



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

15 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

A Bunter

M Foran

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

G Peart

A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

N White

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

D Dobson
Director Aged Care and Disabilities

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:06pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Walker – *Game Meat Processing Pty Ltd Lease*. Cr Walker intends to purchase industrial land in Gilgandra, and is potentially interested in the Lot.

Cr Mockler – *Small Community Projects Fund*. Cr Mockler is the treasurer of the Tooraweenah PA & H Association who applied for the grant.

Mr D Neeves – *Small Community Projects Fund*. Mr Neeves is a registered member of the Cricket Club who applied for the grant.

Mr N Alchin – *Local Heritage Fund*. Mr Alchin's relative is a potential beneficiary of the grant.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 162/24	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20 August 2024 which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

RESOLVED 163/24	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Extraordinary meeting held on 8 October 2024, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

LISTING OF MATTERS
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

RESOLVED 164/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection and Recycling of Used Mattresses (d)• Council Property Lease (d)	

RESOLVED 165/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4:09pm.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker returned to the meeting at 4:13pm having taken no part in the discussion or voting.

(CR.LI.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 12/24

RECOGNITION OF THE LATE MR GEOFFREY KIEHNE

SUMMARY

To propose formal recognition of the late Mr Geoffrey Kiehne by Council.

RESOLVED 169/24	Cr Batten
That Council name the SES Facility on Warren Road as the 'Geoff Kiehne Gilgandra SES Recue Centre'.	

Division

For: Crs Batten, Bunter, Freeth, Foran, Mann, Mockler, Peart, Walker, White,
Against: Nil

(GO.CO.1)

AUDIT RISK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC)

SUMMARY

To consider Councillor representation on Councils Audit Risk Improvement Committee (ARIC).

Proceedings in Brief

Nominations were called for the position of non-voting member for ARIC and only one nomination, that of Cr Mann (nominated by Cr Mockler), was received.

The Mayor, Cr Batten announced that Cr Mann was duly accepted as being the appointed non-voting member for ARIC for the Council term.

RESOLVED 170/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Council appoint Cr Mann as the non-voting Councillor member to the Audit Risk Improvement Committee	

(GO.CO.1)

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

SUMMARY

To consider Councillor representation on Council and external Committees.

Proceedings in Brief

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC)

Nominations were called for the two Council representative positions for CMCC and nominations of Cr Doug Batten and Cr Greg Peart were received and accepted.

Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP)

Nominations were called for the two Council representative positions for JRPP and nominations of Cr Ash Walker and Cr Brian Mockler were received and accepted.

North-West Library Committee (NWLC)

Nominations were called for the Council representative position for NWLC and the nomination of Cr Amber Bunter was received and accepted.

Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Nominations were called for the three Council representative positions for EDC and nominations of Cr Amber Bunter, Cr Nicholas White, Cr Madeline Foran, and Cr Doug Batten (as Mayor) were received and accepted.

RESOLVED 171/24	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
That Cr Doug Batten and Cr Greg Peart be appointed the Council representatives on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.	
That Cr Ash Walker and Cr Brian Mockler be appointed the Council representatives on the Joint Regional Planning Panel.	
That Cr Amber Bunter be appointed the Council representative along with Mrs Liz McCutcheon, Council's Gil Library Hub Manager on the North-West Library Committee.	
That Cr Amber Bunter, Cr Nicholas White, and Cr Madeline Foran and the Mayor be appointed the Council representatives on the Economic Development Committee.	

(GO.CO.1)

CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY

To adopt the code of conduct for this term of Council

RESOLVED 172/24	Cr Bunter/Cr White
That Council adopt the Code of Conduct based on the Model Code of Conduct for Councils in NSW 2020 with the inclusion of \$50 limit for gifts.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Neil Alchin, Director Growth and Liveability, declared an interest and left the meeting at 4:22pm

(GS.PG.1)

LOCAL HERITAGE PROJECTS UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide an update on heritage related projects including assessment and recommendations for the 2024/25 Local Heritage Fund applications.

RESOLVED 173/24	Cr Walker/Cr Mann
1. That the applications for 1 Miller Street and 6 Castlereagh Street be supported for funding under the Local Heritage Fund small grants program.	
2. That the application for 78A Wamboin Street be thanked for their application but informed it has been refused due not meeting the eligibility criteria	
3. That Council staff progress the Local Heritage priorities as outlined.	
4. That a follow up report is provided advising Council of the outcomes of the Heritage activities for 2024/2025.	

(CM.LG.1)

ANNUAL CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS 2023/24 RETURN

SUMMARY

To present Council of the Annual Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics Return for the 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 period for endorsement.

RESOLVED 174/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That Council:	
1. Endorse the Annual Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics Return 2023/24; and	
2. Submits the Annual Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics Return to the Office of Local Government.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Neil Alchin, Director Growth and Liveability, returned to the meeting at 4:24pm having taken no part in the discussion or voting.

(CM.PR.1)

2024/25 CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement for a close down of general operations at Christmas 2024/25.

RESOLVED 175/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Foran
That Council endorse a shutdown of operations from close of business on Friday, 20 December 2024 until usual opening/starting hours on Monday, 6 January 2024.	

(CS.PL.1)

AGED CARE WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROJECT UPDATE

SUMMARY

To advise progress with the Aged Care Capital Assistance Program funding for Residential Aged Care Worker Accommodation.

RESOLVED 176/24	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
1. That Council endorse the project vision, that being: <i>“To provide appropriate housing which will meet the needs of residential aged care staff, help to attract and retain skilled workers and provide a legacy benefit for the community”.</i>	
2. The progress and the objectives of the project be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kristy Cosier, Planning and Development Manager, entered the meeting at 4:29pm.

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PLANNING PROPOSAL UPDATE – INDUSTRIAL LAND

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the rezoning process to make the LEP Amendments to the Gilgandra Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011.

RESOLVED 177/24	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
1. Note that the obligations under the terms of the Gateway Determination for the Planning Proposal to rezone RU1 Primary Production land for employment purposes to E4 General Industrial being Lot 12, DP 1296805	

and part lot 11, DP 1296805 (formerly known as Lot 1 DP 1070081 and part Lot 2 DP 1070081), Oxley Highway, Gilgandra have been completed.

2. Acknowledge public submissions received during the Planning Proposal process and outline Council's consideration of matters raised.
3. Note that there are no recommended changes to the Planning Proposal as a result of the public exhibition process.
4. Utilise its delegation as the local plan making authority and submits a request to the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry for the legal drafting of a map only amendment to Gilgandra Local Environmental Plan 2011.
5. Following the completion of the map only amendment that the General Manager be authorised to sign the Maps and request the Department Planning, Housing and Industry to gazette the Plan on NSW legislation website.
6. That a further information report will be brought back to Council following gazettal of the Plan.

Division

For: Crs Batten, Bunter, Freeth, Foran, Mann, Mockler, Peart, Walker, White,
Against: Nil

Proceedings in Brief

- Mr David Neeves, General Manager, and Cr Mockler declared interests and left the meeting at 4:35pm.
- Mrs Kristy Cosier, Development and Planning Manager, left the room at 4:35pm having spoken to the report.

(GS.PG.1)

SMALL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

SUMMARY

Council recently called for applications for the Small Community Projects Fund, with six applications received for consideration.

RESOLVED 178/24	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
1. That the application Titan Martial Arts – Gilgandra Taekwondo Club be thanked for their application but informed it has been refused as considered to be ineligible.	
2. That the remaining application be thanked for their application and informed they have been supported for funding under the Small Community Projects Funds.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mr David Neeves, General Manager, and Cr Mockler entered the meeting having taken no part in the discussion or voting at 4:36pm.

(CM.CF.1)

2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE (LATE)

SUMMARY

To advise of the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference and determine attendance.

RESOLVED 179/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Peart
That:	
1. The Mayor and General Manager plus Cr Nicholas White and Cr Madeline Foran be authorised to attend the Conference.	
2. The November Council Meeting be moved to Thursday, 21 November 2024.	

(GS.PG.1)

NOTICE OF MOTION - SHOP LOCAL PROGRAM 2024 (LATE)

SUMMARY

To outline the endorsed 2024 Shop Local Christmas Program and consider a notice of motion from Cr Foran proposing the introduction of Gilgandra Weekly Newspaper vouchers in lieu of receipts in the 2024 competition.

RESOLVED 180/24	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
1. The Council note the Terms and conditions of the Shop Local Program and the involvement of the Economic Development Committee in the process of formulating these terms and conditions.	
2. That Council, not amend the 2024 Shop Local conditions and therefore not support the notice of motion due to the inconsistencies it could create for the competition.	
3. That the concept of the notice of motion be considered when the 2024 Shop Local Program outcomes are being reviewed and also, in the preparation 2025 Shop Local Program terms and conditions being determined.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED 181/24	Cr Mann/Cr Peart
That the minutes of the Gilgandra Lifestyles Advisory Board held on 6 August 2024 be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

<u>Interagency Committee</u>	22 August 2024
<u>Local Emergency Management Committee</u>	27 August 2024
<u>Traffic Committee</u>	29 August 2024

RESOLVED 182/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Peart
That the minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 183/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That the reports be noted.	

(GO.CO.1)

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – RESPONSE FROM
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO COST
SHIFTING**

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoenig in relation to Cost Shifting.

RESOLVED 184/24	Cr Walker/Cr Freeth
That the correspondence be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 185/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

<u>CR MANN:</u>	<p><u>PURCHASE OF THE TAVERN</u> That - with the purchase of the Tavern with funding from Orana Lifestyles - could we have a report to next or December Meeting (or Orana Lifestyles Meeting) on how we manage the 'purchase / premises' as an investment proposition – i.e. by charging services operating from the building.</p>
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	Report to December Council Meeting
<u>CR FORAN:</u>	<p><u>DISABLED PARKING IN CBD</u> Item: There is no disabled parking space on the eastern side of Miller St. Consideration: One near the entry to the Arcade/Pathology may be most suitable for disability and age related mobility issues.</p> <p>Item: The disabled car park to the northern side of the IGA door does not have the apron to open a car door and transfer to a wheelchair. Consideration: Sacrificing one car space in that row, creating the wider disabled space and increase the size of other parks especially the last one which has the high retaining wall hindering it's use.</p> <p>Item: The disabled IGA car parks nearest CAFÉ 41 have had the park placed between them and the street. Consideration: Create two disabled car parks, one either side of the eastern end of the centre aisle.</p>

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	<p>There appears to be enough space and a bollard placed for protection on the end of both isles.</p> <p>Can a report be presented to a future Council Meeting outlining the current disabled car parking arrangements in the CBD and for staff to respond to the issued raised?</p>
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	Report to December Council Meeting

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:47PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor