

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water held at Blayney, on Tuesday, 20 August 2024, commencing at 2.04pm

Present

Cr. Andrew Rawson	(Chairperson)	Cabonne
Cr. Paul Best		Weddin
Cr. David Somerville		Blayney
Cr. Allan Ewin		Blayney
Cr. Marlene Nash		Cabonne
Graeme Haley	(Acting General Manager)	
Peter McFarlane	(Director Finance & Corporate Services)	
Ben Campbell	(Asset Officer)	
Achal Deo	(Governance & Executive Support Officer)	

REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

24/062 RESOLVED:

That Council approves the attendance of Cr. Nash to the August 2024 Council Meeting via audio-visual link.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Ewin)

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

24/063 RESOLVED:

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

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Ewin)

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

24/064 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Tablelands Water, held on 19 June 2024 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 8th August 2024, being numbers 24/035 to 24/061 inclusive, be confirmed.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Nash)

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. Rawson represented CTW at the following:

- Disaster Risk Reduction Showcase – 26 June 2024
- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2024 – Goulburn – 23rd to 26th July 2024
- CNSWJO Water Policy Lab Conference – Orange – 30th & 31st July 2024.
- CTW Extraordinary meeting – online – 8th August 2024.

Cr. Cook represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2024 – Goulburn – 24th to 26th July 2024

Cr. Nash represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- CTW Extraordinary meeting – online – 8th August 2024.

Cr. Somerville represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- LGNSW Water Management Conference 2024 – Goulburn – 24th to 26th July 2024
- CTW Extraordinary meeting – online – 8th August 2024.

Cr. Best represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- CTW Extraordinary meeting – online – 8th August 2024.

Cr. Ewin represented CTW at the following:

- General Manager Recruitment – Blayney – 19 July 2024
- CTW Extraordinary meeting – online – 8th August 2024.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. REPORTS OF STAFF**12.1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 (CM.CF.1)****24/065 RESOLVED:**

That Council:

1. Note the report, and
2. Give approval for the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, General Manager and any other interested councillor(s) to attend the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Tamworth, from 17 to 19 November 2024.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Ewin)

12.2) LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2024 (CM.CF.1)**24/066 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the report regarding the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2024.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Best)

Proceedings in brief:

The Acting General Manager mentioned CTW winning the 2024 Sam Samra Award as the most improved Local Water Utility in the state.

The Chairperson congratulated CTW for the receiving this award and thanked all CTW staff members for their efforts in making this award possible.

12.3) COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS (CM.PL.1)**24/067 MOTION:**

That Council:

1. Note the Report

An AMENDMENT was moved by Cr. Somerville:

That Council:

1. Note the Report
2. Further recommendation was made for the 16th of October Council meeting date and if there is a delay in the outcome of the election, the delegation is given to the General manger to defer the date and move to a next suitable date for the meeting.

12.4) DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (FM.PL.1)**24/068 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Delivery Program 2022-2026 progress report as at June 2024.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

12.5) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT (GO.CO.1)**24/069 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report to June 2024.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Somerville)

12.6) BELUBULA WATER SECURITY PROJECT UPDATE (WS.SP.4)**24/070 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Belubula Water Security project update report.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Ewin)

12.7) NSW PRODUCTIVITY AND EQUITY COMMISSION REVIEW OF FUNDING MODELS FOR LOCAL WATER UTILITIES (CM.CF.3)**24/071 RESOLVED:**

That Council receive and note the summary and recommendations of the NSW Productivity and Equity Commission Report into its Review of funding models for local water utilities.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Best)

12.8) LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY LAB WORKSHOP CSU AND CENTRAL WEST JOINT ORGANISATION 30 & 31 JULY 2024 (CM.CF.3)**24/072 RESOLVED:**

That Council receive and note the Acting General Manager's Report on the Local Government Policy Lab Workshop held 30th and 31st July 2024.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

12.9) AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (CM.AU.1)

24/073 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of the meeting of 5 June, 2024.
2. That Council receive and note the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes of the meeting of 7 August, 2024.
3. That Council endorse the appointment of Liz Jeremy as an independent member of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.
4. That Council formalise the appointment timeframes for the current Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Members as follows;

Name	Appointment Date for Current Term	Proposed Term End Date
Donna Rygate	17/01/2022	16/01/2026
Ron Gillard	21/03/2022	20/03/2026

5. That Council formally approve the continuation of Donna Rygate as the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairperson.
6. That Council receive and note the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee 2023-24 Annual Report.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Best)

12.10) FINANCIAL MATTERS - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY, 2024 (FM.BA.1)

24/074 RESOLVED:

That the information in relation to Council's Cash and Investments as at 31 July 2024 be noted.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Best)

12.11) FINANCIAL STATEMENT CERTIFICATES 2023/24 (FM.FR.1)

24/075 RESOLVED:

1. That Council's Financial Reports be referred to audit in accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That Council notes that the Annual Financial Reports have been compiled in accordance with:
 - a) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder;
 - b) The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional pronouncements;

and

- c) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. That Council endorses the Annual Financial Reports as fairly presenting the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and that the Financial Reports accord with Council's accounting and other records.
 4. That Council states that it is not aware of any matter that would render this report false and misleading in any way.
 5. That Council, in accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises the Chairperson, Councillor Somerville, Acting General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the required Statements relating to the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report.
 6. That Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to issue the Financial Statements upon receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
 7. That Council endorse the internal restrictions as listed in Note C1-3 of the General Purpose Financial Statements.

(Cr. Somerville/Cr. Ewin)

12.12) UNCOMPLETED WORKS - REVOTES OF EXPENDITURE AT 30 JUNE 2024 (FM.BA.1)

24/076 RESOLVED:

That Council revoke the uncompleted works and adjustments be made to the adopted 2024/25 Operational Plan.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Best)

12.13) MAKING OF FEES AND CHARGES - NON POTABLE WATER FEE (FM.PL.1)

24/077 RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Sections 501, 502, 503, 539, 541, and 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following water charge:

Non-Potable Water	\$3.17 per kilolitre
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(Cr. Best/Cr. Somerville)

12.14) DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS (GO.CO.3)

24/078 RESOLVED:

That the "Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons" Returns for the period ending 30 June 2024, as tabled be received.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Nash)

12.15) MODERN SLAVERY RISK ASSESSMENT PROJECT UPDATE (CM.AG.3)

24/079 RESOLVED:

That Council note the Central NSW Joint Organisation Modern Slavery Report and participate in ongoing collaboration across the region to minimise duplication and reduce regulatory burden.

(Cr. Nash/Cr. Somerville)

12.16) LAKE ROWLANDS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (WS.SP.4)

24/080 RESOLVED:

That Council note the progress regarding the development of the Lake Rowlands Catchment Management Plan.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Ewin)

12.17) SUB-REGIONAL TOWN WATER STRATEGY UPDATE (WS.SP.4)

24/081 RESOLVED:

That Council note the update report of the Sub-Regional Town Water Strategy.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Nash)

12.18) PERFORMANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

24/082 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

12.19) MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL'S SYSTEMS (WS.MO.4)

24/083 RESOLVED:

That Council note the information in the General Report.

(Cr. Ewin/Cr. Somerville)

12.20) WATER LOSS MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (WS.MO.4)**24/084 RESOLVED:**

That Council note the information in the report.

(Cr. Best/Cr. Nash)

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(General Manager)

Nil

Proceedings in brief:

I would express the proceedings in brief at the conclusion of the meeting as follows:

At the conclusion of the meeting , the Chairperson noted that this is the final meeting of the Council term. He wished to have the following points noted:

- *Acknowledge the enormous efforts of the work done by both the staff and board over this term.*
- *Highlight the major projects completed including the 12ML reservoir at Carcoar Water Treatment Plant and the completion of the Woodstock Pump station.*
- *That CTW is in a sound financial position noting the challenges presented by climatic conditions (wet weather) in the last few years.*
- *Special thanks to the previous Chairperson Cr David Somerville for his contribution over many years in that role.*
- *That Cr Somerville and Cr Ewin have advised that they will not be standing at the coming election and wished them well for the future.*
- *That thanks be recorded to the Acting General Manager , Graeme Haley for his contribution over his 9 weeks at the Council.*
- *That the efforts of Gavin Rhodes , the former General Manager be acknowledged for his 10 years of dedicated service in that role.*

14. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Central Tablelands Water will be held at Grenfell on Wednesday, 16 October 2024 at 10am

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.52pm.