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**MINUTES
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

held on

TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Ewen Jones (Mayor and Chair), Stacey Bohm (Deputy Mayor), Craig Davies, Les Lambert, Lachlan Roberts, Brian Leak, Judy Smith, Adine Hoey (via audio-visual link) and Mrs Jane Redden (General Manager), Mr Phil Johnston (Director Community & Economic Development), Ms Melanie Slimming (Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services), Mr Barry Bonthuys (Director Finance & Corporate Strategy), Mrs Marion Truscott (Director Governance) and Mrs Sally McDonnell (Minute Taker).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

MEETING PROCEDURE

The Chair requested that all mobile phones are placed on silent or turned off during the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to Council's website, and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements. This meeting must not be recorded by others without prior written consent of Council. Any person who engages in disorderly conduct may be expelled from the meeting.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was taken by those present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was made by the Chair.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

The Statement of Ethical Obligations was made by the Chair.

APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Bohm that the apology of Cr Howe be accepted.

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Cr Hoey made application to attend the meeting via audio-visual as she had a prior commitment in Dubbo.

RESOLVED Crs Lambert/Davies that Cr Hoey's request to join the meeting via audio-visual link be granted.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER**1. INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

It was moved Crs Lambert/Davies;

1. That the Community Strategic Plan 2035 as presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025, with the amendment of Objective No. 2.3.1 as resolved by Council, be endorsed.
2. That the draft Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Plans, Delivery Program and Operational Plan as presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025, with the amendment of the Objective No 2.3.1 as resolved by Council, and the amendment of \$9,000,000 to \$8,785,599 on page 35 of the Delivery Program, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with written submissions considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 June 2025.
3. That the draft Macquarie Regional Library 2025/26 Budget, fees and charges, Operational Plan and Delivery Program 2025-2029 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with written submissions considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 June 2025.

An amendment was moved by Cr Bohm to add the following to the motion;

That a video educational program explaining the new water treatment plant, the grant and the reason for the 15% increase is run in conjunction with the Community Engagement.

With the concurrence of the mover and the seconder, this was added to the motion as point 4.

The motion was put to the vote and CARRIED.

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Cr Smith called for a division of the vote.

Those who voted for the motion were Crs Roberts, Lambert, Davies, Jones and Hoey
Those who voted against the motion were Crs Bohm, Smith and Leak.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.06pm.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 2) were confirmed at a meeting held on the
day of _____ 2025, and are a full and accurate record of
proceedings of the meeting held on 20 May 2025.

Chair