



MINUTES
OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON
21 MAY 2024

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
G Babbage (Via Teams)
A Bunter
I Freeth
P Mann
B Mockler
N Mudford
G Peart
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

J Lummis
Acting Director Aged Care and Disabilities

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

G McAnally-Elwin
Finance Manager

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

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

RESOLVED 61/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That approval be granted for Cr Babbage to attend the meeting via Teams.	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 62/24	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16 April 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 63/24	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
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">• Senior Staff Annual Leave (a)• Groworx Cost Update (a)• Access Provisions to 17 Marshall Street, Gilgandra (b)• Aeropark Residential Subdivision 88B instrument and late report (d)• All Closed Minutes May (a)	

RESOLVED 64/24	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
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 4:04pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 6/24
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 71/24	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.CP.1)

CALENDAR OF COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
2023/24

SUMMARY

To advise Council of its current compliance with the Office of Local Government's Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2023/24 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and related policies.

RESOLVED 72/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
That the report be noted.	

(GO.EL.1)

2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS REFERENDA AND POLLS

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the correspondence from the NSW Electoral Commission in relation to notification of Referenda and polls for the 2024 Local Government Elections.

RESOLVED 73/24	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That Council:	
1. Do not hold a referenda or poll for the 2024 Local Government Elections as there are no referendum topics.	
2. Council respond to the NSW Electoral Commission advising that Council will not hold a referenda or poll for the 2024 Local Government Elections.	

(CM.CF.1)

2024 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the 2024 Australian Council of Local Government and determine attendance.

RESOLVED 74/24	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That the invitation to be noted and that no councilors attend.	

(CM.PL.1)

2023/24 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW Q3 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2024

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan during Q3.

RESOLVED 75/24	Cr Peart/Cr Bunter
That the 2023/24 Operational Plan Review for Q3 1 January to 31 March 2024 be adopted.	

(FM.PL.1)

DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/25

SUMMARY

To consider the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2024/25 to go on public exhibition.

RESOLVED 76/24	Cr Mudford/Cr Bunter
That the draft 2024/25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

(FM.PL.1)

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 – 2033/34

SUMMARY

To consider the draft Long Term Financial Plan for 2024/25-2033/34 to go on public exhibition.

RESOLVED 77/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Bunter
That the draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25-2033/34 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.	

(FM.PL.1)

2024/25 to 2027/28 BUDGET REPORT

SUMMARY

To present a report on the draft 2024/25 to 2027/28 budget for all Council funds and detail matters considered in preparation of same.

RESOLVED 78/24	Cr Walker/Cr Freeth
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That Council note and adopt the Draft Budget and Revenue Policy in the 2024/25 Operational Plan to go on public exhibition.

(FM.PL.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 MARCH 2024

SUMMARY

To detail the variances to the original estimates for the 2023/24 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 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.

RESOLVED 79/24	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That, subject to any decisions on the recommendations as reported, the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 March 2024 be adopted including the following change:	
i) The forecast interest earned by Cooee Villa Units be increased by \$20,000 to reflect a higher than expected return from investments	
ii) \$245,400 transfer from the DIAP reserve from General Fund be retained and the same an amount be transferred to Cooee Lodge Fund as a contributions towards Groworx set up costs.	

Proceedings in Brief

- Cr Walker requested suspend standing orders at 4:35pm.
- Current Budget funds were discussed and clarified.
- Standing orders were resumed at 4:45pm.

(CM.PL.1)

GILGANDRA CULTURAL PRECINCT (GCP) OVERNIGHT PARKING TRIAL REVIEW

SUMMARY

To review the impacts of the GCP Overnight Parking Trial, following the end of the initial twelve month trial period, and determine next steps.

RESOLVED 80/24	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
1.	That Council note the data collected and feedback provided by stakeholders in relation to the GCP Overnight Parking trial
2.	That Council extend the existing overnight parking area trial to the 31 December 2024 in it's current form to allow the opportunity to explore alternate models for free and/or low-cost camping options, along with the locations, with a view of maximising benefits to the Gilgandra Region visitor economy

3. That Council continue to gather data from and provide regular reporting to stakeholders during extension of trial
4. That Council note the concerns raised by the local Caravan Park owners in relation to the financial impact free camping has on their business, and hold discussions with them around opportunities to support their businesses to evolve
5. That Council have further discussions with the owners/operators of the other existing free overnight camping areas in Gilgandra to ensure they understand the terms and conditions associated with operating these areas and discuss any issues

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

9 May 2024

Gilgandra Lifestyles Advisory Board

14 May 2024

RESOLVED 81/24

Cr Peart/Cr Mockler

That the above listed Committee minutes be adoption.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 82/24

Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford

That the reports be noted.

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 83/24

Cr Bunter/Cr Peart

That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

<u>CR MANN:</u>	<u>GIL LIBRARY HUB</u> As the project nears completion, can we have a detailed report on finances/expenditure to date and potential additional expenditure as a result of delays and negotiations with the builders.
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	Report to June Council meeting.
<u>CR MANN:</u>	<u>COOEE LODGE FINANCES</u> In light of the Pride Sustainability Report recommendations in respect of need to provide for reserves on an annual basis for maintenance, major refurbishments and repayment of RADs, could we have a report to July meeting – based on projected end of year results (noting that accounts will not be finalised) – examining performance against these recommendations.
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	Report to July Council meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:03PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor