at 10:31am and Chairman Member Batten, welcomed all Members and staff to the meeting.

Member Penny Heuston, Warren Shire Council read the Councillor Oath as per Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993.

#### 01/26/01 Leave of Absence

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence from Member Rumery and Member Garnsey is accepted and a leave of absence is granted.

**Moved:** Member Fisher

**Seconded:** Member Bell

**Carried**

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 01/26/02 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Member Fisher

**Seconded:** Member Kinsey

**Carried**

**01/26/03 Reports of Committees****Recommendation:**

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

- Cactus & Mesquite Meeting Minutes
- ARIC Committee Meeting Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Heuston

**Carried**

**01/26/04 Council's Decision Action Report – February 2026****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for February 2026 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Cooke

**Seconded:** Member Kinsey

**Carried**

*The General Manager noted that written invitations had been extended to Local Member Roy Butler and the Biosecurity Commissioner, and he was working with their staff to arrange a Teams Meeting.*

**01/26/05 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 25-23 to 25-24 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Peart

**Seconded:** Member Holcombe

**Carried**

**01/26/06 Cash and Investment Reports – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 31<sup>st</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026****Recommendation:**

That the investment report for 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Member Kinsey

**Seconded:** Member Bell

**Carried**

**01/26/07 Adoption Of Model Code Of Meeting Practice****Resolved:**

That: Council have not received any submissions from the community, formally adopts the “Code of Meeting Practice” as tabled.

**Moved:** Member Holcombe  
**Seconded:** Member Heuston

**Carried**

*11:00am – The Senior Biosecurity Officer joined the meeting.*

**01/26/08 Second Quarter Operational Plan 2025/2026 & Half Yearly Annual Delivery Program****Resolved:**

That Council accepts the progress made on the 2025/2026 Operational Plan as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and half yearly Delivery Program.

**Moved:** Member Peart  
**Seconded:** Member Bell

**Carried****01/26/09 Quarterly budget review statement – December 2025****Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as tabled.

**Moved:** Member Fisher  
**Seconded:** Member Peart

**Carried****01/26/10 Home Internet Reimbursement - Policy****Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the “Home Internet Reimbursement” policy effective 23rd February 2026.

**Moved:** Member Kinsey  
**Seconded:** Member Holcombe

**Carried**

**01/26/11 Staff Uniform and PPE - Policy****Recommendation:**

That Council adopts the “staff Uniform and PPE” policy.

**Moved:** Member Peart

**Seconded:** Member Heuston

**Carried**

**01/26/12 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**

**01/26/13 Quarterly Biosecurity Report****Resolved:**

That;

1. the report be received and noted and
2. the General Manager write to Walgett Shire Council expressing concern following grader activity through the Hudson Pear Monitoring site at Calrose TSR.

**Moved:** Member Fisher

**Seconded:** Member Kinsey

**Carried**

*The Senior Bio Security Officer provided Council with information following recent grader operations in the Calrose TSR, where Hudson Pear had been identified and ongoing monitoring was being conducted.*

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting will be advised to all Members, following the announcement of the ANZAC Day public holiday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (the scheduled meeting date.)

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 11:38am

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Chairman

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General Manager