

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Canowindra, on
Wednesday, 18 June 2025, commencing at 10.07am**

Present

Cr. Andrew Rawson	(Chairperson)	Cabonne
Cr. Craig Gosewisch	(Deputy Chairperson)	Blayney
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
Cr. Jan Parlett		Weddin
Charlie Harris	(General Manager)	
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
Lynette Safranek	(Corporate Service Manager)	
Achal Deo	(Governance & Executive Support Officer)	

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY MEMBERS

25/032 RESOLVED:

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr Marlene Nash following receipt of an apology for non-attendance.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1) MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2025

25/033 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 16 April 2025, being minute numbers 25/013 to 25/026 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

5.2) MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2025

25/034 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 7 May 2025, being minute numbers 25/027 to 25/031 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Andrew Rawson represented CTW at:

- WHS Workshop – Canowindra- 16 April 2025
- CTW Extraordinary Meeting- Canowindra- 7 May 2025
- CNSWJO Meeting– 19 May 2025
- CTW Well-Being Day – Canowindra – 21 May 2025
- Murray Darling Basin – 28 May 2025
- JO Meeting – 29 May 2025
- Pipeline Meeting Orange Mayor & General Manager – 13 June 2025
- Water Portfolio Mayors Meeting – 18 June 2025

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. REPORTS OF STAFF

12.1) NATIONAL WATER GRID FUNDING - STAGE 2 SUB-REGIONAL TOWN WATER STRATEGY (WS.SD.2)

25/035 MOTION:

That Council endorses the application for Stage 2 of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy to the National Water Grid Fund.

Moved: Cr Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch

AMENDMENT:

An amendment was moved by the chairperson, Cr. Rawson:

That Council:

1. Be Provided a report stage 1 of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy at the next Council meeting.
2. Endorses the application for Stage 2 of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy to the National Water Grid Fund.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was put.

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Be provided a report on stage 1 of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy at the next Council meeting.
2. Endorses the application for Stage 2 of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy to the National Water Grid Fund.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

12.2) LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2025 (CM.CF.1)

25/036 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the early bird registration of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Cr. Paul Best as an alternative Councillor, to accompany the General Manager and Executive Manager Operations & Technical Services to attend the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2025 in Albury from 9 to 11 September 2025.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

12.3) INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING (GO.PR.1)

25/037 RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Sections 402-406 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clause 219 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, and following the statutory period of 28 days of public exhibition, Council now resolve to adopt the following draft plans:

- a) Business Activity Strategic Plan
- b) Operational Plan 2025-26
- c) Long Term Financial Plan 2025-2035
- d) Delivery Program 2025-2029
- e) Workforce Management Plan 2022-2026
- f) Asset Management Plan 2025

(Cr. Best /Cr. Newstead)

Carried

12.4) POLICY REVIEW: WORK HEALTH & SAFETY (CM.PL.1)

25/038 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse the updated Work Health & Safety (WHS) Policy.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

12.5) LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE REGISTER (CM.PO.1)**25/039 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Legislative Compliance Register report.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

12.6) CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE (RM.PC.1)**25/040 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Corporate Services Update Report.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Best)

Carried

12.7) POLICY REVIEW: DIALYSIS REBATE POLICY (CM.PO.1)**25/041 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Dialysis Rebate Policy;
2. Place the Dialysis Rebate Policy on public display for a period of 28 days; and
3. If no substantial submissions are received during the public display period, the Policy be adopted.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

12.8) MEETING TIMES AND DATES (GO.CO.2)**25/042 MOTION**

That Council hold its Ordinary Meetings between October 2025 and December 2026 on the following date:

22 October 2025	-	Canowindra
26 November 2025	-	Blayney
17 December 2025	-	Grenfell
18 February 2026	-	Canowindra
15 April 2026	-	Blayney

20 May 2026	-	Grenfell
17 June 2026	-	Canowindra
19 August 2026	-	Blayney
26 October 2026	-	Grenfell
25 November 2026	-	Canowindra

MOVED:

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

AMENDMENT

That Council defer this report for further consideration and report back to the August 2025 meeting.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)
Carried

12.9) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL (GR.LR.4)

25/043 RESOLVED:

That Council endorse its policy of paying the maximum fees to the Chairperson and Members of Central Tablelands County Council, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Category County Council – Water.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)
Carried

12.10) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025 (FM.BA.1)

25/044 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Cash and Investments at 31 May 2025 be noted.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)
Carried

12.11) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 MARCH, 2025 (FM.FR.1)

25/045 RESOLVED:

That Council adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2025 and the variations therein be voted.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Gosewisch)
Carried

12.12) PROPOSED CHANGES TO QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT REPORTING (FM.FR.1)

25/046 RESOLVED:

That Council note the proposed changes to the Quarterly Budget Review Statement requirements by the Office of Local Government.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)
Carried

12.13) 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN - MAKING OF FEES AND CHARGES
(FM.PL.1)

25/047 RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Sections 501, 502, 503, 539, 541, and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following water charges for the 12 months commencing 1 July 2025:

Water User Charges

Residential/ Rural	\$4.12 per kilolitre
Non-Residential	\$4.12 per kilolitre
Industrial	\$4.12 per kilolitre
Non-Potable Water	\$3.30 per kilolitre
Standpipe Sales	\$10.50 per kilolitre
Temporary Access Standpipe	\$6.20 per kilolitre
Automatic Filling Stations	\$9.00 per kilolitre
Bulk Water	\$2.47 per kilolitre

Water Availability Charges – Per Annum

20mm	\$352.00
25mm	\$550.00
32mm	\$902.00
40mm	\$1,408.00
50mm	\$2,200.00
80mm	\$5,632.00
100mm	\$8,800.00
150mm	\$19,800.00
200mm	\$35,200.00
Fire Service (Fire Use only)	\$352.00
Unconnected Built upon Properties	\$176.00
Unconnected Vacant Properties	\$176.00
Developer Charge (per ET)	\$7,351.00
Capital Contribution Charge (per ET)	\$7,351.00

2. That in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council charge interest on overdue water charges at a rate of 10.50% for the 12-month period commencing 1 July, 2025.
3. That all remaining fees and charges be made.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Best)
Carried

Proceedings in brief:

The meeting was adjourned at 12.35pm and recommenced at 1.05pm

(Cr Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)
Carried

12.14) PROJECT UPDATES (CA.PJ.1)

25/048 RESOLVED:

That Council note the update on the various projects currently underway.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)
Carried

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

25/049 RESOLVED:

That, as the business for the Ordinary Meeting has now concluded, Council Proceed into Committee of the Whole to discuss the items referred to in the report.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Parlett)
Carried

14.1) ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT (CM.AG.12)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) (di) (dii) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

25/050 RESOLVED:

That Council note the confidential report on Council electricity procurement.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)
Carried

25/051 RESOLVED:

That, as the deliberation of the Committee is concluded, the Council reconvene the Ordinary Meeting.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)
Carried

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

25/052 RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Confidential reports be adopted.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

15. LATE REPORTS

Nil

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Blayney on Wednesday, 20 August 2025 at 10am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 1.35pm.