



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

18 MARCH 2025

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

M Kouroulis
Activation and Communications
Manager (Minutes)

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:06pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 26/25	Cr Foran/Cr White
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Extraordinary meeting held on 18 February 2025, 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 27/25	Cr Mockler/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">• Tender T372425OROC: Sand Delivery of Traffic Safety Signage (d)• Aged Care Clinical Governance (a)• Expression of Interest EOI 3/25: Design and Construct Dual Occupancy (d)• Gilgandra Library Hub Liquidated Damages (d)	

RESOLVED 28/25	Cr Mockler/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 4:08pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 3/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 18 February 2025 meeting.

RESOLVED 34/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.CF.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE – 4/25
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NSW ORANA DESIGNATED AREA
MIGRATION AGREEMENT (DAMA)

SUMMARY

To advise of the request from the CEO of Regional Development Australia (RDA) for Council's support for the NSW Orana DAMA.

RESOLVED 35/25	Cr Walker/Cr Mann
That Council write to the Hon. Steven When MP, The Hon. Tony Burke MP, The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite MP, and the Chief of Staff, Genevieve Slattery requesting the Federal Government to keep the Orana SAMA responsibilities with RDA Orana.	

(CM.PL.1)

CASTLEREAGH COUNTRY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the Castlereagh Country Drought Plan developed in collaboration between Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Council and confirm the priority projects for implementation.

RESOLVED 36/25	Cr Mann/Cr Peart
1. That Council endorse the Castlereagh Country Drought Plan, acknowledging the community collaboration, feedback received and Ministerial approval.	
2. That Council confirm the application for the priority implementation projects as identified in this report.	

(FM.BU.1)

CHARGING FOR GILGANDRA WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2025/26

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Gilgandra Water Supply Services for the 2025/26 rating year.

RESOLVED 37/25	Cr Walker/Cr White
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2025/26 and include the charges in Council's statement of revenue policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2025/26.	

(FM.BU.1)

CHARGING FOR TOORAWEEAH WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2025/26

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Tooraweenah Water Supply Service for the 2025/26 rating year.

RESOLVED 38/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Bunter
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2025/26 and the charges be included in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2025/26.	

(FM.BU.1)

SEWER CHARGING – 2025/26

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Sewerage Services for the 2025/26 rating year.

RESOLVED 39/25	Cr Mann/Cr Freeth
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2025/26 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2025/26.	

(FM.BU.1)

STORMWATER CHARGES 2025/26

SUMMARY

To present a proposed structure for 2025/26 for the Stormwater Management Service Charge.

RESOLVED 40/25	Cr Mann/Cr Walker
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2024/26 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2025/26.	

(FM.BU.1)

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR 2025/26

SUMMARY

To determine a charging structure for Council's Waste Services for the 2025/26 rating year.

RESOLVED 41/25	Cr Peart/Cr White
1. That Council adopt the proposed charging structure as set out in the above report and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2025/26.	
2. That Council's Revenue Policy includes relevant information stating that the Recycling Service is funded by the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.	

(FM.BU.1)

RATE MODELS – 2025/26

SUMMARY

To present a rate model for Council's consideration for the 2025/26 rating period.

Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager noted an error in the graph included in the report and stated that the graph will be amended in the business paper retrospective of the Council Meeting to ensure that the saved business paper reflects the correct information.

RESOLVED 42/25	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That Council adopt the rate model as presented for the 25/26 rating year.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kristy Cosier, Planning and Development Manger entered the room at 4:29pm

(CM.PL.1)

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2032

SUMMARY

To provide an update on the community collaboration as part of the Gilgandra Region Community Strategic Plan 2035 process, including Community Insights Survey results, Community Collaboration sessions and written submissions received.

RESOLVED 43/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That the community input received at the recently conducted round of community consultation sessions be noted and considered as part of the development of the upcoming Draft Gilgandra Region Community Strategic Plan and associated documents.	

(A2489)

REQUEST FOR VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AND 88B INSTRUMENT – 1 CHRISTIE DRIVE, GILGANDRA

SUMMARY

To consider a request for variation to Council’s Development Control Plan 2011 (DCP) and to the 88B instrument related to 1 Christie Drive, Gilgandra.

RESOLVED 44/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That permission be granted to vary Clause 2(f) of Part 2 of the 88B Instrument relating to DP1047720, Subdivision Certificate Number S302, for the property 1 Christie Drive, Gilgandra (Lot 1 DP1047720) to allow construction of proposed carport.2. That permission be granted to vary Clause 7.2.4 “Set backs” of Gilgandra Shire Council’s Development Control Plan 2011 for the property 1 Christie Drive, Gilgandra (Lot 1 DP1047720) to allow a structure.3. That, in accordance with section 375A of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations Act) 2008, the names of Councilors who support and oppose the decision be recorded.	

Division

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

GRANT OPPORTUNITY – LANDFILL CONSOLIDATION & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS (LCEI)

SUMMARY

To provide a brief update on recent works at Gilgandra Waste Facility and consider an application under the state government Landfill Consolidation & Environmental Improvements (LCEI) Program.

RESOLVED 45/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
1. The grant applications under Stream 2 and Stream 3 of the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements fund as outlined be supported for Intake 1.	
2. That Council staff undertake an assessment of the plant and equipment currently utilised at the Gilgandra Waste Facility with consideration of upcoming grant opportunities, purchase and operational costs, compaction rates, environmental outcomes and facility life.	
3. That a future report be considered by Council with regards to the outcome of the waste facility plant and equipment assessment.	

(CM.PL.1)

MEETING WITH SPORTING USER GROUPS – COUNCIL FACILITIES

SUMMARY

To provide a summary of a meeting with representatives of local sporting groups that are regular users of Council provided sporting facilities.

RESOLVED 46/25	Cr Bunter /Cr White
1. That the meeting with Sporting User Groups on 19 February 2025 be noted.	
2. That issues identified and suggestions put forward be addressed by Council and/or included in future budget considerations.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for adoption.

<u>Audit Risk Improvement Committee</u>	4 March 2025
<u>Economic Development Committee</u>	11 March 2025

RESOLVED 47/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
That the minutes be adopted, noting that Councillor Foran was not the committee member who raised the issue around Mitre 10	

Proceedings in Brief

Council will use the Interagency Committee to relay what is available in regards to mental health afterhours assistance to the community

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

<u>Interagency Committee</u>	27 February 2025
<u>Local Emergency Management Committee</u>	25 February 2025
<u>Traffic Committee</u>	26 February 2025

RESOLVED 48/25	Cr Peart/Cr Bunter
That the minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 49/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 50/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

<u>CR FORAN:</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS</u> I would like to complete the Executive Certificate for Elected Members and request that Council cover the certificate fee of \$3,500. Travel and accommodation will be at my own expense. Learning Outcome: the ability to obtain information you need to make an informed decision.
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	The General Manager will review budget allocations and report back to the next Council Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:55PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor