

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Grenfell, on Thursday, 30 April 2026, commencing at 10.30am

Present

Cr. Andrew Rawson	Chairperson	Cabonne
Cr. Craig Gosewisch	Deputy Chairperson	Blayney
Cr. Jan Parlett		Weddin
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Marlene Nash		Cabonne
Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
Charlie Harris	General Manager	
Claire Wright	Executive Management Accountant	
Lynette Safranek	Executive Manager Corporate Services	
Achal Deo	Governance & Executive Support Officer	

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

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1) MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026

26/015 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 18 February 2026, being minute numbers 26/001 to 26/014 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Nash)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest declared.

(Cr. Gosewisch/ Cr. Nash)

Carried

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES**26/016 RESOLVED:**

That the General Manager brings a report to the next Board Meeting in June, based on the Council direction given at this meeting, that further clarifies the Rural Water Supply policy, for Council endorsement.

(Chairperson, Cr. Rawson)

9. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STAFF**11.1) OPERATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES (CA.PJ.1)****26/017 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the update provided on operations and projects currently underway.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.2) LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2026 (CM.CF.1)**26/018 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the attendance of two Councillors and the General Manager to the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2026 in Ballina from 2-4 September.
2. That the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson or alternate Councillor/s, and the General Manager be registered.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.3) APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL LEAVE - GENERAL MANAGER (PE.LE.1)**26/019 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Approve annual leave for the period requested by the General Manager, and

2. The Executive Manager Corporate Services be appointed as Acting General Manager, with associated delegations during this period of leave.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.4) INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026 AND 31 MARCH 2026 (FM.BA.1)

26/020 RESOLVED:

That Council note the report on Cash and Investments at 28 February 2026 and 31 March 2026.

(Cr. Nash/Deputy Mayor. Gosewisch)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.5) DEBT RECOVERY (FM.AC.1)

26/021 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Debt Recovery report.

(Cr. Newstead/Deputy Mayor. Gosewisch)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.6) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - 31 MARCH 2026 (FM.FR.1)

26/022 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 and the variations therein be voted.
2. Dissolve the Development Assistance Fund and disburse remaining funds as per recommendation 5 – 7.
3. Establish a Drought Fund Internal Restriction
4. Establish an IT Fund Internal Restriction
5. Transfer \$200,000 from the Development Assistance Fund to the Drought Fund
6. Transfer \$250,000 from the Development Assistance Fund to the IT Fund
7. Transfer \$11,389 from the Development Assistance Fund to the Plant Renewal Fund

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.7) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)**26/023 RESOLVED:**

That Council Note the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Minutes for the meeting held on 25 February 2026.

(Deputy Mayor. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.8) POLICY REVIEWS (CM.PL.1)**26/024 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the following policies and place them on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:
 - Complaints Management
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Debt Recovery and Hardship
2. If no substantial submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the documents are considered to be adopted.
3. Remove the *Gathering Information* Policy from the CTW policy register, due to it being turned into a Procedure.
4. Policies endorsed under this Recommendation shall take precedence over previous Council resolutions where applicable.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Nash)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

11.9) 2026 INTERGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING (IP&R) (GO.PR.1)**26/025 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the following draft Integrated Planning & Reporting documents:
 - Business Activity Strategic Plan 2022-32
 - Delivery Program 2027-2030 and Operational Plan 2026/27
 - Long-Term Financial Plan 2027-2036
 - Annual Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy 2026/27
 - Workforce Management Strategy 2027-2030
2. Place the above documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to seek community feedback prior to adoption at the June 2026 Council meeting.

(Deputy Mayor. Gosewisch/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

Cr. Rawson, Cr. Nash, Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14. LATE REPORT

Nil

15. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Canowindra on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 10.30am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.27pm.