

May Meeting Snapshot

At May's Council meeting, Councillors paused to acknowledge the devastating flood event that has impacted the Mid-North Coast and the ongoing recovery efforts. Our thoughts are with the affected communities.

Key Outcomes from the Meeting:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents Adopted

Council has formally adopted the following strategic documents:

- 2025–2029 Delivery Program
- 2025–2026 Operational Plan – including next year's budget
- 2025–2035 Resourcing Strategy, which incorporates the Long-Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset and Service Management Plans, and Workforce Management Plans.
- These documents are now available on Council's website for public viewing.

Acknowledgement of Jenny Bennett's Retirement

Council recognised the outstanding contribution of Jenny Bennett, retiring Executive Officer of the Central West NSW Joint Organisation of Councils. We thank Jenny for her leadership and advocacy across our region.

Community Funding Support

Council has approved financial support for a number of local initiatives:

- Eugowra Promotions and Progress Association – to help reinstate a damaged mural and purchase new town banners.
- Canowindra Show Society Esky Ball – to support this popular community event.
- Canowindra Yard Dog NSW Championships – celebrating rural skills and community spirit.
- Rural Doctors Network Scholarships – supporting medical, nursing, and midwifery students committed to working in rural areas.

Urban Property Inspections - Molong & Cudal

Council's Biosecurity Officers will be inspecting urban and large-lot residential properties in Molong and Cudal from 9–13 June, focusing on priority weeds under the Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan.

Officers will be door-knocking and conducting inspections with the owner's consent. While authorised under the Biosecurity Act 2015, Council takes a friendly, cooperative approach.



Community Roads Advisory Committee

Ten expressions of interest were received for the Community Roads Advisory Committee, which allows up to five community representatives and five alternates.

We welcome the following members:

- Community Representatives
- Leigh Meagher – Nashdale
 - Michelle Murphy – Gumble
 - David Herbert – Eugowra
 - Ron de Rooy – Borenore
 - Margot Connors – Canobolas
- Alternate Members
- Robert Dowling – Gumble
 - Geoffrey Knight – Eugowra
 - Warren Berton – Manildra
 - Oliver Stone – Canowindra

We thank all applicants for their interest and look forward to the valuable insights and local knowledge this committee will bring.

Roads Update

- **Obley Road:** A 2.4 km section north of Yeoval has been sealed, with line marking and guideposts to follow.
- **Escort Way:** Stabilised patches between Borenore and Peabody Road have been sealed; line marking is next.
- **Packham Drive:** Works near the Manildra end continue, including widening and pavement stabilisation. Sealing is set for early June.
- **Lake Canobolas & Gumble Roads:** Survey and design work is underway to scope future upgrades. Lake Canobolas Road alone is estimated to cost \$9 million.
- **Casuarina Drive:** Additional patching starts next week to address further pavement failures.
- **DRFA (Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements) Works (2–13 June):** Crews will install rock protection and reshape drains on Banjo Paterson Way, carry out bulk fill on Castle Street, and grade and resheet Hill Street in Molong.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, 1 June

Buckinbah Park Markets

Tuesday, 3 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Canowindra

Wednesday, 4 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Eugowra

Wednesday, 4 June

Flood-resilient Business Forum, Canowindra

Thursdays, 5 & 19 June

Cabonne Family Day Care Playgroup, Molong

Thursdays, 5 12 & 19 June

Storytime Canowindra Library

Friday, 6 June

Little Fishes at the Museum, Canowindra

Fridays, 6, 13 & 20 June

Storytime at Molong Library

Saturday, 7 June

Moorbel Hall Markets

Mondays, 9 & 23 June

Cabonne Family Day Care Playgroup, Canowindra

Tuesday, 10 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Cumnock

Thursday, 10 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Yeoval

Friday, 11 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Manildra

Friday, 11 June

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Molong

Saturday, 21 June

Cumnock Markets

Tuesday, 24 June

Ordinary Council Meeting