

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HAY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LACHLAN STREET HAY AT 1.00PM ON 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

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**PRESENT:**Councillors: Mayor Cr C Oataway (Chair), Cr M Quinn, Cr G Chapman, Cr L Garner, Cr W Miller, Cr J Perry, Cr P Porter, Cr D Tapper, General Manager David Webb, Deputy General Manager – Mark Dowling, Executive Manager – People and Governance – Kirstyn Thronder and Executive Assistant Kerry McRae

**Apology:** Nil

*This meeting was audio recorded.*

**Request to attend by Audio Visual Link:** Nil

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**25- 41 Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be confirmed.

(Perry/Tapper)

**Declaration of Interest** - Nil

**Mayoral Report**

**M1 Mayoral Report**

**25-42 Resolved** that:

- (a) Council: notes the information provided in the report; and
- (b) A report be brought to Council on a proposed motion to LGNSW Annual Conference to split the organisation between Metropolitan and Country Councils.

(Garner/Perry)

**Delegate Report**

Murray Darling Association – Cr Geoff Chapman

**25-43 Resolved** that Council authorises attendance to the Murray Darling Association 81st National Conference will be held in Griffith, NSW, from 29th September until 2nd October 2025 by Crs Chapman and Porter.

(Quinn/Garner)

**General Manager's Reports**

**Action Plan Report**

The report was received and noted.

**C1      Development Applications for 14<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

That Council notes the list of Development Applications for 14<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**C2      RAMJO Update**

**25-44**      That Council:

- (a) Does not accept or pay the \$30,000 fee requested by RAMJO for the 2025/2026 financial year; and
- (b) Writes to the Minister for Local Government seeking a release from RAMJO.

(Perry/Quinn)

**C3      Financial Assistance Grants**

**25-45**      That Council:

- (a) Notes the information provided in the report;
- (b) Submits a motion to both ALGA 2025 National General Assembly and LGNSW 2025 Annual Conferences as follows:

(i) ALGA National General Assembly:

**Motion:**

That ALGA:

1. Calls on the Federal Government to immediately review and adapt the current methodology for the distribution of the Financial Assistance Grants, to ensure the principles of Horizontal Fiscal Equalization are correctly applied and that the funds are distributed to those Councils with the greatest need.
2. Notes that the call for the correct implementation of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation complements the current position of ALGA, which advocates for Financial Assistance Grants funding from the Federal Government to be restored to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue, up from the current, inadequate 0.53%.

(ii) LGNSW Annual Conference:

**Motion:**

That LGNSW:

1. Calls on the NSW Government and the NSW Grants Commission to immediately review and adapt the current methodology for the distribution of the Financial Assistance Grants from the Federal Government, to ensure the principles of Horizontal Fiscal Equalization are correctly applied in NSW and that the funds are distributed to those Councils with the greatest need.
2. Notes that the call for the correct implementation of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation in NSW complements the current position of LGNSW, which advocates for Financial Assistance Grants funding from the Federal Government to be restored to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue, up from the current, inadequate 0.53%.

(Tapper/Quinn)

**C4 Long Term Financial Plan and Revenue Policy**

**25-46 Resolved** that Council:

- a) Places the Draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition for community consultation until 6 June 2025, in accordance with Section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- b) Endorses the Draft Delivery and Operational Plan 2025/26, including the Draft Revenue Policy and Draft 10-Year Long Term Financial Plan (as attached to this report), for public exhibition from 5 May 2025 to 6 June 2025;
- c) Conducts community information drop-in sessions to support public consultation on the draft documents, with sessions to be held in the villages of Maude and Booligal, as well as two sessions in Hay and sessions with the Youth Taskforce, Haydays residents, and people with disabilities; and
- d) Considers all feedback and proposed amendments arising from the exhibition period for inclusion in the final documents, to be presented for adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting in June 2025.

(Perry/Quinn)

**C5 Council Meeting Date Adjustments and Christmas/New Year Closure Proposal**

**25-47 Resolved** that Council adopt the Notice to rescind Motion C11 Council Meeting Council Meeting Date Adjustments and Christmas/New Year Closure Proposal from March 2025 Council Ordinary Meeting.

(Garner/Perry)

**25-48 Resolved** that:

- a. The June 2025 Ordinary meeting of Council be held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025;
- b. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Garner and General Manager attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly to be held in Canberra in June 2025 and the Mayor be the authorised voting delegate;
- c. The November 2025 Ordinary meeting of Council be held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025;
- d. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Chapman, Garner, Perry, Porter and General Manager attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held in Penrith in November 2025 and the Mayor be the authorised voting delegate;
- e. The December 2025 Ordinary meeting of Council be held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025;
- f. The January 2026 Ordinary meeting of Council be abandoned; and
- g. The Administration Centre, Library, and Operations close from 4pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and reopen Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

(Perry/Porter)

**C6 John Houston Memorial Swimming Pool Replacement Project**

That Council notes the information provided and the actions being undertaken.

**C7 Monthly Financial Report – March 2025**

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

**C8 Circulars and other Government Correspondence**

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

**C9 Tourism & Economic Development March/April 2025**

**25-49 Resolved** that Council:

- a. Notes the information in the report; and
- b. Authorises the design and printing of an updated Long Paddock brochure funded from the Long Paddock Reserve.

(Perry/Garner)

**C10 Library Report March 2025**

That Council receives and notes the report provided.

**C11 Major Projects Update**

That Council notes the information provided in the report and the actions being undertaken.

**C12 Operations Monthly Update Report**

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

**Reports of Council Committees:**

- Hay Showground Management Committee Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**25-50 Resolved** that Council notes the Committees meeting minutes, and any recommendations contained within be adopted.

(Perry/Porter)

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2.29pm.

Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cr Carol Oataway  
Mayor