

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HAY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LACHLAN STREET HAY AT 1.00PM ON 25th August 2026.

PRESENT: Councillors: Cr L Garner, Cr W Miller, Cr C Oatway (Chair), Cr J Perry, Cr P Porter, Cr D Townsend, General Manager - David Webb Executive Manager Corporate Performance and Community – Kirstyn Thronder, and Executive Assistant – Kerry McRae

Request to attend by Audio Visual Link: Nil

Vale Zelda Rutledge

One minutes silence was observed for Zelda Rutledge, the wife of former Mayor & Councillor Michael Rutledge.

Apology: Cr G Chapman, Cr M Quinn

25-104 **Resolved** that Council accept the apology for Cr Chapman for the 25th of August Ordinary meeting to attend MDA annual conference.

(Miller/Townsend)

25-105 **Resolved** that Council at the May 2026 Ordinary meeting granted leave of absence to Cr Martyn Quinn for the 25th of August meeting.

(Miller/Porter)

This meeting was live streamed and recorded

Address to Council: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

26-106 **Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28th July 2026 be confirmed.

(Perry/Miller)

26-107 **Resolved** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 11th August 2026 be confirmed.

(Perry/Garner)

Declaration of Interest: Cr W Miller declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Report C1 Community Grants.

Mayoral Report

M1 Mayoral Report

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

Delegates Report: Nil

General Manager's Reports

Action Plan Report

The report was received and noted.

C01 Community Grants

26-108 Resolved that Council:

- (a) Notes the information provided in the report;
- (b) Provides financial support to Shear Outback and the Hay Tennis Club as outlined in the report;
- (c) Passes on the full cost of insurance to organisations that have exclusive use of a Council facility;
- (d) Places the draft Community Grants Application and Guidelines, Community Grants Application Form and Community Grants Acquittal Form on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- (e) Writes to organisations that have recently requested financial support to advise that Council is not providing support at this time and to invite them to make an application when Expressions of Interest are called later this year.

(Townsend/Perry)

C02 Swimming Pool Management - August 2026

26-109 Resolved that Council:

- (a) Notes the information provided in the report;
- (b) Manages the swimming pool for the 2026/27 season internally (own staff);

- (c) Awards the lease of the pool canteen for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 seasons to 'Mara On Food' and authorises the General Manager to execute the lease accordingly.

(Porter/Garner)

The motion was carried on Mayor's casting vote

C03 Circulars and other Government Correspondence

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

C04 Economic Development & Tourism July/August 2026

26-110 Resolved that Council:

- (a) Notes the information provided in the report and actions being undertaken
- (b) Adopts hire fees for Bishop Lodge Museum to include the payment of refundable bond for functions as follows:
 - (i) Functions with fewer than 50 guests: \$250 refundable bond
 - (ii) Functions with more than 50 guests: \$500 refundable bond

(Miller/Perry)

C05 Corporate Performance & Community Monthly Report: August 2026

26-111 Resolved that Council:

- (a) Notes the information provided in the report; and
- (b) Adopts the draft Waste Services Policy as presented.

(Miller/Porter)

C06 Finance Report – August 2026

26-112 That Council receives and notes the report provided and approves the Material Budget Variances outlined in the report.

(Miller/Townsend)

C07 Planning and Compliance Report July/August

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

C08 Major Projects Update

Notes the information provided in the report and the actions being undertaken.

C09 Operations Monthly Update Report

26-113 Resolved that Council:

- (i) Notes the information provided in the report; and
- (ii) Allocates \$10,000 from the 2026-27 water capital works budget for the installation of a fob system at the Old Thelangerin Road raw water standpipe.

(Perry/Porter)

C10 Requests for Business at 147 Lachlan Street Hay

26-114 Resolved that Council

- (a) Refuses the request for a loading zone in front of 147 Lachlan Street due to reasons outlined in the report;
- (b) Retains the current planter box (tree surround); and
- (c) Replaces the tree with a suitable species shrub.

(Perry/Porter)

Reports of Council Committees

- Hay Showground Management Committee held 20th July 2026.

26-115 Resolved that Council notes the Committees meeting minutes, and any recommendations contained within be adopted.

(Porter/Townsend)

There being no further business the meeting was terminated at 1.56 pm.

Confirmed _____
Cr Carol Oataway
Mayor