

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney, on
Wednesday, 26 August 2026, commencing at 11.00am**

Present

Cr. Andrew Rawson	Chairperson	Cabonne
Cr. Craig Gosewisch	Deputy Chairperson	Blayney
Cr. John Newstead		Blayney
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. Jan Parlett		Weddin
Charlie Harris	General Manager	
Claire Wright	Executive Management Accountant	
Nazrul Islam	Executive Manager Operations and Technical Services	
Achal Deo	Governance & Executive Support Officer	

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

26/047 RESOLVED

That a leave of absence be granted to Cr. Nash and Lynette Safranek, Executive Manager Corporate Services.

(Cr. Parlett/ Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1) MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2026

26/048 RESOLVED:

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 17 June 2026.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTES

8.1) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

26/049 RESOLVED:

That the Chairperson's Minute be accepted, and the contents be noted and endorsed.

Moved: Cr. Rawson, Chairperson

9. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cr. Andrew Rawson represented CTW at:

- CTRWS Steering Committee meeting - 24 July 2026
- CTW Workshop, Blayney - 5 August 2026
- CNSWJO Board Meeting, Canberra - 12 August 2026
- CNSWJO Parliamentary meetings, Canberra - 13 August 2026

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STAFF

11.1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 (CM.CF.1)

26/050 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Approve the Chairperson, Cr. Parlett as alternate, and General Manager or his representative, to attend the 2026 Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Wollongong, from 22 to 24 November 2026.
2. Appoint the Chairperson, or his chosen delegate, to be the voting delegate at the Conference.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

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

11.2) LOW COST LOANS INITIATIVE APPLICATION (FM.LO.1)

26/051 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Endorse the preparation and submission of an application for the NSW Government's Low Cost Loans Initiative program, for the upgrade of Trunk Main A and the Carcoar Water Treatment Plant.
2. Note the estimated project costs of \$8.5 million, the potential financial benefits associated with the projects, and the Low Cost Loans Initiative.
3. Resolve to fund \$779,329 from Council's infrastructure reserves for the preparation of the Preliminary works, subject to successful outcome of the application to the Low Cost Loan Initiative program.

4. Receive a future report detailing the outcomes of the funding application, and if successful, financing arrangements, project delivery considerations and impacts on the Long Term Financial Plan.

(Cr. Parlett/ Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

11.3) INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2026 (FM.BA.1)

26/052 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Investment Report for the periods 30 June 2026 and 31 July 2026.

(Cr. Newstead/ Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

11.4) REVOTE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AT 30 JUNE 2026 (FM.BA.1)

26/053 RESOLVED:

That Council revoke the capital projects, as presented in this report, from 2025/26 to the 2026/27 Operational Plan and budget.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

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

11.5) UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025/26 (FM.FR.1)

26/054 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Refer its draft Annual Financial Statements to audit in accordance with Section 416(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Endorse that the Annual Financial Statements present fairly Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports are in accordance with Council's accounting and other records.
3. State that it is not aware of any matter that would render the Annual Financial Statements false and misleading in any way.
4. In accordance with section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, authorise the Chairperson, Councillor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the Annual Financial Statements once finalised.
5. Pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegate authority to the General Manager to issue the Annual Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
6. Endorse the restrictions as listed in Note C1-3 of the General Purpose Annual Financial Statements.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

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

11.6) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS (GO.CO.3)

26/055 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Disclosure of Interests Returns submitted by Councillors and Designated Persons for the period ending 30 June 2026.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

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

11.7) AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)

26/056 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held on 6 August 2026, and
2. Adopt the draft ARIC Workplan and 2025/26 Annual Report, as endorsed by the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Newstead)

Carried

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

11.8) COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION (CA.CO.1)

26/057 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Resolve that all Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of Central Tablelands Water continue to be held at the Darrell Sligar Centre, Blayney, as the principal meeting venue for the remainder of this term of Council; and
2. Note that Councillors may attend meetings remotely by audio-visual link in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

Cr. Gosewisch, Cr. Newstead, Cr. Best, Cr. Parlett

Against: Cr. Rawson

Proceedings in brief:

Councillors asked whether a member of the public wishing to participate in a Public Forum is required to attend in person, or whether participation via an online audio-visual link is permitted.

The question was taken on notice, with a response to be provided to Council.

11.9) SECTION 356 DONATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (LS.CO.1)**26/058 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Resolve an allocation of \$2,500 for Category 1 Community Section 356 Donations and Financial Assistance applications, and
2. Resolve an allocation of \$23,251 for Category 2 Section 356 Donations and Financial Assistance for the 2026/27FY.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

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

Proceedings in brief:

Question was received on inclusion of Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival under Category 2 and the inclusion of Cabonne Council under Category 2.

The question was taken on notice, with a response to be provided to Council.

11.10) WORKFORCE STRATEGY UPDATE (CM.AG.3)**26/059 RESOLVED:**

That Council endorse the minor amendments to the organisational structure as presented.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

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

11.11) POLICY REVIEWS (CM.PL.1)**26/060 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the following policies for public exhibition for a period of 28 days:
 - Cyber Security Policy
 - Health & Wellbeing Policy
2. Note that, should no substantial submissions be received during the public exhibition period, the above policies will be deemed adopted without the need for a further report to Council.
3. a.) Adopt the *Unconnected Land Availability Charge Policy* following completion of the second public exhibition period and consideration of submissions received.
b) Retrospectively apply the new policy amendments from the introduction of the charge for any applications received under item 3 of the policy in 2026.
4. Note that policies adopted under this resolution supersede any previous Council resolutions or policy provisions to the extent of any inconsistency.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

11.12) LEGISLATIVE REGISTER (CA.CO.1)

26/061 RESOLVED:

That council:

1. Endorse the Statutory Compliance Register; and
2. Note that the register will be maintained and reviewed periodically to ensure ongoing compliance with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

(Cr. Newstead/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

11.13) CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE (CM.CP.2)

26/062 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information provided within the Corporate Services Update.

(Cr. Parlett/Cr. Gosewisch)

Carried

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

11.14) OPERATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES (CA.PJ.1)

26/063 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Operations and Project Updates report.

(Cr. Gosewisch/Cr. Parlett)

Carried

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

12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

26/064 RESOLVED

That the October Council meeting be rescheduled from 21 October 2026 to 29 October 2026, commencing at 10.30 am, with the Public Forum commencing at 10.00 am, to be held in Blayney.

(Cr. Rawson, Cr. Gosewisch)

14. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Blayney on Thursday 29 October 2026 at 10am.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.57 pm.