



MINUTES
OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON
18 FEBRUARY 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 Thomas
Acting Director Aged Care and
Disabilities

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

M Kouroulis
Activation and Communications
Manager (Minutes)

G McAnally-Elwin
Finance Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:02pm.

Mayor Batten expressed sincere condolences to the family of Late Andrew McCutcheon on his recent unexpected passing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

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

RESOLVED 1/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That Cr White be allowed to attend via audiovisual means	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 2/25	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Extraordinary meeting held on 17 December 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 3/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Foran
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 T27/24 Server Refresh Project (d)• Aged Care Clinical Governance (a)• The Gil Library Hub Project Financial Update (d)• Tender T28/24 Gilgandra Speedway Upgrade Project (d)	

RESOLVED 4/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Foran
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 - 1/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 17 December 2024 meeting.

RESOLVED 10/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.CF.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE – 2/25
2025 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

To advise of the 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association Annual Conference (ALGWA) and determine attendance.

RESOLVED 11/25	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That Council endorse the attendance of Cr Foran and Cr Bunter at the 2025 Local Government Women's Association Annual Conference to be held in Griffith.	

(GO.CO.1)

DATES AND TIMES FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To consider the date and time of Council's ordinary meetings.

RESOLVED 12/25	Cr Mann/Cr Peart
That Council continue ordinary meetings on the third Tuesday of every month commencing at 4pm, excluding January, with the June meeting being held on the fourth Tuesday in the month of June.	

(GO.PO.1)

REVIEW OF POLICIES

SUMMARY

To advise of an annual review of Council's policies.

RESOLVED 13/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
1. That the various changes to Council's policy register, as outlined, be adopted.	

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| 2. That the Policy Review at the start of each year be moved from February to July, starting from 2026. |
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(CR.SD.1)

2025 NAIDOC WEEK SCHOOL INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the request from Koori Kids to donate funds to the 2025 NAIDOC Week School Initiatives.

RESOLVED 14/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That Council provide \$450 support to Koori Kids to assist in the delivery of 2025 NAIDOC week celebrations	

(A2806)

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – 41 MILLER STREET, GILGANDRA

SUMMARY

To consider waiving fees associated with the Development Application for change of use of 41 Miller Street, Gilgandra.

RESOLVED 15/25	Cr Walker/Cr Mann
That the s7.12 Developer Contribution fee for Change of Use of 41 Miller Street, Gilgandra from a Tavern to Office accommodation for Council operating purposes be waived.	

(CS.SV.1)

SERVICE REPORT – ORANA LIVING & CARLGINDA ENTERPRISES

SUMMARY

To present a service report for Council's NDIS functions.

RESOLVED 16/25	Cr Peart/Cr White
That the report be noted.	

(WS.LI.1)

TOWN WATER SUPPLY ISSUE

SUMMARY

To inform Council of an issue at the water treatment plant and actions taken to restore the Gilgandra water supply to normal operation.

RESOLVED 17/25	Cr Freeth/Cr Mann
1. That Council note the report on the Gilgandra water supply issue.	
2. That a further report from the Director Infrastructure be presented to a future meeting outlining unforeseen, unbudgeted expenses that have occurred in the water fund during the current financial year to date.	

(FM.PL.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY

To detail the variances to the original estimates for the 2024/25 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 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 18/25	Cr Mann/Cr Walker
1. That, subject to any decisions regarding the variances as reported, the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 December 2024 be adopted.	
2. That there be further explanation of the Cooee Lodge budget changes as at the month ending February and reported to Council for discussion at the workshop on the 11 March 2025. Included in this report will be current bank balances and liabilities.	

(CM.PL.1)

2024/25 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW Q2 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan during Q2 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

RESOLVED 19/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That progress on the 2024/25 Operational Plan Review for Q2 1 October to 31 December 2024 be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Guy McAnally-Elwin, Finance Manager left the room at 5:03pm.

(CM.PL.1)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

SUMMARY

To present the Gilgandra Region Community Engagement Strategy (CES) for consideration of adoption following public exhibition period.

RESOLVED 20/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That the Gilgandra Region Community Engagement Strategy is adopted, with the addition of the youth engagement component.	

(CM.PL.1)

GILGANDRA CULTURAL PRECINCT (GCP) OVERNIGHT PARKING TRIAL REVIEW

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 21/25	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council note the data collected and feedback provided by stakeholders in relation to the GCP Overnight Parking trial2. That Council continue with its overnight parking area in its current form and monitor progress to ensure measures of success in line with the objectives, with a view of maximising benefits to the Gilgandra Region visitor economy.3. That over the next 2 years the current location be reviewed and consideration given to Council involvement vs privately operated, along with exploring opportunities with local caravan park owners for them to become involved in low cost camping4. That Council note the concerns raised by the local Caravan Park owners in relation to the financial impact freedom camping has on their business, and hold regular discussions with them around opportunities to support their businesses to evolve.	

(CM.PL.1)

GILGANDRA FILM FESTIVAL 2025 - HALL HIRE REQUEST

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Gilgandra Film Festival for a Council to waive Shire Hall Hire fees for the Gilgandra Film Festival to be held in May 2025.

RESOLVED 22/25	Cr Peart/Cr White
1. That Council provide a \$803 contribution by waiving the Shire Hall hire fee for the 2025 Gilgandra Film Festival.	
2. That Council's Activation and Communications team provide assistance to the Gilgandra Film Festival by way of communications, marketing and promotions of the event.	

(CM.PL.1)

ARTHUR BULTER AVIATION MUSEUM REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Arthur Bulter Aviation Museum (ABAM) for a Council contribution towards the ABAM Airshow to be held on Saturday, 5 April 2025.

RESOLVED 23/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
1. That noting the potential positive impact of the event to local region economy, Council provide a cash contribution of \$5,000 towards the event to be made payable from the Arthur Butler Memorial Committee trust fund.	
2. That Council's Activation and Communications team provide assistance to Arthur Bulter Aviation Museum by way of event planning guidance, communications, marketing and promotions of the event.	

(RC.SP.1)

NSW GOVERNMENT REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES – HUNTER PARK SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL PRECINCT STAGE 1

SUMMARY

To confirm support for an application under the NSW Governments Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program for the delivery of Stage 1 of the Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre.

RESOLVED 24/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
1. That Council confirm support for an application under the NSW Governments Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program to the amount of \$7,000,000 for Stage 1 of the Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre	
2. That Council confirm its \$2,000,000 co-contribution commitment to the project pending successful grant outcomes	
3. That the reduction in the scope of stage 1 concept plans in line with revised cost estimates be confirmed for this grant opportunity	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 25/25	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That the reports be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:41PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor