

ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2025

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Community Room, 115 Dubbo Street Warren on Thursday 24th April 2025 commencing at 8:45 am

Present:

COUNCILLORS GJ Whiteley Chair and Mayor

SJ Derrett Deputy Mayor

PJ Heuston
RA Jackson
RL McKay
DDW Cleasby
ME Kelly
P Serdity
NRG Kinsey
DJ McCloskey

AJ Brewer

STAFF MEMBERS G Woodman General Manager (GM)

B Pascoe Divisional Manager Finance & Administration (DMFA)

S Otieno Divisional Manager Engineering Services (DMES)

J Burtenshaw Executive Assistant (EA) (Minute Taker)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Wass who was absent due to external commitments, and it was **MOVED** McCloskey/Kinsey that the apology be accepted and a leave of absence for the member concerned be granted.

Carried 82.4.25

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED Serdity/Kinsey that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 27th March 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

Carried 83.4.25

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil.

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MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Roads Committee (C14-3.22)

MOVED Kinsey/Kelly that the Minutes of the Roads Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 be received and noted and the following recommendations be adopted:

Item 5.1 Droving of Loose Animals on Shire Road Policy

(P13-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Droving of Loose Animals on Council Roads Policy be incorporated and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.2 Issue of Temporary Grazing Permits on Council Controlled Dedicated Public Roads Where Travelling Stock Routes Do Not Exist Policy

(R4-18, R7-1, R7-3, F2-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst The proposed changes to the Draft Issue of Temporary Grazing Permits on Council Controlled Dedicated Public Roads where Travelling Stock Routes Do Not Exist Policy be incorporated, and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.3 Stock Control on Council Controlled Dedicated Public Roads Policy (P8-3, P4-1, F2-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Stock Control on Council Controlled Dedicated Public Roads Policy be incorporated and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.4 Proposed Combination – Stock Control on Council Roads Reserves Policy (P8-3, P4-1, F2-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Proposed Combination - Stock Control on Council Roads Reserves Policy be incorporated and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.5 Rural Vehicular Access Policy

(R4-21)

DMES – A Chk Lst 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Rural Vehicular Access Policy be incorporated and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.6 Urban Vehicular Access Policy

(R4-21)

DMES – 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Urban Vehicular Access Policy be incorporated and the A Chk Lst Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Item 5.7 Stock Grids Policy

(R2-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst 2. The proposed changes to the Draft Stock Grid and Gates Policy be incorporated and the Draft Policy be reported to a future Council Meeting.

Carried 84.4.25

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CONTINUED

Plant Committee (C14-3.8)

MOVED Kinsey/Kelly that the Minutes of the Plant Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 be received and noted.

Carried 85.4.25

Manex (C14-3.4)

MOVED Derrett/McKay that the Minutes of the Manex Meeting held on Monday, 14th April 2025 be received and noted.

Carried

86.4.25

DELEGATES REPORTS

Item 1 Alliance of Western Councils

(C14-6.5)

MOVED Derrett/Heuston that the Draft Minutes of the Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting held on Friday, 7th March 2025 be received and noted.

Carried

87.4.25

Item 2 Central West Zone Library Meeting

(L2-7)

MOVED Serdity/Heuston that the Delegates Report of the Central West Zone Library Meeting and Minutes of the NSW Public Libraries Association Central West Zone Meeting held on Friday, 21st March 2025 be received and noted.

Carried

88.4.25

Item 3 The Association of Mining & Energy Related Council's Meeting (C14-6.3)

MOVED McKay/Jackson that the Draft Minutes of the Association of Mining & Energy Related Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 27th March 2025 be received and noted.

Carried

89.4.25

Item 4 Outback Arts AGM and General Meetings

(C17-2)

MOVED Jackson/McKay that the Minutes of the Outback Arts AGM and General Meetings held on Monday, 31st March 2025 be received and noted.

Carried

90.4.25

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DELEGATES REPORTS CONTINUED

Item 5 Warren Interagency Support Services

(C3-9)

MOVED Derrett/McCloskey that the Minutes of the Warren Interagency Support Services held on Thursday, 10th April 2025 be received and noted.

Carried 91.4.25

POLICY

General Manager Reports

Item 1 Employee Assistance Program Policy

(P13-1, S12-1)

MOVED Brewer/Serdity that:

GM – A Chk Lst

- The information be received and noted; and
- 2. The reviewed Employee Assistance Program Policy be adopted.

Carried 92.4.25

Item 2 Review of Motor Vehicle Policy

(P13-1, S12-20)

GM – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Motor Vehicle Policy.

Carried

93.4.25

Item 3 Review of Loss of Drivers Licence Policy

(P13-1, S12-29)

GM – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Loss of Drivers Licence Policy.

Carried

94.4.25

Item 4 Review of Secondary Employment Policy

(P13-1, S12-1)

GM – A Chk Lst MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Secondary Employment Policy.

Carried

95.4.25

Item 5 Review of Media Policy

(P13-1, C8-1, M4)

GM – A Chk Lst MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Media Policy.

Carried

96.4.25

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POLICY CONTINUED Item 6 **Review of Councillor Access to Information Policy** (C14-1, P13-1) MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Councillor Access to Information Policy. GM - A Chk Lst Carried 97.4.25 **Review of Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy** Item 7 (C14-1, P13-1) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy. GM - A Chk Lst Carried 98.4.25 Item 8 **Review of Complaints Management Policy** (S12-10, P13-1) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Complaints Management Policy. GM - A Chk Lst Carried 99.4.25 Item 9 **Review of Council's Social Media Policy** (A1-9.1, P13-1) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that: GM - A Chk Lst 1. The information be received and noted; and 2. The reviewed Social Media Policy with no changes be adopted by Council. Carried 100.4.25 Item 10 **Review of Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy** (P13-1, C14-5.1) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that: GM - A Chk Lst 1. The information be received and noted; 2. The reviewed Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy with minor amendments as detailed within the report, be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days; and 3. Subject to no adverse submissions being received, the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as amended be adopted. Carried 101.4.25 Item 11 **Review of Gifts and Benefits Policy** (P13-1, A7-6) MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Council adopt the reviewed Gifts and Benefits Policy. GM - A Chk Lst Carried 102.4.25

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POLICY CONTINUED

Divisional Manager Finance & Administration Reports

Item 12 Communications Devices Policy

(P13-1)

DMFA – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Communication Devices Policy be adopted, with minor amendments.

Carried **103.4.25**

Item 13 Public Interest Disclosure Policy

(P13-1, A1-3.3)

DMFA – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that:

- 1. The information be received and noted;
- 2. The Public Interest Disclosure Policy detailed within the report, be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days; and
- 3. Subject to no adverse submissions being received, the Public Interest Disclosure Policy be adopted.

Carried **104.4.25**

Item 14 Financial Hardship Policy

(R1-4, P13-1)

DMFA – A Chk Lst MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Financial Hardship Policy be adopted as amended.

Carried

105.4.25

Item 15 Corporate Credit Card Policy

(P13-1, A1-9.1)

DMFA – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Corporate Credit Card Policy be adopted as provided, with only minor amendments.

Carried 106.4.25

Divisional Manager Engineering Services Reports

Item 16 Water Meter Policy

(P13-1, W1-1)

DMES – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Water Meter Policy be adopted, with minor amendments.

Carried

107.4.25

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POLICY CONTINUED Item 17 **Water Carters Policy** (P13-1, W1-1) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Water Carters Policy be adopted, with minor amendments. DMES - A Chk Lst Carried 108.4.25 **Water and Sewerage Pricing Policy** (P13-1, W1-1) Item 18 MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Water and Sewerage Pricing Policy be adopted, with minor DMES - A Chk Lst amendments. Carried 109.4.25 Sewerage Junctions, Connections, Maintenance & Responsibilities Policy Item 19 (P13-1, S5-1, W1-1) DMES - A MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Sewerage Junctions, Connections, Maintenance & Chk Lst Responsibilities Policy be adopted, with minor amendments. **Carried** 110.4.25 **On-Site Sewage Management Systems (Septics) Policy** (P13-1, S5-1, W1-1) DMES - A MOVED Brewer/Serdity that On-Site Sewage Management Systems (Septics) Policy be adopted, Chk Lst with minor amendments. Carried 111.4.25 **Drinking Water Quality Policy** Item 21 (P13-1, W1-1) DMES - A MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Drinking Water Quality Policy be adopted, with minor amendments. Chk Lst Carried 112.4.25 **Backflow Prevention Policy** Item 22 (P13-1, W1-1) DMES - A **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Backflow Prevention Policy be adopted, with minor amendments. Chk Lst Carried 113.4.25

Item 23 Construction in the Vicinity of and Protection of Council Underground Assets Policy (P13-1, S5-1, W1-1)

DMES – A **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that Construction in the Vicinity of and Protection of Council Chk Lst Underground Assets Policy be adopted, with minor amendments.

Carried **114.4.25**

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POLICY CONTINUED Item 24 **Line Marking of Sporting Fields Policy** (P13-1, W1-1) DMES - A MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Line Marking of Sporting Fields Policy be adopted, with minor Chk Lst amendments. Carried 115.4.25 Item 25 Utilisation of Council Plant and Equipment by Charitable, Service, Voluntary and Community Organisations Policy (P2-1, P2-11) DMES - A Chk Lst MOVED Brewer/Serdity that Utilisation of Council Plant and Equipment by Charitable, Service, Voluntary and Community Organisations Policy be adopted, with minor amendments. Carried 116.4.25 **Manager Health and Development Services Private Swimming Pool and Barrier Inspection Policy** Item 26 (P13-1, S19-1) MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Private Swimming Pool and Barrier Inspection Policy be adopted, MHD - A Chk Lst with minor amendments. Carried 117.4.25 Item 27 **Community Awareness - Activity Development Policy** (P13-1, P15-10) MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Community Awareness - Activity Development Policy be MHD - A Chk Lst adopted. Carried 118.4.25 Item 28 **Companion and Feral Animal Policy** (P13-1, P15-10) **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Companion and Feral Animal Policy be re-adopted. MHD - A Chk Lst Carried 119.4.25 Item 29 **Keeping of Stock in Residential Areas Policy** (P13-1, L3-7.1) MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Keeping of Stock in Residential Areas Policy be re-adopted. MHD - A Chk Lst **Carried** 120.4.25

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POLICY CONTINUED

Item 30 Working Dogs Policy

(P13-1, D5-1)

MHD – A Chk Lst MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Working Dogs Policy be re-adopted.

Carried

121.4.25

Item 31 Keeping of Horses Policy

(P13-1, D5-1)

MHD – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Serdity that the Keeping of Horses Policy be re-adopted.

Carried

122.4.25

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Item 1 Outstanding Reports Checklist

(C14-7.4)

EA - N **MOVED** Serdity/Cleasby that the information be received and noted and that the items marked with an asterisk (*) be deleted.

At this point in the meeting, the time being 9.25 am Councillor McKay left the meeting room.

At this point in the meeting the time being 9.28 am, Councillor McKay returned to the meeting room.

Carried 123.4.25

In recognition of Warren being a healthy town and to keep awareness of a healthy lifestyle, Council will be standing while dealing with Item 2 of the General Manager's report.

Item 2 Committee/Delegates Meetings

(C14-2)

MOVED McCloskey/Heuston that the information be received and noted.

Carried

124.4.25

Item 3 Works Progress Reports – Infrastructure Projects

(C14-7.1, G4-1)

MOVED Kelly/Jackson that the information be received and noted.

At this point in the meeting, the time being 9.38 am Councillor Brewer left the meeting room.

At this point in the meeting the time being 9.39 am, Councillor Brewer returned to the meeting room.

Carried **125.4.25**

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

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Item 4 2025 Local Roads Congress – IPWEA (NSW)

(R4-13.2)

GM – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Serdity/Brewer that:

- 1. The information be received and noted; and
- Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and up to two (2) interested Councillors being Councillor McCloskey and Councillor Kinsey with the General Manager and Divisional Manager Engineering Services or nominee to the 2025 Local Roads Congress - IPWEA (NSW) on Monday, 2nd June 2025.

At this point in the meeting, the time being 9.40 am Councillor Jackson left the meeting room.

Carried 126.4.25

Item 5 Draft 2025/2026 Operational Plan and 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 Delivery Program (A4-4.1/1)

GM – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Serdity/Kinsey that Council advertise the Draft 2025/2026 Operational Plan in conjunction with the Draft 2025/2026 Estimates and 2025/2026 – 2028/2029 Delivery Program inviting written public submissions and comments up until 4.00 pm Thursday 29th May, 2025.

At this point in the meeting the time being 9.42 am, Councillor Jackson returned to the meeting room.

Carried 127.4.25

Item 6

Windows on the Wetlands Centre Precinct - EV Charging Stations

(C13-105, G4-1-84)

GM – A Chk Lst **MOVED** McCloskey/Serdity that Council:

- 1. Pursuant to Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, not to accept any quotations received for Contract No. C13-105 for the 60kW charger at VIC, and instead authorise the General Manager to enter into and finalise negotiations with Streamline Energy Group Pty Ltd to install one 22kW charger at each of the following locations:
 - a) Windows on the Wetlands Centre (VIC)
 - b) Dubbo Street (Council Administration Centre)
 - c) Carter Oval Sporting Precinct Car Park;
- 2. Confirms that LRCI Phase 4 funding be applied to this revised project scope and authorises the General Manager to finalise contracts with Streamline Energy Group Pty Ltd;
- 3. Refers the Dubbo Street site to the Warren Traffic Committee for review of on-street parking arrangements; and
- 4. Authorises affixing the Council Seal to Contract No. C13-105 to Undertake the Design, Supply & Installation of EV Charger at Visitor Information Centre, Warren NSW.

Carried **128.4.25**

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DIVISIONAL MANAGER FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS

Item 1 Reconciliation Certificate – February 2025

(B1-10.16)

MOVED Derrett/Kinsey that the Statements of Bank and Investments Balances as at 31st March 2025 be received and noted.

Carried **129.4.25**

DIVISIONAL MANAGER FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS

CONTINUED

Item 2 Statement of Rates and Annual Charges

(R1-4)

MOVED Serdity/Cleasby that the Statement of Rates and Annual Charges information as at 7th April 2025 be received and noted.

Carried 130.4.25

Item 3 Works Progress Reports – Finance & Administration Projects (C14-7.1, C9-1)

MOVED Jackson/Heuston that the information be received and noted.

Carried **131.4.25**

Item 4 2025/2026 Draft Estimates

(E4-45)

MOVED Serdity/Cleasby that Council advertise the Draft 2025/2026 Estimates inviting written public submissions and comment up until 4.00 pm on Thursday 29th May 2025.

Carried 132.4.25

Item 5 Warren Shire Librarian's Operations Report

(L2-2)

MOVED Serdity/McKay that the information be received and noted.

Carried **133.4.25**

MORNING TEA

At this point in the meeting, the time being 10.17 am, Council adjourned for Morning Tea.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed at 10.37 am.

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DIVISIONAL MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS

Item 1 Works Progress Reports - Roads (C14-7.2)

MOVED Kelly/McCloskey that the information be received and noted.

Carried

134.4.25

Item 2 Works Progress Reports – Town Services (C14-7.2)

MOVED McKay/Heuston that the information be received and noted.

Carried

135.4.25

Item 3 Works Progress Reports – Plant (P2-3)

MOVED Kelly/Kinsey that the information be received and noted.

Carried

136.4.25

Item 4 Procurement – "Preferred Supplier" Status for Provision of Small Motor Vehicles (C14-3.8, P2-1)

DMES – A MOVED McKay/Serdity that all local Motor Vehicle Dealers be formally appointed as the preferred supplier/s of small motor vehicles including sedans (cars), SUV's (Sport Utility Vehicle's) and utilities for the Warren Shire Council for an additional two-year period ending 30th June 2027 in accordance with the Approved Government Discount.

Carried **137.4.25**

Item 5 Team Penning Membership Application to the Showground/Racecourse Committee (C14-3.2, S7-1)

DMES – A MOVED Cleasby/Jackson Council modifies the composition of the Showground/Racecourse
Chk Lst Management Committee from 16 members to 17 members to include 1 representative from the
Warren Team Penning Inc.

Carried **138.4.25**

MANAGER HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

Item 1 Development Application Approvals (B4-9)

MOVED Serdity/Jackson that the information be received and noted.

Carried **139.4.25**

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MANAGER HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

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Item 2 Works Progress Reports – Health and Development Services

(C14-7.3)

MOVED Kelly/Kinsey that the information be received and noted.

Carried **140.4.25**

NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the Council proceed into the Committee of the Whole Closed Council, the time being 10.55 am to consider matters in accordance with *Section 10A (2) (d)(i)* of the Local Government Act.

Carried **141.4.25**

MOVED Brewer/Serdity that the press and the public are to be excluded from the Committee of the Whole Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A (2) (d)(i) of the Local Government Act.

Carried **142.4.25**

Council resumed in Open Council at 11.14 am.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Item 1 Warren Levee Bank Rehabilitation & Riverbank Rock Armouring Works

(C13-103, G4-1.89)

MOVED Brewer/Cleasby that:

GM – A Chk Lst

- 1. Council receives and notes the information in this report regarding the proposed completion of the Infrastructure Project Warren Levee Bank Rehabilitation and Riverbank Rock Armouring Works.
- 2. In accordance with the provisions of Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 under the Local Government Act 1993, the tender submitted by MGN Civil Pty Ltd, in the recommended tender amount of \$4,164,088.00 (excluding GST), be accepted for Contract No. C13-103 Warren Levee Bank Rehabilitation and Riverbank Rock Armouring Works, Warren NSW.
- 3. Council authorises the affixing of the Seal of Council to Contract No. C13-103 for the Warren Levee Bank Rehabilitation and Riverbank Rock Armouring Works, Warren NSW.

Carried 143.4.25

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	CONTINUED

REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Item 2 Provision of Plant Hire and Minor Works 2025 (C13-104)

DMES – A Chk Lst **MOVED** Brewer/Kelly that:

- Council, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, formally agree
 to accept the analysis of the tender evaluation, for the Contract C13-104 Provision of Casual
 Plant Hire and Minor Works 2025; and
- The Council accepts the tenders as a panel contract, from the thirty-nine (39) tenderers listed
 on the Evaluation Results section and Attachments of this report for RFT C13-104 Provision
 of Casual Plant Hire and Minor Works 2025 for a period of one year ending April 30, 2026.

Carried **144.4.25**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.17 am.

THESE MINUTES WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 22ND MAY 2025 AS BEING A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MINUTE NO. .5.25

GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR