



MINUTES  
OF THE  
ORDINARY MEETING  
OF  
GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
20 AUGUST 2024

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

G Babbage

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

N Mudford

G Peart

A Walker (Deputy Mayor) (Via Teams)

Employees

N Alchin  
Acting General Manager/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

G McAnally-Elwin  
Finance Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:15pm.

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

Cr Walker has requested to be able to attend the meeting via audio means.

<b>RESOLVED 136/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That approval be granted for Cr Walker to attend the meeting via Teams.	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr A Bunter

<b>RESOLVED 137/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<b>RESOLVED 138/24</b>	Cr Babbage /Cr Peart
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16 July 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

<b>RESOLVED 139/24</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
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"><li>• Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Financials (d)</li><li>• Aged Care Worker Accommodation Project (d)</li><li>• Property Purchase (d)</li><li>• MPS Medical Centre – Lease Proposal Western NSW Local Health District (d)</li></ul>	

<b>RESOLVED 140/24</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
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 4:19pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 11/24**  
**MAYORAL COMMITMENTS**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 16 July 2024 meeting.

<b>RESOLVED 146/24</b>	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GO.CO.1)

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS**

**SUMMARY**

To table disclosure of interest returns from Councillors and designated staff for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

<b>RESOLVED 147/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That Council note the tabling of disclosure of interest returns for Councillors and designated persons for the period ending 30 June 2024.	

(PE.GN.1)

**OUTDOOR STAFF ANNUAL PICNIC DAY**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of a request from the Outdoor Staff Picnic Committee to hold the annual picnic on Friday, 4 October 2024.

<b>RESOLVED 148/24</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Mudford
1. That Friday, 4 October 2024 be approved as Council's picnic day and Council declare a general shutdown.	
2. That Council make a donation of \$200 towards the picnic to be funded from the Contributions and Donations allocation.	

(SD.PL.1)

**SEWER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update on the Gilgandra Sewer Treatment Plant project.

<b>RESOLVED 149/24</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Mudford
That Council note the update on the Gilgandra Sewer Treatment Plant project.	

(GO.CO.1)

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR 'GOIN' TO GIL' AND 'UNDER THE GUMS' EVENTS**

**SUMMARY**

To approve the traffic management of the 'Goin' to Gil' and 'Under the Gums' events.

<b>RESOLVED 150/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That Council approve the use of its roads for the purpose of the 'Goin to Gil' and 'Under the Gums' events to be held at Gilgandra on Saturday, 28 September 2024.	

(CM.PL.1)

**2023/24 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2024**

**SUMMARY**

To consider progress with Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan as at 30 June 2024.

<b>RESOLVED 151/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That the 2023/24 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 be adopted.	

**QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 30 JUNE 2024**

**SUMMARY**

To detail the major variances to the original estimates for the 2023/24 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 June 2024. In addition, to report as to whether the Quarterly Budget Review indicates that the financial position of Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates adopted by Council.

<b>MOTION</b>	Cr Freeth
That Council retain funds in the General Fund in the event that Cooee Lodge requires an injection of funds.	

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

<b>RESOLVED 152/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Babbage
1. That Council note in respect to the General Fund where timing issues with receiving LRCI funding totalling \$1,756,888 means that the General Fund has resulted in the General Fund incurring a deficit rather than a surplus result.	
2. That Council transfer unspent funds in the Waste Management Expenses to Reserve for future waste management capital works.	
3. That the Quarterly Budget Review document as at 30 June 2024 and report as amended be adopted	

**STATE OF OUR REGION REPORT 2021-2024**

**SUMMARY**

To present the State of Our Region Report for this term of Council that provides an update to the community on progress towards achieving the objectives of the four key themes identified in the Community Strategic Plan Live > Enjoy > Grow > Lead.

<b>RESOLVED 153/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That the State of Our Region Report 2021-2024, as presented, be endorsed.	

(A2119)

**REQUEST FOR VARIATION TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN –  
113 MYRTLE STREET, GILGANDRA**

**SUMMARY**

To consider a request to vary a standard imposed by the Council's Gilgandra Development Control Plan 2011 (DCP).

<b>RESOLVED 154/24</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Mudford
1. That permission be granted to vary Clause 7.2.10 "Privacy" of Gilgandra Shire Council's Development Control Plan 2011 for the DA2034/484	
2. That, in accordance with section 375A of the <i>Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008</i> , the names of Councillors who support and oppose the decision be recorded.	

**Division**

For: Crs Batten, Walker, Babbage, Freeth, Mann, Mockler, Mudford, Peart  
Against: Nil

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present reports for information and notation.

<b>RESOLVED 155/24</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Babbage
That the reports be noted.	

(GS.PG.1)

**GRANT OPPORTUNITY – COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT FUND:  
LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND**

**SUMMARY**

To consider an application under the Community and Employment Benefit Fund – Local Community Fund for the health hub project at 1 Warren Road in conjunction with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

<b>RESOLVED 156/24</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Babbage
That the application for the Community and Employment Benefits Fund, Local Community Fund application be endorsed for 1 Warren Road Health Hub project in conjunction with Royal Flying Doctor Service.	

(FM.FR.1)

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of the completion of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 and, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1993), obtain the necessary resolution to refer same to the auditor.

<b>RESOLVED 157/24</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Babbage
That the financial statements be accepted by the Council and referred for audit.	

**MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION**

**SUMMARY**

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

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Economic Development Committee

13 August 2024

<b>RESOLVED 158/24</b>	Cr Freeth/Cr Peart
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE**

**SUMMARY**

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

<b>RESOLVED 159/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Bababge
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	



QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

<p><u>CR MANN:</u></p>	<p><b><u>GIL LIBRARY HUB</u></b></p> <p>In response to a question from Cr Freeth (15<sup>th</sup> February 2022) regarding provision of kiosk facility within the Library Hub a report was provided to the March 2022 meeting proposing:</p> <p><i>“...that the area can be equipped with a temporary gazebo and could be set up by Council when bookings require it. The gazebo could include sides...”</i></p> <p>The indication was that Council would provide and set up if and when required. A couple of organisations have asked recently how Council will be progressing the proposal.</p> <p>Could we have a report on what is proposed and how it will be managed.</p>
<p><u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u></p>	<p>Report to October Council meeting.</p>

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:38PM.

Cr D Batten  
Mayor