

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 18 March at 4.00pm.**

Agenda

1. Submission of Questions for Next Meeting
2. National Anthem
3. Prayer
4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners:

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. I pay my respects to our Elders past and present and thank them for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, in the cultural identity of our nation."

5. Commencement of recording
6. Apologies
7. Declarations of Interest

At this juncture, Councillors should indicate any items in which they have an interest and therefore will not be participating in discussion or voting.

8. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary meeting held on 18 February 2025
9. Listing of matters to be considered in Closed Council

The following matters are listed to be considered in Closed Council in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - I. prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - II. confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - III. reveal a trade secret
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of the law
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

- Procedural Motion to close Council to Press and Public
- Reports from Servants to Closed Council Meeting
 - Tender T372425OROC: Sand Delivery of Traffic Safety Signage (d)
 - Expression of Interest EOI3/25: Design and Construct Dual Occupancy (d)
 - Gilgandra Library Hub Liquidated Damages (d)
 - Aged Care Clinical Governance (a)
- Procedural Motion to re-open meeting to Press and Public

10. Reports

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Neeves', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Neeves
General Manager

Procedural Motion – to exclude Press and Public

“That by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, 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 – the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

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MAYORAL MINUTE - 3/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

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20/02/25	Community Consultation Session for the Community Strategic Plan, Bearbung
24/02/25	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Meeting, Coonamble
25/02/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Consultation Session for the Community Strategic Plan, Curban• Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting• Community Consultation Session for the Community Strategic Plan, Armatree
26/02/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Telstra• Traffic Committee Meeting
27/02/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Consultation Session for the Community Strategic Plan, Cobboco• Interagency Committee Meeting
03/03/25	Photography Session with Gilgandra Weekly at the Gilgandra Library Hub
04/03/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting• Council Workshops• Community Consultation Session for the Community Strategic Plan, Gilgandra
05/03/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff farewell at the Gular MPS• Interview for the Customer Service Survey
07/03/25	Western Alliance Board Meeting, Dubbo
10/03/25	Senior Citizens Luncheon
11/03/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Workshops• Economic Development Committee Meeting
12/03/25	St Ambrose Church Meeting
13/03/25- 14/03/25	RDA Inland Growth Summit, Dubbo
14/03/25	Local Land Services General Manager Meet and Greet
18/03/25	Council Workshops and Council Meeting

Principal Activity Lead

Policy Implications Nil

Budget Implications Nil

Delivery Program Actions **4.2.1.1**
Implement the Community Engagement Strategy to inform, involve, empower, consult, and collaborate with stakeholders

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

D Batten
Mayor

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.

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Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana holds the only Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) agreement in NSW (from 2019) covering 60% of the state and includes five RDA regions: the Orana, Central West, Southern NSW, Murray and Riverina across 53 LGA's. There are a total of 129 occupations currently under the Orana DAMA

The NSW State Government is currently undertaking a review of their migration services with the view of taking over the Orana DAMA and placing it statewide. If the State Government is to be the Designated Area Representative of the NSW DAMA, in this current setting where coastal areas are considered regional, we will again be competing with those larger areas for workforce, which defeats the purpose of the DAMA being designed for 'regional' areas.

RDA's are best place to deliver this regional program into the regions being placed in the regions, working across local, state and federal government and regional businesses. For further information please see attached correspondence from the CEO of RDA.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.3.1.1 Ensure all governance targets and statutory requirements are met in line with the relevant Acts and Regulations and council policy

RECOMMENDATION

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.

D Batten
Mayor

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.

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*Regional Drought Resilience
Planning Program*



Gilgandra and Warrumbungle's Castlereagh Country Regional Drought Resilience Plan has been approved by the Minister and is now published online.

[Regional Drought Resilience Planning - DAFF](#)

Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Councils are now required to submit their application for the Implementation projects for projects to be delivered by December 2025.

Background

Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Councils strategically collaborated to develop the Drought Plan for the Castlereagh Country region. The Councils received combined funding of \$200,000 through the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program to develop the Castlereagh Country Drought Resilience Plan, with a further \$250,000 available for priority implementation actions from the plan across the Castlereagh Country region.

The program acknowledges that we can learn from previous droughts and plan for broader community implications, and the objective of these plans is to come up with practical solutions for addressing gaps in the way communities prepare for and respond to drought.

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is jointly funded by the Australian Government and NSW Government under the Future Drought Fund.

Timeframe:

February 2023	Funding application submitted and successfully received \$450,000 between Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Councils.
June 2023	RDRP-013 funding deed signed, with \$200,000 for the Plan, \$250,000 for implementation activities including resourcing for project management by GSC of the process across the LGAs.
	Council report noting the successful application.
July 2023	Project Control Group (PCG) established and Terms of Reference signed.
August 2023	Request for Quotation Q32.23 advertised, closed and assessment process commenced with 14 submissions received.
September 2023	Three interviews conducted with shortlisted candidates, preferred contractor selected and endorsed by the PCG.
October 2023	Contract process commenced, PCG meeting with consultant to determine timeframes and engagement plan.
November 2023	Contract execution with lead consultant, Projence, followed by Media Release to the Regions, engagement and collaboration with communities commenced.
	Consultation was held through November 2023 – January 2024.
January 2024	Council workshops held.
February 2024	DRAFT Castlereagh Country Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Report, Priority Project Rapid BCR Review considered by PCG and feedback provided.
March 2024	Council meeting considering DRAFT documents and endorsed for public exhibition.
	Public exhibition through April 2024 - May 2024. Two submissions received, within this Report.
	DRAFT Castlereagh Country Drought Plan provided to CSIRO for independent review.
May 2025	CSIRO feedback received.
	Feedback from PCG, Council, CSIRO and community provided to Projence for update.
October 2024	Updated DRAFT Plan provided by Projence.
November 2024	PCG endorsed updated Drought Plan to be submitted to CSIRO along with Region's response to feedback received.
February 2025	Advice on application of the Implementation funding received.
March 2025	Castlereagh Country Drought Plan approved by the Minister.

Reporting has further been provided to the Department at intervals as required as part of the funding deed.

Public Exhibition

Following Council's meeting in March 2024, the DRAFT Castlereagh Country Drought Plan and associated documents were put on public exhibition, including:

- DRAFT Castlereagh Country Drought Resilience Plan
- Castlereagh Country Drought Resilience Assessment
- Priority Projects BCR
- Stakeholder Report
- Implementation Action Plan

The DRAFT documents were advertised across digital and print platforms, including Gilgandra and Warrumbungle social media, emails, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle websites and newspapers.

Two submissions were received:

New Response Received: Castlereagh Country Drought Plan Public Exhibition

Have Your Say

Have Your Say!	things the highest,, My wish as a kid was the old cement bright on the way to the cemrty was to be thr town where as the Mn we could put a boat in at the pump station right of the big bridge and fish buy boat , and have a better water supply I can rember watching the older kids jump of the big bridge into a big hole on the right on the way outta town , they would always check for longs ans stuff before hand, on the left they would jump when the river was setting down after big rain , I think thr litter cement bridge would make a Easy conversion into a fish safe wear like gin gin where at Warren or there about only seen it once was it was smart and I'm sure I could draw up a plain one day soon I'll do it. And I have a abn so it's the kinda job project I would love to take on ,, few big pips to let water threw to the other towns when it gets dry again. Cheers davin parsons of Binnaway, look forward to your reply 👍 have a grwt weekend
Please attach any supporting documentation	
Would you like to receive updates?	Yes

17/05/2024 01:42 PM

Drought Plan.



To: Castlereagh Country

Reply

Reply All

Forward



Mon 8/01/2024 7:48 AM

You replied to this message on 15/01/2024 3:43 PM.

Greetings, I'm responding to a flier I've received in the mail. Drought Resilience Plan.
I have a farm 30ks west of Coonabarabran. I ran out of water 2019. Not funny. I virtually deadlocked.
Coonabarabran always has problems in a dry spell. Surely more underground reserves should be sought?
For me, I'm at the end of Bugaldie valley. Apparently there's water 150metres. The cost of putting a bore is around \$30 000 + equipping it is beyond my means
I've organised a chap to Devine for alternate shallow water. Hopefully that will solve my problems.
At any rate, doing something about the problem now needs to be taken.
John Thring

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The Castlereagh Country Regional Drought Resilience plan was further provided to CSIRO for independent review.

Overview of the Castlereagh Country Drought Plan

The Drought Plan includes an implementation action plan to determine the actions moving forward to encourage and build drought resilience within the community across the themes.

The main themes from this consultation, and the desktop review on which the Castlereagh Country Drought Plan has been built upon are as follows:

Healthy, connected and resilient communities
Infrastructure to support communities and agriculture
Resilient local businesses and regional economy
Sustainable management and use of natural resources

The Plan presents:

- Historical and predicted impacts of drought in each region
- An evidence-based, triple-bottom-line strategy to mitigate or adapt to future drought impacts
- A prioritised list of actions and pathways to build drought resilience, specific to the region that addresses the needs of the community.

The objective of these plans is to come up with practical solutions for addressing gaps in the way communities prepare for and respond to drought.

Implementation Action Plan and Priorities

The Drought Plan includes an implementation action plan to determine the actions moving forward to encourage and build drought resilience within the community across the themes.

The \$250,000 available for these priority implementation actions from the plan across the Castlereagh Country region was workshopped in March 2024 by Council and Executive Leadership staff, following extensive feedback from both GSC and WSC to the DRAFT Castlereagh Country Drought Plan.

At these Council workshops, the following implementation actions were considered priorities:

1. Develop groundwater access toolkit/mapping of
 - Key parameters (depth to groundwater, potential volumetric groundwater yield, water quality)
 - Simplified spatial representation of existing groundwater users and their annual extraction limits, and
 - NSW Water Sharing Plan licensing requirements for new groundwater works and water use approvals.
2. Develop and promote Drought Innovation and Resilience Showcase Field Day to showcase local and new ideas for natural resource management, farming practices and innovation. As well as social and wellbeing outcomes.
3. Develop a Drought Communication Strategy to guide community and stakeholder engagement during drought conditions. Which includes
 - Internal community facing and external promotions:
 - Local business promotion
 - Community distribution and donations process
 - Tourism and attraction campaigns
 - Mental health
 - Volunteer resourcing.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live, Enjoy, Grow, Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.1.1.3 Play the lead role in developing and implementing a Regional Drought Recovery Plan as a joint project with Warrumbungle Shire Council

RECOMMENDATION

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.

David Neeves
General Manager

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.

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Council's charging structure is in line with Best Practice Pricing as directed by the State Government and it is proposed to continue with the two-part structure being an access charge and a usage charge per kilolitre.

Councillors would be aware of the difficulty in forecasting water usage and therefore making the usage revenue difficult to estimate. However, the water usage charge is based on production costs and any variation from the estimate will be compensated for by respective increased or decreased production costs.

It is proposed to increase both the usage charge and the access charges by 4.2% compared to the previous year. The effects of the proposed changes are illustrated in the following tables:

2024/25 STRUCTURE

Service	Charge	Assess/Kilolitres	Revenue
Access Charge - 20mm	\$362.00	1,260	\$456,120
Access Charge - 25mm	\$565.00	75	\$42,375
Access Charge - 32mm	\$927.00	9	\$8,343
Access Charge - 40mm	\$1,453.00	8	\$11,624
Access Charge - 50mm	\$2,270.00	7	\$15,890
Access Charge - 80mm	\$5,814.00	2	\$11,628
Access Charge - 100mm	\$9,083.00	3	\$27,249
Usage Charge *	\$1.61	536,502 kl	\$863,768
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$1,437,087

* Based on average consumption for the last 10 years.

PROPOSED 2025/26 STRUCTURE

Service	Charge	Assess/Kilolitres	Revenue
Access Charge - 20mm	\$377.00	1,260	\$475,020
Access Charge - 25mm	\$589.00	75	\$44,175
Access Charge - 32mm	\$966.00	9	\$8,694
Access Charge - 40mm	\$1,514.00	8	\$12,112
Access Charge - 50mm	\$2,365.00	7	\$16,555
Access Charge - 80mm	\$6,058.00	2	\$12,116
Access Charge - 100mm	\$9,464.00	3	\$28,392
Usage Charge *	\$1.68	536,502 kl	\$901,323
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$1,498,387

* Based on average consumption for the last 10 years.

In order to achieve the required income under Council's 30-year plan for water infrastructure and operating costs, it is proposed to increase the usage charge and the access charges by 4.2% from the previous year.

Utilising the proposed charging structure will realise estimated income of \$1,498,387 being an increase of \$61,300 from the 2024/25 charging structure. Water usage is a variable factor and water income will increase more if water usage increases.

Principal Activity

Lead

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

As presented.

Delivery Program Actions

4.2.2.3

Ensure that rates and user charges are levied on an equitable basis taking account of the legislative and financial restrictions under which Council operates

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

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.

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Council has used a two-part structure consisting of an access charge and usage charge per kilolitre.

Council's charging structure is in line with Best Practice Pricing as directed by the State Government and it is proposed to continue with the two-part structure currently in use.

Councillors would be aware of the difficulty in forecasting usage and, therefore, making the usage revenue difficult to estimate. However, the water usage charge is based on production costs and any variation from the usage estimate will be compensated for by respective increased or decreased production costs.

It is proposed that the usage charge and the access charge be increased by 4.2% compared to the previous year.

The proposed structure for Tooraweenah Water Supply charges for 2025/26 is:

PROPOSED 2025/26 STRUCTURE

Service	Charge	Assess/Kilolitres	Revenue
Access Charge	\$179.00	78	\$13,962
Usage Charge *	\$2.14	11,807 kl	\$25,267
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$39,229

* Based on average consumption for the last 10 years.

The above charging structure represents a 4.2% increase for both the access and usage charges and will raise an additional \$1,582 compared to the previous year.

Principal Activity Lead

Policy Implications Nil

Budget Implications As presented.

Delivery Program Actions **4.2.2.3**
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account of the legislative and financial
restrictions under which Council operates

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

SEWER CHARGING – 2025/26

SUMMARY

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

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Council’s charging structure is in line with Best Practice Pricing as directed by the State Government and, it is proposed to continue with a two part charging structure comprised of an access charge and a usage charge (based on water usage) with the usage charge including Trade Waste charges.

In order to achieve the required income under Council’s 30-year plan for sewer infrastructure and operating costs, it is proposed to increase the overall estimated income raised by 4.2% in 2025/26 for both the usage charges and the access charges compared to the previous year.

In order to calculate the sewer usage charges, estimated water usage has been determined. Councillors would be aware of the difficulty in forecasting water usage and, therefore, making the sewer usage revenue difficult to estimate. However, the sewer usage charges are based on operating costs and any variation from the estimate should be compensated for by respective increased or decreased operating costs.

The effects of the proposed changes are illustrated in the following tables:

2024/25 STRUCTURE

Service	Current Charges (pa)	Revenue
Trade Waste Usage Charge	\$4.37 x 8,600* kls	\$37,582*
Residential Usage Charge	\$615 x 1,012 assessments	\$622,380
Commercial & Non Rateable Usage Charge	\$2.76 x 71,734* kls	\$197,985
Access Charge - 20mm	\$492 x 1,246 assessments	\$613,032
Access Charge - 25mm	\$766 x 66 assessments	\$50,556
Access Charge - 32mm	\$1,254 x 8 assessments	\$10,032
Access Charge - 40mm	\$1,960 x 6 assessments	\$11,760
Access Charge - 50mm	\$3,048 x 6 assessments	\$18,288
Access Charge - 80mm	\$7,732 x 1 assessment	\$7,732
Access Charge -100mm	\$12,076 x 3 assessments	\$36,228
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE		\$1,605,575

PROPOSED 2025/26 STRUCTURE

Service	Current Charges (pa)	Revenue
Trade Waste Usage Charge	\$4.55 x 8,600* kls	\$39,129*
Residential Usage Charge	\$641 x 1,012 assessments	\$648,692
Commercial & Non Rateable Usage Charge	\$2.88 x 71,734* kls	\$206,594
Access Charge - 20mm	\$513 x 1,246 assessments	\$639,198
Access Charge - 25mm	\$798 x 66 assessments	\$52,668
Access Charge - 32mm	\$1,307 x 8 assessments	\$10,456
Access Charge - 40mm	\$2,042 x 6 assessments	\$12,252
Access Charge - 50mm	\$3,176 x 6 assessments	\$19,056
Access Charge - 80mm	\$8,057 x 1 assessment	\$8,057
Access Charge -100mm	\$12,583 x 3 assessments	\$37,749
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE		\$1,673,851

* Based on the estimated water consumption.

Utilising the proposed charging structure will realise estimated income of \$1,673,851 being an increase of \$68,276 from the 2024/25 rating year structure.

Principal Activity

Lead

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

As presented

Delivery Program Actions

3.2.2.3

Ensure that rates and user charges are levied on an equitable basis taking account of the legislative and financial restrictions under which Council operates

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

STORMWATER CHARGES 2025/26

SUMMARY

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

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The commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Stormwater) Act 2005 on 13 April 2006 enabled Council to make or levy an annual charge for stormwater management services for urban land categorised as residential or business for which the service is available.

Council however cannot make or levy an annual charge for stormwater management services on vacant land, crown land or crown land held under lease for private purposes granted under the Housing Act 2001 or the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998.

Income raised from the implementation of this charge can be spent on capital projects and recurrent expenditure relating to new or additional stormwater management services to eligible land.

It is proposed that the charge remain at the \$25 per assessment limit set by the Local Government Amendment (Stormwater) Act 2005. The proposed structure for stormwater management service charge for 2025/26 is:

Category	Assess	Charge	Revenue
Residential - Gilgandra	926	\$25 / assessment	\$23,150
Business - Gilgandra	140	\$25 / assessment	\$3,500
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$26,650

Using the proposed structure will realise an estimated income of \$26,650 for 2025/26.

Principal Activity

Lead

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

As presented

Delivery Program Actions

3.2.2.3

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Council operates

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR 2025/26

SUMMARY

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

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Council is required to set the charges for domestic waste so as not to exceed the reasonable cost of providing such services. As the domestic waste service and other services are of identical nature, all waste charges can be determined on the same principles.

Council also levies a rural waste charge on all rating assessments that are outside the Gilgandra town boundary. The charge has been calculated to recover costs associated with the maintenance of the former rural waste facilities as the closure of the rural waste facilities does not eliminate all costs associated with them.

Domestic Waste Services

It is proposed to continue with a Domestic Waste Services charging structure for the Tooraweenah and Armatree village and the Gilgandra township as in previous years. It is proposed that the charges for Tooraweenah, Armatree and Gilgandra will increase by 4.2% compared to the 2024/25 year. All charges raised will not exceed the reasonable cost of providing such services. This will raise an estimated \$556,689 for the 2025/26 year.

Other Waste Services

It is proposed to continue with an Other Waste Services charging structure for the Tooraweenah and Armatree village and the Gilgandra township as in previous years. It is proposed that the charges for Tooraweenah, Armatree and Gilgandra will increase by 4.2% compared to the 2024/25 year. All charges raised will not exceed the reasonable cost of providing such services. This will raise an estimated \$135,154 for the 2025/26 year.

Rural Waste Charges

It is proposed the rural waste charge will increase \$23 per assessment to \$24 per assessment for 2025/26. All charges raised will not exceed the cost of maintaining the closed rural waste facilities. This will raise an estimated \$25,176 for the 2025/26 year.

2024/25 STRUCTURE

Service	Assessments	Amount	Totals
Domestic Waste - Residence Charge	994	\$473	\$470,162
Domestic Waste - Village Residence	77	\$437	\$33,649
Domestic Waste - No Residence Charge	63	\$65	\$4,095
Domestic Waste - Village No Residence	36	\$63	\$2,268
Domestic Waste - 2 Flats Charge	7	\$594	\$4,158
Domestic Waste - 3 Flats Charge	4	\$867	\$3,468
Domestic Waste - 4 Flats Charge	5	\$1,131	\$5,655
Domestic Waste - 5 Flats Charge	4	\$1,423	\$5,692
Domestic Waste - 8 Flats Charge	1	\$2,249	\$2,249
Domestic Waste - 10 Flats Charge	1	\$2,788	\$2,788
Total Domestic Waste Income			\$534,184
Commercial Waste Non Business	34	\$67	\$2,278
Commercial Waste CBD	46	\$762	\$35,052
Commercial Waste Other	77	\$633	\$48,741
Commercial Waste Villages	11	\$633	\$6,963
Non Rateable 1 Service	17	\$524	\$8,908
Non Rateable 2 to 5 Services	3	\$1,560	\$4,680
Non Rateable 6 to 10 Services	1	\$3,051	\$3,051
Non Rateable Over 10 Services	1	\$19,991	\$19,991
Total Other Waste Income			\$129,664
Rural Waste Charge	1,047	\$23	\$24,081
Total Rural Waste Income			\$24,081
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$687,929

PROPOSED 2025/26 STRUCTURE

Service	Assessments	Amount	Totals
Domestic Waste - Residence Charge	994	\$493	\$490,042
Domestic Waste - Village Residence	77	\$455	\$35,035
Domestic Waste - No Residence Charge	62	\$68	\$4,216
Domestic Waste - Village No Residence	36	\$66	\$2,376
Domestic Waste - 2 Flats Charge	7	\$619	\$4,333
Domestic Waste - 3 Flats Charge	4	\$903	\$3,612
Domestic Waste - 4 Flats Charge	5	\$1,179	\$5,895
Domestic Waste - 5 Flats Charge	4	\$1,483	\$5,932
Domestic Waste - 8 Flats Charge	1	\$2,343	\$2,343
Domestic Waste - 10 Flats Charge	1	\$2,905	\$2,905
Total Domestic Waste Income			\$556,689
Commercial Waste Non Business	34	\$70	\$2,380
Commercial Waste CBD	46	\$794	\$36,524
Commercial Waste Other	77	\$660	\$50,820
Commercial Waste Villages	11	\$660	\$7,260
Non Rateable 1 Service	17	\$546	\$9,282
Non Rateable 2 to 5 Services	3	\$1,626	\$4,878
Non Rateable 6 to 10 Services	1	\$3,179	\$3,179
Non Rateable Over 10 Services	1	\$20,831	\$20,831
Total Other Waste Income			\$135,154
Rural Waste Charge	1,049	\$24	\$25,176
Total Rural Waste Income			\$25,173
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATE			\$717,019

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TABLE 1 (2025/26):

EXPENDITURE:

% of Gilgandra Waste costs applicable to service	Total Waste	% Applicable	\$ Applicable
	Estimate	To Services	To Services
Admin Expenses - Gilgandra	\$49,204.00	100.00%	\$49,204
Contractor Charges	\$151,791.00	100.00%	\$151,791
Gilgandra Waste Facility Costs	\$474,156.00	80.00%	\$379,325
Gilgandra Waste Reserve	\$40,000.00	80.00%	\$32,000
Kerbside Recycling Costs	\$80,518.00	100.00%	\$80,518
Rural Waste Operating Costs	\$24,060.00	100.00%	\$24,060
Rural Waste Reserve	\$0.00	100.00%	\$0.00
	\$819,729.00		\$716,898.00

	Domestic Waste 80.50%	Other Waste 19.50%	Rural Waste 0.00%
Admin Expenses - Gilgandra	\$39,609.22	\$9,594.78	\$0.00
Contractor Charges	\$122,191.76	\$29,599.25	\$0.00
Gilgandra Waste Facility Costs	\$305,356.46	\$73,968.34	\$0.00
Gilgandra Waste Reserve	\$25,760.00	\$6,240.00	\$0.00
Kerbside Recycling Costs	\$64,816.99	\$15,701.01	\$0.00
Rural Waste Operating Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,060.00
Rural Waste Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,116.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2025/26	\$557,734.43	\$135,103.37	\$25,176.00

INCOME:

<u>Domestic Waste Income</u>	Qty	Charge	Totals
Residence Charge	994	\$493.00	\$490,042.00
Village Residence Charge	77	\$455.00	\$35,035.00
No Residence Charge	62	\$68.00	\$4,216.00
Village No Residence Charge	36	\$66.00	\$2,376.00
2 Flats Charge	7	\$619.00	\$4,333.00
3 Flats Charge	4	\$903.00	\$3,612.00
4 Flats Charge	5	\$1,179.00	\$5,895.00
5 Flats Charge	4	\$1,483.00	\$5,932.00
8 Flats Charge	1	\$2,343.00	\$2,343.00
10 Flats Charge	1	\$2,905.00	\$2,905.00
Total Domestic Waste Income			\$556,689.00
<u>Other Waste Income</u>			
Commercial Non Business	34	\$70.00	\$2,380.00
Commercial CBD	46	\$794.00	\$36,524.00
Commercial Other	77	\$660.00	\$50,820.00
Village Commercial	11	\$660.00	\$7,260.00
Non Rateable 1 Service	17	\$546.00	\$9,282.00
Non Rateable 2 to 5 Services	3	\$1,626.00	\$4,878.00
Non Rateable 6 to 10 Services	1	\$3,179.00	\$3,179.00
Non Rateable Over 10 Services	1	\$20,831.00	\$20,831.00
Total Other Waste Income			\$135,154.00
<u>Rural Waste Income</u>			
Rural Waste Charge	1,049	\$24.00	\$25,176.00
Total Rural Waste Income			\$25,176.00
TOTAL WASTE INCOME 2025/26			\$717,019.00

RESULT 2025/26:

<u>Domestic Waste</u>	
Income	\$556,689.00
Expenditure	\$557,734.43
	(\$1,045.43)
<u>Other Waste</u>	
Income	\$135,154.00
Expenditure	\$135,103.37
	\$50.63
<u>Rural Waste</u>	
Income	\$25,176.00
Expenditure	\$25,176.00

** To comply with the Act, the forecast must be a deficit.*

Surplus / (Deficit)

\$0.00

Should any figures that have been used in this calculation that have been extracted from the proposed estimates be altered by Council, then this calculation will have to be re-done.

Where relevant, the above figures are directly related to the figures in the 2025/26 estimates. Therefore, if Council should reduce any of the related costs in the estimates, the savings should then be reflected in the charges to ratepayers.

Alternatively, should Council wish to increase any of the related charges (such as amounts transferring to reserves), the increased costs should then be reflected in increased charges to ratepayers.

Section 504 (3) of the act clearly states that "income obtained from domestic waste management must be calculated so as not to exceed the reasonable cost to the council of providing those services."

Principal Activity

Lead

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

As presented

Delivery Program Actions

4.2.2.3

Ensure that rates and user charges are levied on an equitable basis taking account of the legislative and financial restrictions under which Council operates

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

RATE MODELS – 2025/26

SUMMARY

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

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Council needs to consider the proposed rating structure for its Ordinary Rates for the forthcoming rating period.

Council's current structure is composed of the following rating categories:

Category/Subcategory	Summary of Criteria for Category	Section of LG Act
Farmland	All assessments engaged in farming that has a significant or substantial commercial purpose	515
Residential	All assessments used for residential purposes including rural residential assessments	516
Residential - <i>Gilgandra</i>	All assessments used for residential purposes within the township of Gilgandra	516
Business	All assessments used for commercial purposes (excluding farming)	518
Business - <i>Gilgandra</i>	All assessments used for commercial purposes within the township of Gilgandra	518

The Categories are determined by the Local Government Act while individual Councils determine the subcategories.

It is proposed to maintain the existing Sub-Categories used in Council's rating structure, namely, Residential - Gilgandra and Business - Gilgandra.

Council will be using land values with base date 1 July 2024 to levy the 2025/26 rates.

For 2025/26, the rate peg has been set between 3.7% and 7.6%, dependent on the population factor. The rate peg for Gilgandra has been set at 4.2%. It is proposed to increase Council's general income by the full 4.2% rate peg set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). One model reflecting this increase will be presented to Council.

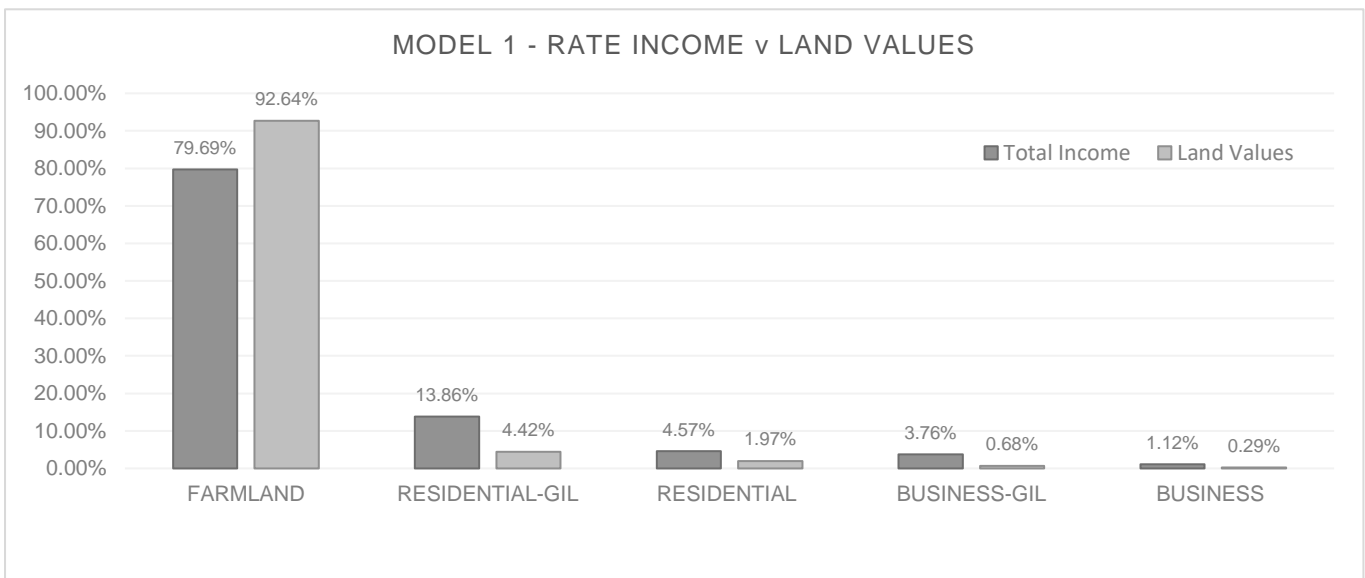
The interest rate for 2025/26 is yet to be determined but will be charged at the maximum interest rate set by the Minister for Local Government. The interest rate is currently set at 10.5%.

MODEL 1

The principles of this model are as follows:

- Increase the total income by a catch up from 2024/25 of \$2,116
- 4.2% rate peg maximum limit determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)
- Minimums have increased by 4.2% on the previous year
- Income relatives have been kept the same as previous years

CATEGORY	Assess on Cents in \$	Rate	Amount	Assess on Min	Minimum	Amount	Total
FARMLAND	778	0.411845	\$ 4,709,625	46	\$ 678.20	\$ 31,197	\$ 4,740,822
RES-GILGANDRA	140	0.989631	\$ 135,160	940	\$ 767.70	\$ 721,639	\$ 856,799
RESIDENTIAL	151	0.842457	\$ 171,756	160	\$ 692.20	\$ 110,752	\$ 282,508
BUS-GILGANDRA	87	2.457415	\$ 178,885	69	\$ 776.10	\$ 53,551	\$ 232,436
BUSINESS	10	1.414219	\$ 38,001	45	\$ 694.10	\$ 31,235	\$ 69,236
	1166		\$ 5,233,427	1192		\$ 948,374	\$ 6,181,801



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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	As per the above models
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.3.3.1 Prepare annual Budgets, Long Term Plan Reviews, Quarterly Budget Reviews and Annual Statements and place investments in line with legislative requirements and Council policy*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the rate model as presented for the 25/26 rating year.

Neil Alchin
Director of Growth and Liveability

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.

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The Community Strategic Plan 2035 guides the future direction of our community over the next 10 years and shares the vision and aspirations for the future of the Gilgandra Region.



To assist in drafting this plan a significant consultation process was carried out to seek community input.

Community Insights Survey

The Gilgandra Region Community Insights Survey was open throughout November 2024 to February 2025. Residents were invited to join the conversation on facilities and services provided to our community and to assist in planning the future over the next ten years of the 2035 Community Strategic Plan.

There were 212 responses to the survey.

Of those respondents:

- **58%** have lived in Gilgandra for more than 20 years, **12%** have been here for 11-20 years and **17%** less than 5 years.
- **75%** of respondents were female, **25%** were male.
- The majority of respondents were aged between **36 – 45 years** (23%), followed by 18-35 age group (19%)
- **78%** are from in the **Gilgandra Area**, while Armatree, Balladoran, Bidson, Collie, Curban, Kickabil, Mendooran, Tonderbrine, Tooraweenah areas were represented
- **87%** would be likely or very likely to recommend Gilgandra Shire as a place to **live**
- **88%** would be likely or very likely to recommend Gilgandra Shire as a place to **visit**
- **76%** would be likely or very likely to recommend Gilgandra Shire as a place to **start/grow a business**.
- **49%** of respondents had contacted Council in the last 12 months (other than to make a payment).
- **45%** contacted Council by **phone** and **31%** visited Council Facilities **in person**. Which were the top two preferred ways of dealing with Council (76%).
- **27%** of respondents felt like Council dealt with their interaction **fairly well**.
- **26%** of respondents felt like Council dealt with their interaction **well**.
- The majority of respondents prefer to communicate with Council **by email and phone (30% each)**
- **In person** followed just behind with **29%**.
- The majority of respondents prefer to hear about Council news through **Council's Social Media (56%)**. **The Gilgandra Weekly** was the second highest communication channel (**45%**). Council's website, email newsletters and letter box drop were all well rated (above 33%).
- In **2025** the majority of respondents preferred to hear about Council news through **Council's Social Media (56%)**. **The Gilgandra Weekly** was the second highest communication channel (45%)
- The majority of respondents rated Council's overall performance last term as a 7, on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (very good). This was closely followed by 8. 82% scored Council's overall performance as 5 and above. Compared to 64% scoring 5 and above in 2021.

There were questions that asked respondents to answer how important facilities or services were to them across the four themes, Live, Enjoy, Grow and Lead.

Respondents were then asked how well Council performed: Very well; Well; Fairly well; Poorly or Very Poorly. There were no answers ranking 'Very well' or 'Very poor'.

There were specific questions asked regarding Gilgandra Lifestyles care services over the next 10 years.

Further, specific questions were asked regarding the challenges our youth are currently facing.

The full presentation summary of the survey results is attached to this Report.

Final questions were asked, regarding the top three (3) priorities or ideas for Council to consider for delivery in the next four (4) years, as well as free text fields for other comments.

A summary of these is included below, while the full export of data is attached.

Community Collaboration Sessions

In February and March 2025 Council conducted a series of community consultation sessions at Armatree, Tooraweenah, Cobboco, Curban and Gilgandra to discuss planning for the future of our Region and proposed major projects with intergenerational benefits. A summary of the Community Insights Survey results were also presented.

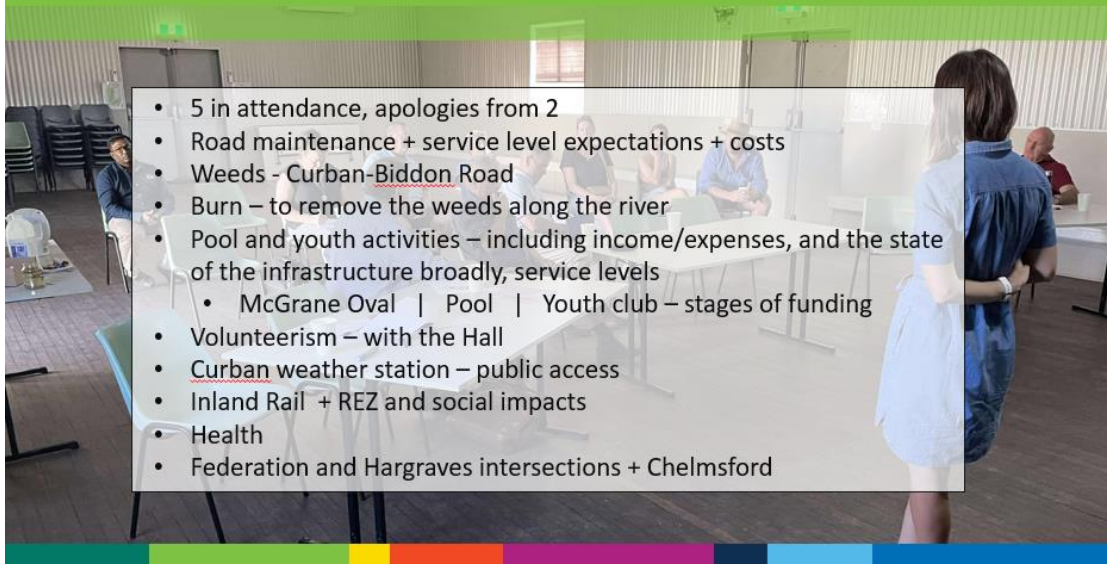


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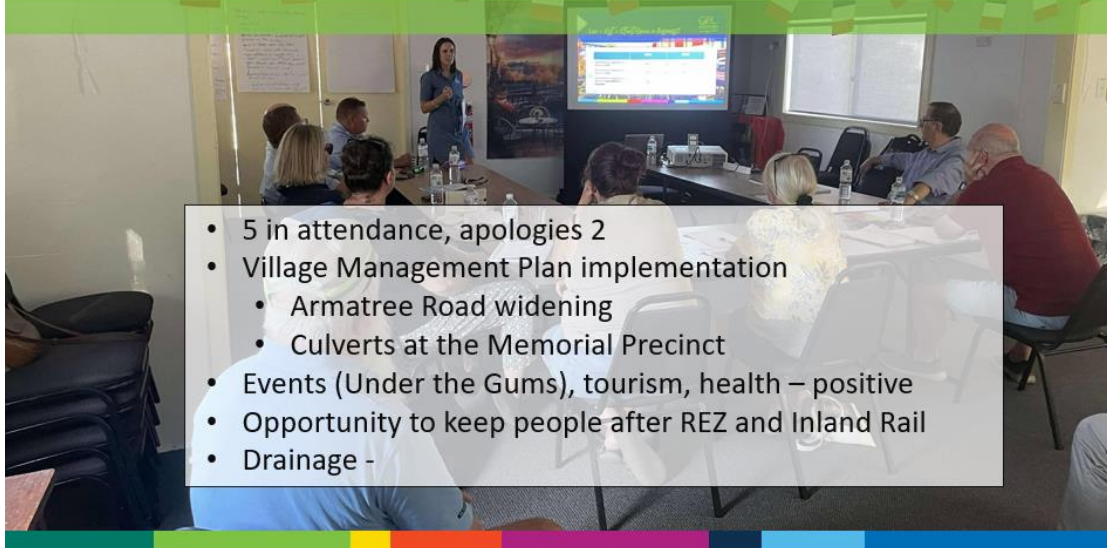
- ~15 in attendance – apologies from 3
- Tooraweenah-Mendooran Road
- Pedestrian Safety
- Village Management Plan implementation – positive
- Events | zoning
- Communication – specifically online acknowledgement

CURBAN Community Collaboration Session...

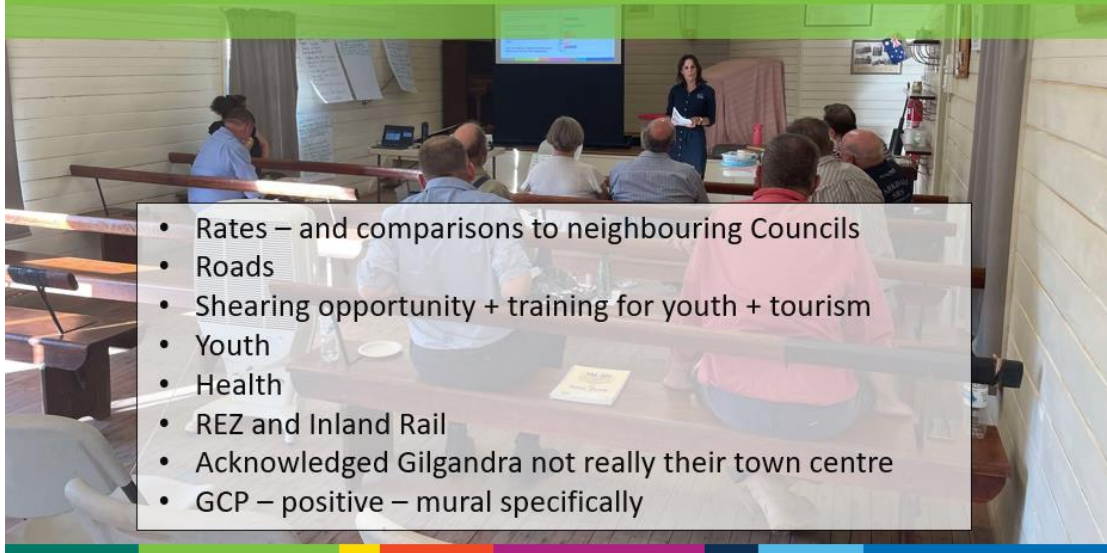


- 5 in attendance, apologies from 2
 - Road maintenance + service level expectations + costs
 - Weeds - Curban-Biddon Road
 - Burn – to remove the weeds along the river
 - Pool and youth activities – including income/expenses, and the state of the infrastructure broadly, service levels
 - McGrane Oval | Pool | Youth club – stages of funding
 - Volunteerism – with the Hall
 - Curban weather station – public access
 - Inland Rail + REZ and social impacts
 - Health
 - Federation and Hargraves intersections + Chelmsford
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ARMATREE Community Collaboration Session...



COBOCO Community Collaboration Session...



There were approximately 34 in attendance in the Gilgandra Community Collaboration session hosted at the GIL Library Hub, with discussions including McGrane Oval, gym, pool, roads, tourism, median strip & green space maintenance, housing, Landuse planning, footpaths and exercise options.

Promotions

A strategic mix of promotions was utilised to reach residents throughout the Gilgandra Shire Local Government Area, including:

- Consultation Sessions (Specific): 14
- Consultation Sessions (Generic Have Your Say): Two
- Media Release: One
- Facebook Banner: One
- Emails re. consultation Sessions / Reminders: Six
- Email signature on GSC emails out
- Gilgandra Weekly Block Ad
- Letterbox drops
- Posters across administration offices and public spaces

Feedback

- Four (4) submissions via website form
- Two (2) submissions via Customer Service Request
- Two (2) social media comments
- 212 survey responses, including
 - 397 comments regarding the ‘top 3 ideas or areas of focus you would like to see Council prioritise over the next four-year term.’
 - 90 comments regarding ‘other feedback you would like to provide to Council.’

Each of these have been provided as an attachment to this report in full.

Summary of Findings - Survey:

A summary of the key issues identified from the Community Insights Survey is included below:

Summary of Major Themes from Community Feedback for Question 20 - top 3 ideas for next 4 year

1. Community Infrastructure and Public Spaces

Swimming Pool & Sports Centre: Strong support for upgrading the swimming pool, including a heated pool, splash park, and extended opening seasons.

Roads & Infrastructure: Maintenance of unsealed roads, stormwater drainage, and improved town water quality/pressure.

Town Appearance & Public Spaces: Calls for better maintenance of green spaces, parks, public toilets, and beautification of main streets.

Housing: Affordable and diverse housing options, particularly for teachers, nurses, and low-income families.

Public Safety & Accessibility: Improved footpaths, fencing for playgrounds, and better accessibility in public spaces.

2. Economic Development and Business Growth

Supporting Local Business: Making it easier for new businesses to establish, providing incentives, and reducing council red tape.

Employment Opportunities: Encouraging apprenticeships, traineeships, and business programs to retain local talent.

Tourism Development: Investing in attractions such as a water park, signage, and connectivity to major tourist sites.

Retail Diversity: Demand for more affordable shops, retail variety, and enhanced shopping experiences.

3. Health, Aged Care, and Community Services

Medical Services: Attraction and retention of GPs, nurses, and aged care workers; calls for improved local healthcare access.

Aged Care & Disability Support: Increase in-home aged care services, more disability-friendly infrastructure, and better support for seniors.

Childcare & Family Support: Expansion of childcare services, before/after school care, and more family-friendly community activities.

4. Youth and Recreational Activities

Youth Facilities & Programs: Support for a youth centre, PCYC, after-school/weekend programs, and activities for teenagers.

Sports & Recreation Upgrades: Calls for a new sporting precinct, better gym facilities, and enhanced playgrounds.

Community Events & Social Engagement: More events to engage different age groups, promoting community participation.

5. Governance, Transparency, and Council Performance

Better Council Engagement: Community wants more transparency in council decisions, better communication, and responsiveness to community concerns.

Public Consultation & Involvement: Greater community involvement in decision-making, including listening forums and engagement with local leaders.

These themes highlight the community's strong focus on infrastructure improvements, economic growth, access to essential services, youth engagement, and greater transparency from the council.

Summary of Major Themes from Community Feedback for Question 21 - other feedback to Council

Infrastructure & Services

Roads: Prioritisation of sealing roads between townships (e.g., Tooraweenah & Gulargambone, Gulargambone & Mendooran) and rural road maintenance.

Water Supply: Concerns about water quality and pressure, particularly in Tooraweenah and The Pines Estate.

Telecommunications: Calls for improved internet and mobile service, particularly in the CBD.

Flood Mitigation: Requests to upgrade the levy bank to better protect homes from flooding.

Community Facilities & Recreation

Swimming Pool: Strong demand for a new or upgraded pool, preferably 50m, potentially with a splash pad and year-round access.

Parks & Playgrounds: Requests for shaded, interactive play areas, toddler-friendly spaces, a pump track, and improved park equipment.

Sport & Fitness: Suggestions for a badminton court, expanded gym facilities, and over-55s fitness programs.

Waste Management: Interest in green waste bins, composting programs, and better park maintenance.

Youth & Family Support

Childcare & Activities: More childcare services, youth activities, and events like family fun days.

Teen Engagement: Facilities like a skate park or pump track to prevent boredom and reduce negative behaviours.

Educational & Social Opportunities: More after-school care and free community activities rather than costly events.

Governance & Community Engagement

Council Transparency & Communication: Calls for clearer communication, layman-friendly explanations, and timely responses to community inquiries.

Representation of Outlying Towns: Concerns that Gilgandra receives disproportionate funding and attention over surrounding communities.

Council Accountability: Frustration over project delays (e.g., library), decision-making, and lack of responsiveness to past surveys.

Economic Development & Local Business Support

Business Growth: Encouragement for more retail and food outlets (e.g., KFC, McDonald's) and support for small businesses.

Tourism & Promotion: More advertising, engaging caravanners, and ensuring accurate tourism signage.

Employment & Economic Diversification: Addressing high business vacancies, boosting investment in Gilgandra, and ensuring locals benefit from employment opportunities.

Question & Answers:

As part of the community sessions all questions were noted and will form part of a Questions and Answers document which will be made available on Council's website. Distributed to attendees of the Community Collaboration sessions, promoted in the Gilgandra Weekly and across Council's social media.

Next steps:

The community collaboration will be considered by staff and Council in developing the Draft Community Strategic Plan and association Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.

These draft documents will be prepared for Council's consideration in its May 2025 meeting, followed by 28 day period of public exhibition.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	In line with Council's Community Engagement Strategy
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.3.2.1 Review Council's Integrated Plans in line with NSW State Government guidelines*

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

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**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.

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Council has received correspondence from Mr Trevor Rogers and Mrs Julie Rogers who wish to construct a new shed and carport on their property at 1 Christie Drive, Gilgandra (Lot 1 DP 104772), pending Development Approval from Council. The land is currently zoned R1 General Residential under the Gilgandra Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP).

Council currently has the subject DA (2025/579) under assessment.

Mr and Mrs Rogers have requested a variation to Gilgandra's Development Control Plan 2011 (DCP) and to the 88B instrument that restricts development on the lot, as without these variations being granted the overall development would not be compliant with Council's DCP or the 88B instrument.

VARIATION TO DCP

Proposed Shed

There is an existing dwelling and small shed toward the rear of the block. The proponent seek departure to Section 7.2.4 of the Gilgandra DCP to vary the secondary frontage setback (being Middleton Memorial Drive) from 7.5m to 2.5 metres for construction of the new shed (12 x 14m) (Figure 1).

Primary access to the subject lot is via an existing driveway off Christie Drive, which will service the proposed shed. The proponent is also seeking to create a secondary access point off Middleton Memorial Drive and has lodged a s138 application with Council's Infrastructure Department.

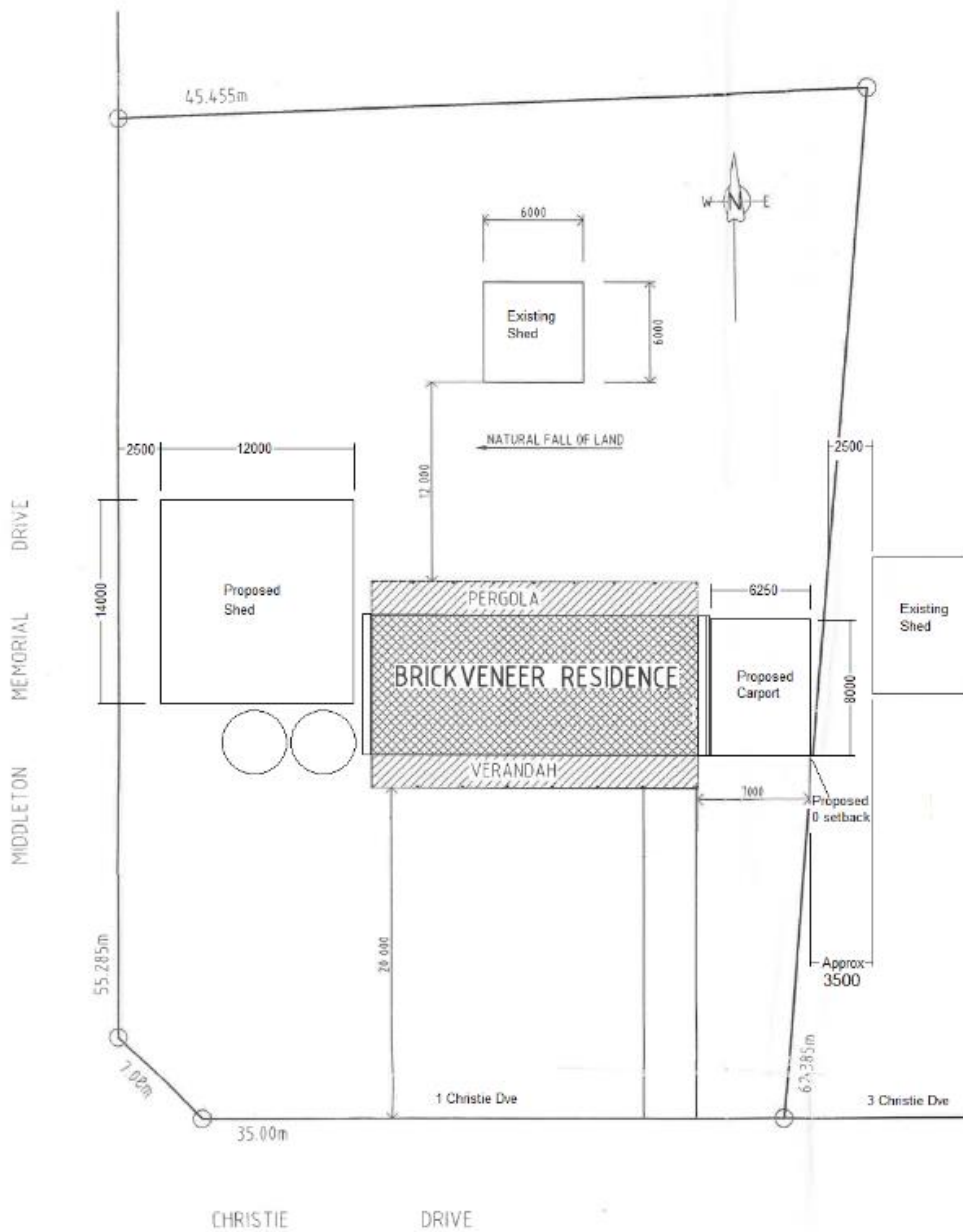


Figure 1: Indicative Site Plan (not to scale)

The relevant section of the DCP is as follows:

7.2.4 Setbacks

a. Setbacks should relate to the traffic function of the street and to setbacks of adjacent development.

Table 7-1 Minimum Front Setbacks

Street Type	Minimum frontage setback (m)	Minimum side setback to corner street (m)
Local access street	7.5 m	7.5 m
Classified road	9.0m	9.0 m

Side and rear setback

Council will generally consider applications to vary setbacks on their merits provided that dwelling structures are adequately separated for privacy and overshadowing does not result (including private open space and dwelling structures on adjoining land not in the same ownership). The wall proposed to be constructed adjacent to the allotment boundary must comply with the National Construction Code fire rating requirements.

With regard to 7.2.4, staff assessment of the request is as follows:

- The proposed setback from the secondary frontage will not affect traffic function in the area.
- The proposed shed would not result in reduced privacy as the shed is not a habitable dwelling and there is no neighbouring lot to the Western side of 1 Christie Drive.
- The proposed shed would not result in any overshadowing as there is no neighbouring lot to the Western side of 1 Christie Drive and the land on the opposite side of the road is Zoned RU1 (primary production) in the LEP.
- The design of the proposed shed would comply with Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements for fire safety.
- The proposed shed would be visually mitigated by the existing pine trees along the boundary of the Lot and within Middleton Memorial Drive.

Council staff have also considered potential impacts with regard to Clause 7.2.3 of the DCP, relevant sections included below

7.2.3 Building siting

- a. Attractive streetscapes comprised of dwellings with a consistent relationship to the street and each other, and dwelling facades where the garage is not a dominant visual element.
- b. Lot design which facilitates housing fronting onto public open space, to incorporate these spaces into the living environment, facilitate surveillance, and prevent isolation and degradation of these spaces.
- c. Presentation of each façade of a corner building as a main street frontage.

Staff assessment against these considerations include:

- The secondary frontage of 1 Christie Drive faces Middleton Memorial Drive, similar to 2 Christie Drive.
 - 2 Christie Drive does not have a main street frontage on Middleton Memorial Drive.
 - The Western boundary of 1 Christie Drive is lined with pine trees that partially screen the view of the property from Middleton Memorial Drive (Figure 2)
 - Construction of a shed at the western boundary of 1 Christie Drive will result in a relationship to the street that is not inconsistent with that of 2 Christie Drive (note that 4 Christie Drive is devoid of trees and as such, does not appear consistent with the streetscape of Middleton Memorial Drive) (Figure 3).
 - The proposed location of the shed is also partially occluded from view from Christie Drive by Pine trees and as such, will not present as a dominant visual element of the dwelling (see photos below).
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Figure 2: 1 Christie Drive (subject property), current street view



Figure 3: 2 & 4 Christie Drive, reference points

It is considered reasonable to vary Gilgandra Shire Council's Development Control Plan 2011 standards as requested to allow the proposed shed to be built with a setback comparable to that of neighbouring buildings for the following reasons:

- The setback would not be inconsistent with the streetscape in the immediate area.
- The setback would not cause overshadowing of neighbouring buildings.
- The setback would not impede access to or operation of any infrastructural elements.
- The setback would not contravene any requirements of the BCA.
- Existing vegetation screening will minimise visual impact of the proposed shed fronting Middleton Drive

VARIATION TO 88B INSTRUMENT

Proposed carport

The proponent also seeks variation to the 88B instrument burdening the land, to permit construction of the proposed carport (6 x 8m).

1 Christie Drive as part of DP1047720, is subject to an 88B instrument listed in the fourthly referred to restriction on the use of land Part 2 (f):

“(f)No building or any part of a building shall be constructed within a distance of 10 metres from the rear boundary or 2.5 metres from the side boundary or 7.5 metres from the road boundary of any lot hereby burdened.”

1 Christie Drive is a burdened party with the Council of the Shire of Gilgandra listed as the authority benefited. It is understood the restriction has been imposed on the land with Gilgandra Shire Council acting as the developer. The restriction was not imposed for a statutory purpose.

Mr and Mrs Rogers of 1 Christie Drive are seeking a variation from the minimum setback of 2.5 metres from their eastern boundary as they are proposing to erect a double carport that would otherwise encroach on this setback. The setback required for the proposed carport is 0 from the eastern boundary.

Pursuant to the Gilgandra Local Environmental Plan 2011, Clause 1.9A Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments development may be carried out which is allowable under the GLEP including when such development contravenes a restriction to the use of land. Therefore, it is possible for Council to use this Clause to allow a building to be constructed which contravenes the above quoted restriction.

Council’s Planning and Development staff, have considered this request and for the following reasons recommend approval:

1. It is understood, the reason for the increased setback from side boundaries in the Pines Subdivision is to facilitate spacious and appealing high-end aesthetic for the residential estate.

As a general note, to all other lots in Gilgandra where an 88B instrument does not apply, the minimum setback of a building from an adjoining lot is governed by the BCA and can be reduced to 0 (zero) based on merit assessment.

2. The lot boundary is non-parallel between 1 Christie Drive and 3 Christie Drive. The resultant separation between the existing shed on neighbouring 3 Christie Drive and the proposed carport on 1 Christie Drive would be approximately 3.5m (refer Figure 1 and Figure 4 aerial imagery).
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3. There is no statutory reason to refuse this request for a variation.



Figure 4: Aerial imagery, including proposed developments

It is considered reasonable to vary the 88B instrument as requested to allow the proposed carport to be built with a zero setback for the following reasons:

- The setback would not cause overshadowing of neighbouring buildings.
- The setback would not impede access to or operation of any infrastructural elements.
- The setback would not contravene any requirements of the BCA.
- Council staff have spoken to Mr Ike Morris of 3 Christie Drive regarding the proposed development and setback of the carport. Mr Morris did not raise any objections.
- A condition of development consent would be included to ensure the proposed carport is fully contained within the subject lot.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Variation to Pines Subdivision (DP1047720) 88B Instrument.
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.3.1.3 Assess and process Development Applications, Complying Development

Certificates, Construction Certificate
Applications and Local Activity Approvals in a
timely manner

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

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.

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Recent work at Gilgandra Waste Facility (GWF)

The current cell at the GWF is nearing the end of its active life with landfilling now at ground level. Recent earth works have been completed to formalise the batter walls on this cell, allowing the on-site operator to work within the available airspace in a structured manner and preparation of final capping. It is estimated there is approximately 6-8 months of landfilling remaining in the current cell to reach the approximate 2 metres above ground level capped height based on current filling rates and compaction levels with the Track Loader.



Figure 1: Current cell, recent earthworks

Works have also been recently completed to formalise the new adjacent cell in preparation for use, with earthworks completed to improve the batter wall grade, construction of the sump and new internal track loader access road, utilising recently crushed concrete processed on site. Remaining elements are being progressed to

finalise the sump including a platform to attach the pump to ensure operator safety and manage the cell leachate once operational.



Figure 2: New cell works, including sump & machine access road



Figure 3: Current restriction of cell access

Grant funding opportunity

There is a current funding opportunity available through the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under the **Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements (LCEI) Program** to improve, consolidate or close landfills in the Regional Levy and Non-Levied Areas of NSW. Gilgandra Shire Council is currently located in the Non-Levied Area, with the GWF being an eligible landfill.

The grant program is designed to deliver on outcomes of the NSW Government Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy.

\$6 million in funding will be offered over three (3) streams, with applications closing for Intake 1 projects on Friday, 21 March 2025.

- Up to \$300,000 in Stream 1 for consolidation and closure of landfills and construction of transfer stations
- Up to \$250,000 in Stream 2 for site improvements for better environmental and operational performance
- Up to \$25,000 in Stream 3 for access to professional services and education courses related to Streams 1 and 2 such as feasibility studies, design closure plans, technical engineering plans to support councils.

The GWF is the only operational landfill in the local government area following previous closure of the satellite sites in Curban, Armatree, Bidson and Tooraweenah.

The Gilgandra Waste Tyre Facility is ineligible for funding as it is a licensed site for *non-thermal treatment of waste tyres, Waste storage – Waste Tyres* (Environment Protection Licence, EPL 12069).

Funded projects are to be delivered within two (2) years of project commencement, with June 2025 announcement expected for Intake 1 projects. A further two project intakes are expected, with Intake 2 applications opening July 2025, and Intake 3 applications opening February 2026.

It is proposed that Council submit applications in Stream 2 and 3 as outlined for the current Intake, with future applications to be informed from the proposed strategic body of work and plant and equipment assessment.

Funding Objective

The objective of the LCEI Program is to provide funding for regional and remote councils in the RLA and NLA of NSW to close or improve landfill and transfer station sites. The Program aims to:

- Support regional NSW local councils carry out site-specific improvement works to council-managed landfill and transfer station facilities.
 - Consolidate and close regional landfills at end of life or where councils have identified viable alternatives for waste disposal via the Council Waste Management Strategy or Regional Waste Strategy
 - Establish site-specific transfer stations at the location of the closed landfill site
 - Improve environmental and human health and well-being in communities
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- Improve management, safety and operation of landfills and transfer stations
- Provide access to advisory services and education on best practice methods to improve waste management practices and landfill management efficiency, including to extend the life of landfills
- Encourage use of the E-RAMP tool to assess sites at most risk and suitable for closure.

Stream 2 – Site Improvements for Better Environmental & Operational Improvements

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available for Stream 2, covering up to 70% of the eligible project costs relating to environmental improvements to landfills.

Applicants must meet a minimum of 30% of cash and in-kind contributions. All project expenses, including cash and in-kind contributions must be clearly identified in the Application Budget. Funding from other grants or programs must not be included as the applicant's co-contribution.

Examples of eligible expenditure include:

4.2.2. Stream 2 – Environmental improvements

Environmental improvements

- equipment hire costs for undertaking improvement works
- fencing in or around the site/facility
- litter control to prevent windblown litter
- new signage including poles. Signage must acknowledge the funding from the NSW EPA
- site security and supervision infrastructure
- non-consumable alternative daily cover (e.g. tarps)
- purchase of plant and equipment that will bring about environmental improvements through operational improvement – examples include landfill compaction equipment
- material separation equipment – examples include mulchers, glass breakers and balers
- stormwater or sedimentation contouring earthworks (not collection systems)
- groundwater collections systems
- groundwater monitoring

Proposed Stream 2 Grant Application Scope (Intake 1)

The GWF incorporates front-of house operations that include the gatehouse, recycling shed and dedicated public drop-off areas for customers delivering waste with landfilling operations occurring to the rear of the approximately 15-hectare site.

The following items are proposed to include in the Intake 1 application which will address some immediate needs to improve environmental, safety and operational outcomes.

- Litter fence for new cell, which will also restrict public access
 - Improvements to existing public drop-off point, to provide safe, all-weather area:
 - Skillion roof
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- Drop-off bins to cater for trailers (similar to those in recycling shed, can be emptied with existing equipment)
- New signage to clearly define stockpiles and public access restrictions
- Multi-purpose small machine (such as tractor or bobcat, second hand is eligible), with 3-way attachment (bucket/blade/slasher) to improve stockpile management & use of recovered material, reduce wear & tear on Track Loader and improve weed control.

Further detail to refine the proposed elements and costs for the grant application will be available at the meeting.

Stream 3 – Advisory Services and education

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for Stream 3, covering up to 50% of the eligible project costs of advisory services relating to landfill closure plans, consolidation plans, environmental improvement plans, feasibility assessments for transformation, design and technical engineering plans and education courses to upskill Council staff in waste management.

Applicants must meet a minimum of 50% of cash and in-kind contributions. All project expenses, including cash and in-kind contributions must be clearly identified in the Application Budget.

Examples of eligible expenditure for the Advisory Services include:

4.2.3. Stream 3 – Advisory Services and education

Advisory services

Funding for professional services. In some cases, documents developed in Stream 3 could inform subsequent applications under Stream 1 and 2.

Examples of items eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, the list below:

- consolidation options assessment
- feasibility assessments for transformation
- landfill closure plans
- capping system design
- design plans for infrastructure and civil works
- surface water management plans
- leachate management plans
- stockpile material assessments
- post-closure management plans
- rehabilitation design
- site layout plans
- surface water management plan

Proposed Stream 3 Grant Application Scope

A number of strategic documents have been prepared over the last 20 years to guide waste management in the Gilgandra local government area, including:

- Gilgandra Waste Management Strategy (2009), which also included raw data for test pits on the GWF to determine the extent of historic landfilling;
- Optimising Expiring Landfill sites, Gilgandra Waste Facility (Geolyse, 2012) which investigated options on future disposal of waste
- Long Term Plan of Management (LTPoM, Robert Bailey Consulting, July 2021)
- Review of Landfill Operations (Bob Amarol, 2023) which assessed the on-site operations in line with the LTPoM 2 years following adoption.

The LTPoM is the key guiding document for Gilgandra's solid waste management, replacing the 2009 Strategy and undertook an examination of Council's core waste facilities and services with consideration of key legislative instruments. It also built upon the achievements already realised by Council and identified where further improvements can be introduced.

Since 2021, there have been some significant changes impacting on waste generation along with pending state government policy and legislative directions that will influence waste management practices moving forward. Council proposes to apply under Stream 3 of the grant program to review the LTPoM with regard to the NSW Government legislative direction and grant objectives, to guide the next 10 years with consideration of the following:

- COVID period which saw the prevalence of single use items, increased waste generation and immediate behaviour change away from reuse & recycling
 - Waste generation associated with major projects including:
 - Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) – one solar farm now under construction on western fringe of town, with 2 others approved (not yet commenced); Milpulling Wind Farm, which proposes 84 wind turbines & associated infrastructure and is currently at EIS preparation stage.
 - Inland Rail – whilst the construction timeframe has been extended, early works are still progressing, with assessment of Council initiated temporary workers accommodation facility Development Application underway.
 - Potential legislative changes impacting on waste collection, management and reporting and recommendations of Council's response to guide future planning, including but not limited to:
 - NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 and NSW EPA Strategic Plan 2024-29
 - Potential introduction of waste levy to the currently defined non-levied area (which includes Gilgandra)
 - High level implications of the FOGO Mandate Bill recently passed through parliament (issue to be considered in detail as part of NetWaste regional project)
 - Review of on-site operations, filling practices & trends, traffic flow and recommendations to improve environmental and operational performance, maximise diversion of waste from landfill and ensure longevity of the site,
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including but not limited to plant and equipment and gatehouse operations/documentation of incoming waste.

- Current kerbside waste collection services, waste education initiatives and recommendations moving forward to increase environmental performance and diversion of waste from landfill
- Preparing recommendations, including potential costings for Council to consider in Community Strategic Plan processes, Long Term Financial Planning and future grant applications

Council is in the process of seeking 3 indicative quotes for the advisory services, which is a requirement of the grant application process.

Consideration of plant and equipment at GWF

It is suggested that Council undertake an assessment of plant and equipment utilised at the GWF in the coming months to consider applying for Intake 2 and 3 of Stream 2 funding opportunities as they become available. Plant and equipment purchase that brings about environmental and operational improvements is an eligible item under the funding guidelines and is a valuable opportunity for Council to consider.

Council currently has a Track Loader which is a multipurpose machine (fixed bucket, with capabilities as a grab, bucket and blade) and is the primary operational machine on site for use in the cell and to manage other waste stockpiles. It was considered the most suitable plant over a Compactor at the time of purchase given its versatility and volumes of waste to manage on-site generally. Use of a Loader and truck to move material around the site is on an ad hoc basis and when available from the Infrastructure Department.

Whilst not specifically recorded, the Track Loader is travelling reasonable distance each day – based on 2 return trips to the current cell from the storage shed/day alone, it would be approximately 2 kilometres per weekday. The plant has recorded 1230 hours of use since Council took delivery of the machine in May 2023 with approximately 75% of the time spent in the waste cell. The expected changeover of this plant is 8 years/8,000 hours which based on current use puts this as being in around 2030.

Council will move into the final remaining trench and fill cell later this year, with an expected lifespan of approximately 5-6 years based on current waste volumes and compaction rates. Following capping of this cell, Council's Long-Term Plan is to commence above ground filling, from the south-eastern corner of the site.

Given the grant opportunities to support purchase of plant and equipment, operational hours of the Track Loader, current filling rates and expected operational life of the GWF it is recommended that staff undertake an assessment of the plant and equipment being used on site in the coming months. Specific consideration should be given to the performance of a Track Loader compared to a Compactor with regards to value for money, compaction rates and the resultant impact on the facility life.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Council financial contribution to grant applications for Intake 1 can be covered from available waste reserves
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.3.4.1 Manage Gilgandra Waste Facility, waste collection contract for town and village kerbside pickup and encourage recycling in Gilgandra Region

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

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.

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A meeting was held on 19 February 2025 with local sporting groups that are users of Council's Sporting facilities with Council represented by:

- Director Growth and Liveability – Neil Alchin
- Youth and Recreation Manager – Tracey Stevenson

Each group was invited to nominate two representatives and those in attendance included:

- Gilgandra Junior Rugby League & Netball – Richard Howard
- Gilgandra Junior Rugby League & Netball – Ashley Hazelton
- Gulargambone Rugby Union – Benn Jenkin
- Gulargambone Rugby Union – Greg King
- Junior & Senior Basketball – Kristina Wendt
- Gilgandra Junior Cricket & Little Athletics – Jodie Peart
- Gilgandra Little Athletics – Mark Colwell
- Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club – Simone Beaton
- Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club – Sarah Adams

With apologies received from:

- Gilgandra Senior Rugby League – Bryson Luff
- Gilgandra Junior Cricket – Randall Medd
- Gilgandra Park Tennis Club – Bruce and Amanda Bunter

The following are notes from the meeting:

Facility Usage & Booking

Overview:

- All user groups were reminded of the importance of following the booking process through GSC Customer Service for facility usage.
- Groups have been urged to submit their season bookings as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

Key Points:

- Emphasized the benefit of early bookings to minimise date clashes and potential dissatisfaction among user groups.
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- Groups expressed a proactive willingness to manage any booking clashes between themselves, indicating a collaborative approach to scheduling.

Fees and Charges 2025/26

Outlined Fees and Charges for current year 24/25 and outlined CPI increases for the coming budget 25/26 including oval hire, seasonal and casual daily hire, plus lightning charges.

Sporting Group Updates & Requests

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club

Key Points:

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- Good start to Swimming Season
- Numbers continue to increase – Pre-Squad and Squad
- Successful Swimming Carnival
- Have had open communication with Gilgandra Shire Council
- Concerns – return of the bats, trimming of the trees and the number of ants hill in grassed area

Requests to GSC:

- Requests – to be part of the process when planning Hunter Park Precinct – Stage 2 (Pool).
- The new pool must be to a State Level Pool – 8 lanes

Gilgandra Senior Rugby League

Key Points:

- Provided by Bryson Luff prior to meeting
- Previous requests to Gilgandra Shire Council completed

Requests to GSC:

- Repairs and maintenance, including Pest Control, to Broadcast Box
- Assessment and repairs to Video Stand

Gilgandra Junior Rugby League & Netball

Key Points:

- JRL - Will have teams completing in the 6's, 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's
 - Trainings at McGrane Oval on Thursday
 - Two major carnivals for 2025 Season
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- 29th March – Walgett
- 5th April in Gilgandra
- Netball – All games played in Dubbo Saturday mornings
- Training in Gilgandra on Thursday
- Concerns –.Nil

Requests to GSC:

Continued maintenance of ovals - currently happy with standard – and netball courts

Gilgandra Basketball

Key Points:

- 2 Senior competitions running in 2025
 - Autumn commencing 3 March 2025
 - 7 Teams registered
- Concerns – roof issues on Basketball Court - flooding when raining
 - No Junior Basketball – no interest from anyone wishing to be the new Junior Directors – still hopeful will be able to be run
 - Windmill Carnival – may not be held again in 2025 – struggling with volunteers to assist with the running of the carnival

Requests to GSC:

- To be part of the planning process of Hunter Park Precinct – Stage 1 (Youth Club, Gym and Basketball Courts).

Gulargambone Rugby Union

Key Points:

- Will hold 2 games at McGrane Oval this Season – 27/6 & 26/7 and 4 Games in Gulargambone – 15/3, 03/05, 24/05, 31/05
- There will be no combined day – Union/League - in 2025
- Club have utilised both the Gym and Pool as training facilities during pre-season. Will continue to use Gym during regular season.
 - Happy with service provided by Fitness Centre and Swimming Pool
- Provided a copy of signed Limited Licence Functions – Police Notification
- Club have no issues with the standard of the Oval

Requests to GSC:

- Concerns – as previously discussed light on back oval occasionally trips out.
 - Requests - Continued maintenance of ovals, currently happy with standard
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Junior and Senior Cricket

Key Points:

- Concerns – as previously discussed light on back oval occasionally trips out.
- Requests - Continued maintenance of ovals, currently happy with standard
- Concerns
 - Tooraweenah – issues with the cricket nets, especially with the net/run-up area
 - McGrane Oval -
 - Tree debris/leaf litter causing long-term damage to the cricket nets
 - Water pooling causing deterioration around the nets
 - Sprinklers – between sheds and netball courts – South/East Corner
 - Turf Wicket is overdue for replacement
 - Heavy outfield – still presents challenges for play

Requests to GSC:

- Requests – Routine maintenance of the cricket nets,
 - Clearing of tree debris around the cricket nets
 - Replacing Turf Wicket at McGrane Oval
 - Move matches to Ernie Knight Oval
 - Increase number of mows from 1 to 2 days per week

Little Athletics

Key Points:

- Strong numbers currently attending Little A's
- Major Concerns –Tree limbs falling limbs onto nets and pits – area not properly cornered off – currently with orange tape, needs to be fencing
- Concerns – Sprinklers – between sheds and netball courts South/East corner – need repairing and reconnecting
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Capital Works Update

McGrane Oval

- Car Park Sealing on Northern Aspect of Oval, near Nets and Netball Courts - User Groups felt that sealing may cause water issues for fields and courts. And was no longer supported. Determined bigger priorities needing more attention.
- Female changeroom/amenities – Orana Living offices to be repurposed and fit out as a female changeroom. Tenders for construction to be advertised in April with construction to commence in August, with as little disruption to the upcoming football season.

Request made for plans for the changerooms to be forwarded to user groups.

Ernie Knight Oval

- Currently used for Junior Cricket and Soccer Training

No plans to update amenities

Gilgandra Youth Services (Youth Club)

- High Priority for Council - No longer fit for purpose.

No plans for upgrades to existing building

Gilgandra Swimming Pool

- High Priority for Council.
Department of Public Works will be conducting Pool Assessment at the beginning of April. This assessment will determine viability of pool, necessary repairs and subsequent costs.

Assessment currently costing Gilgandra Shire Council \$27, 000.

Next Meeting scheduled August 2025

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Enjoy
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil

Delivery Program Actions

2.1.1.1

Collaborate with user groups of sports facilities to ensure their operations requirements are met

RECOMMENDATION

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.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

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

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
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<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
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<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
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<u>Operational Plan Actions</u>	4.2.1.1 Implement the Community Engagement Strategy to inform, involve, empower, consult and collaborate with stakeholders*
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AUDIT RISK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

4 March 2025

PRESENT

Mr Graeme Fleming (Chair) via Teams
Mr Sam Helweh (Independent Voting Member) via Teams
Ms Meredith Caelli (Independent Voting Member) via Teams
Mr Paul Quealey (Partner of Lambourne, Internal Auditor) via Teams
Mr David Neeves (General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Mrs Melissa Welsh (Executive Leader Transformational Change, Gilgandra Shire Council)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Rebekah Berryman (Executive Assistant, Gilgandra Shire Council) Minute Taker
Cr Doug Batten (Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Cr Nicholas White (Councillor, Gilgandra Shire Council) Via Teams
Mr Daryl Colwell (Director Infrastructure, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Mrs Donna Dobson (Director Aged Care and Disabilities, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Mr Guy McAnally-Elwin (Finance Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Cr Paul Mann (Councillor Non-Voting Member)
Mr Neil Alchin (Director Growth and Liveability, Gilgandra Shire Council)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/25	S Helweh/M Caelli
That the apologies be accepted	

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Sam Helweh is an employee of Campbelltown City Council sister city relationship with Coonamble Shire Council
Mr Graeme Fleming, Chair declared a Standing Declaration of Potential Interest as an occasional provider of consultancy service to local government and as Chair of Lachlan and Co-Chair of Gilgandra, Warren and Coonamble ARIC committees. He advised there were no subjects or issues which were directly affected on the current meeting agenda.
Mrs Meredith Caelli and Mr Paul Quealey both have roles on the Singleton Shire Council Audit Risk Improvement Committee; Meredith is an Independent Member and Paul is the Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 2/25	S Helweh/M Caelli
That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2024 be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

ARIC Meetings Invitation List

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC and GF both advised that the external auditors are generally invitation to ARIC meetings.• DN and MW advised that the understanding was that the external auditors are only present at ARIC meetings for the annual financial statements and the audit office management letter.• GF advised that the NSW Audit Office and Council's external auditor, Crowe Howarth should be invited to all ARIC meetings to ensure Council is meeting legislative milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BB to invite NSW Audit Office – Mr Unaib Jeffrey and Crowe Howarth – Mr Gabriel Faponle to future ARIC meetings

Aged Care Act 2024

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC referred to November's ARIC meeting in relation to the Aged Care Act 2024 to come into effect on 1 July 2025 and requested whether Council could provide an update in relation to Council's identified risk areas.• DD advised that a self-assessment has been completed and a report will be presented to Councillors at the April Council meeting.• GF requested whether Council could please provide a report to the next ARIC meeting summarising the key areas of risk identified through the assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DN to provide a report to May ARIC meeting summarising the key areas of risk identified through the assessment.

REPORTS

(CM.AU.1)

INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

SUMMARY

To provide an updated Internal Audit Charter for review prior to consideration at the next Council meeting.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<p>Model Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH requested whether this charter is the model charter? MW advised that yes, it is the model charter <p>Conflicts of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH requested who will be taking over the role as Coordinator. MW advised that she is the appointed Coordinator. SH advised that she will need to be conscious of any conflicts between her role as Executive Leader Transformational Change and the Coordinator role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL

RECOMMENDATION 3/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the Internal Audit Charter be endorsed and be submitted to the General Manager and Council for review and approval.	

(CM.AU.1)

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE AND PROPOSED INTERNAL AUDIT PRORAM

SUMMARY

To present an Internal Audit update from Mr Paul Quealey, Partner, at Lambourne Partners.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that he would like more comments on the current issues identified for Council in the report and more discussion on issues to focus on. MC advised that the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan, Operation Plan and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL

Risk Register should all be considered when choosing the areas of internal audit.

- PQ advised that he has been in discussions with Council around the current issues and Council is currently establishing a Risk Framework (including a Risk Register) which is a lengthy process. He also advised that due to the movement in the ERP and ICT space, any audits focusing on procurement, payroll etc would become redundant once the system(s) are in place.
- SH noted that Council has two (2) audits scheduled for next year and the following year. He emphasized the importance of viewing the legislative requirements holistically with audit being only one component in terms of timelines and Council's capacity.
- SH asked why Council isn't considering expenditure as an area of audit given Council's multiple projects scheduled. DN advised that records management was a more appropriate area to focus on based on Council's current functions and what Council is working towards.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 4/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
1. That the committee endorse the audit area of Records Management to be completed by 30 June 2025.	
2. That a report go to the next ARIC meeting on Council's Strategic Four Year Internal Audit Plan	

(CM.AU.1)

AUDIT OFFICE ANNUAL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

To advise of the Annual Engagement Plan (AEP) of Council's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMc estimated that the final annual financial statements will be available in late October 2025. He also advised that a major evaluation on roads and bridges will occur which may require more time. • GMc requested whether ARIC would like to receive information in relation to the evaluation. The Chair advised that ARIC would like to be informed. • MC advised that she would like a copy of the full document, not just a summary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DN to provide the Annual Engagement Plan to ARIC for selection of dates

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 5/25	S Helweh/M Caelli
That the report be noted.	

(GO.PO.1)

RISK MANAGEMENT – POLICIES

SUMMARY

To provide an outline and update of Council's Risk Management in relation to its Policy Framework.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair requested whether all of Council's policies were reviewed. MW advised that yes, all of Council's policies were reviewed and then amendments were presented to Councillors at the February Council meeting. • The Chair advised that the printed Policies Register was a bit different to read given the A4 size. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB to take into consideration the size of the attachments in the Business Paper for future ARIC meetings (readability)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 6/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the report be noted.	

FINANCIAL UPDATE - QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

SUMMARY

To present to ARIC the Quarterly Financial Summaries as present to the Council for the December Quarterly budget review.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that he still requires further information on the key variations and issues that will be addressed by Council or have been addressed by Council MC requested that Council provide the full QBR Statement that Council provides to Councillors SH shared the same view as the Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN to provide a copy of the full QBR Statement to ARIC including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Balance Sheet Quarterly Operational Statement; and Quarterly Cashflow Statement DN to provide further details around variations and reasons supporting the variation in next QBR report to ARIC

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 7/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the Financial Update - Quarterly Budget Review be noted.	

IP&R DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2025

SUMMARY

To provide an outline of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting program for 2025 and budget and long-term financial plan.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<p>Community Strategic Plan (CSP) Community Survey Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that he was pleased with the layout of the report and requested what the results were of the February CSP Council Workshop. Cr Batten advised that the results were well accepted by the Councillors and the community were consistent in the areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN to arrange KL to present results of the CSP survey and Community Consultation Sessions at May ARIC meeting

<p>that were addressed: Roads, Pool, Shire Hall, Health Services, Education, and Law and Order. Cr White advised that 75% of respondents were female residents and noted the variation over the years in who responds to the surveys and how the Council communicates with the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DN advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 2021 for ‘Gilgandra as a place to Live’ 85% respondents would recommend and is now 88% ○ ‘Gilgandra as a place to Visit’ has increased 7% compared to 2021; and ○ ‘Gilgandra as a place to start a Business’ 54% respondents recommended to 2025 76% respondents. ○ Interaction with Council improved from ‘poorly’ to ‘fairly well’, ‘well’ and ‘very well’. 	
<p>Satisfaction Benchmarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC requested whether Council set benchmarks in relation to the community’s satisfaction of interaction with Council. DN advised that no, Council doesn’t set benchmarks but rather it focuses on how services are being delivered. DN also advised that Councillors are a good indication of the community’s feelings on Council’s performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIL

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION 8/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the IP&R development program 2025 report be noted.	

(FM.PL.1)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation No. 93) and Investment Balances as at 31 January 2025.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair questioned whether the wording of the heading was suitable and advised that ARIC doesn't require bank reconciliation as this sits as an operational function. • SH would like to receive the following three (3) documents rather than receiving the bank balances: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balance Sheet 2. Cash Flow Statement 3. Operational Statement • SH noted that Council's cash investments for March/April have matured and requested what Council's intentions are with the funds? GMc advised that the funds will be invested in accordance with Council's investment policy i.e. term deposits • It was noted that the bulk of Council's investments in the sum of \$33M sit in reserves and provision accounts. SH requested what Council intends to use the funds for. GMc advised that the funds are mostly surplus funds and are split between multiple general funds. He also advised that most of the funds are allocated for specific projects/purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMc to provide ARIC with the Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Operational Statement at the May ARIC meeting.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 9/25	S Helweh/M Caelli
That the report be noted.	

(CM.AU.1)

SERVICE REVIEWS

SUMMARY

To provide information on Council Customer Service Review.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH noted that the Customer Service Review began in January 2025 and requested whether Council would be able to provide a report to the May meeting. MW advised that the estimated completion date of the Customer Service Review is 31 March 2025 and will be able to prepare a report to ARIC following completion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW to provide a report on the Customer Service Review for the May ARIC meeting.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 10/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Customer Service Review update report be noted. Report to go to next ARIC meeting 	

ACTION ITEMS

SUMMARY

To provide an update on items noted for action at the previous meeting.

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<p>Items to be Removed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that Council has now addressed Financial Management, Internal Audit and Service reviews. Those items may now be removed from the Actions Items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN to remove Financial Management, Internal Audit, and Service Reviews from the Actions Items.
<p>2024 Audit Office Management Letter</p> <p><u>Excessive Leave</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair requested whether Council had actioned the payout of staff in relation to their excessive leave balances. MW advised that the letters offering payout or to take their leave went out in the last week but no employees have accepted either option to date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW to progress as required
<p><u>ARIC Feedback to NSW Audit Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair advised that he was fairly critical in his feedback provided to the NSW Audit Office through the survey. He 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair to advise the results of the survey once received by the NSW Audit Office

advised that the results of the survey have not been published to date.	
<p>Calendars of Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARIC confirmed that the Calendars of Compliance (Council and Aged Care & Disability Services) be reported on annually with any major issues to be brought to ARIC’s attention as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council provide a report to the November ARIC meeting with Calendar of Compliance (Corporate). • Council to provide a report to the May ARIC meeting with the Calendar of Compliance (Aged Care and Disabilities)

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION 11/25	S Helweh/M Caelli
That the action items be noted and that the list be updated following discussion at the meeting.	

(GO.CO.1)

2025 ARIC ANNUAL WORK PLAN

SUMMARY

To present ARIC with the Draft 2025 ARIC Annual Work Plan for consideration and adoption.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH commented that the workplace was well presented and meets all the legislative requirements. He questioned whether ARIC would meet the requirements as set out by the work plan. • MC advised that she is pleased with the layout of the document and that the service reviews were included. She noted terminology could be tweaked to suit at a later date • MC advised that ‘Financial Statements – Draft Financial Statements’ needs to be moved from the Risk Category and placed into the Audit Category. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARIC to review Annual Workplan quarterly for the 2025 calendar year on a by exception basis

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 11/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the 2025 ARIC Annual Work Plan be considered and adopted on the exception that 'Financial Statements – Draft Financial Statements' be moved from the Risk Category and placed into the Audit Category.	

(GO.CO.1)

FOUR YEAR ARIC WORK PLAN

SUMMARY

To present ARIC with the Draft Four Year (4) ARIC Work Plan 2025-2029 for consideration and adoption.

Discussion

Matters discussed	Action to be undertaken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH noted that the document needs to be flexible given the changing needs of Council and ARIC. SH emphasised the importance of incorporating the CSP, DP/OP etc documents. MC advised that 'Financial Statements – Draft Financial Statements' needs to be moved from the Risk Category and placed into the Audit Category. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARIC to review Annual Workplan quarterly for the 2025 calendar year on a by exception basis

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 12/25	M Caelli/S Helweh
That the Four Year (4) ARIC Work Plan 2025-2029 be considered and adopted on the exception that 'Financial Statements – Draft Financial Statements' be moved from the Risk Category and placed into the Audit Category.	

GENERAL BUSINESS

Matters Discussed	Action to be Undertaken
<p>ARIC Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC requested what Council's preference was for face-to-face vs Teams Meetings for ARIC members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN and MW to discuss and advise ARIC
<p>ARIC Operations, Processes, Conduct of Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW advised that the positive and constructive feedback from ARIC is appreciated and all requirements are tracking along well to date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC, DN, MW, and DD to discuss Aged Care and Disabilities Services link with ARIC

- DN advised that things are progressing well and he appreciates the flow of the meetings.
- DD would like to gain clarity around how ARIC links in with Aged Care and Disability and how to develop processes with reporting between ARIC and the Commonwealth. MC advised that ARIC requires reporting in the following: Risk Services, Improvement and Compliance.

Country Council's ARIC Conference

- The Chair advised of the ARIC Conference on 4 April which Gilgandra is hosting. Advised of the following speakers: Office of Local Government (OLG), Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), SH will speak, DD, Cr Batten, NSW Auditor General, and Karen Pegler from Lachlan Shire Council.
- Casual Dinner on Thursday, 3 April 2025 at the Gilgandra Services Club
- MC advised that she would like to attend the ARIC Conference

- DN to progress Venue, Catering, Agenda etc.

NEXT ARIC MEETING

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:48am.

Graeme Fleming
Chairperson

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11 March 2025

PRESENT

Cr N White (Chair)
Mayor D Batten
Cr M Foran
Cr A Bunter
K Gaff
G Babbage
D Bonnington
C Harvey
E Hutchison
D Clouten
L Dunn

IN ATTENDANCE

N Alchin (Director Growth & Liveability)
K Larkin (Project Manager Strategy & Economic Development)
M Kouroulis (Marketing & Communications Manager)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.15 pm

APOLOGIES

N Sweeney
K Banks (noting Kate did not receive advice of the meeting)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/25	A Bunter/D Batten
That the apologies submitted be accepted.	

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Proceedings in Brief

Nominations were called for the position of chairperson for the term of the committee. One nomination was received for Cr Nick White. Cr White accepted this nomination and was declared elected and assumed the chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 2/25	D Batten/D Clouten
That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2024 be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology - Hours of Operation

It was noted that inconsistent opening hours are still an issue, and it was not that Council staff would convey community concerns to their management.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SUMMARY

To outline the role and responsibilities of the Economic Development Committee.
Proceedings in Brief

The Director of Growth and Liveability provided committee members with an outline of their responsibilities and referred them to

- Councils Code of Meeting Practice
- Councils Code Of Conduct
- Councils Volunteers Policy
- Councils Communication and Engagement Policy

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 3/25	D Bonnington /M Foran
That this report outlining the role and responsibilities of the Economic Development Committee and its members be noted with the inclusion of 'New Businesses and Industry Development' as an expanded goal of the committee.	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – PROJECTS UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide a summary of Economic Development projects, initiatives and strategies that the previous Committee have been involved in and driven over the 2021-2024 term, including summary attachment and forward forecast of projects; inviting the committee to provide feedback, and priorities for this term.

Proceedings In Brief

- It was noted that Danielle Bonnington was the first hirer of room 3 at the Gil Library Hub, and that the 1st booking for the business incubator is by Goldwind Australia a windfarm developer.
 - It was noted that UTG will be on the October Long weekend this year and that Lane Pittman and the Bluey show has been booked at this stage and that grant funding of \$350,000 over three (3) years had been secured
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- It was noted that the ITS GREAT Program has been a success and there has been enquiries on whether it will continue

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 4/25	D Bonnington / A Bunter
That the Committee note the update of economic development and activation projects, strategies and initiatives, including the Leo Kelly Arts and Culture Award.	

GENERAL BUSINESS

Role of the Economic Development Committee – Formal Opening of Library Hub

Mayor Batten raised the possible role of the Economic Development Committee in the formal opening of the Gilgandra Library Hub.

Rising Sun Maintenance

Gail Babbage advised that of the Rising Sun at the Gilgandra War Memorial site needs some maintenance to its paint work.

Tobacco Businesses in Gilgandra CBD

Gail Babbage raised concerns over Miller Street now having two tobacco businesses.

Digital Signage

The Marketing and Communications Manager confirmed that the installation of the digital signage is planned for the last week of March 2025.

Mental Health Services

Cr Foran requested that clarification be sought around the process for contacting Lifeline and other Mental Health support services as she has experienced inconsistency with some of these contacts.

Indigenous Signage

Mayor Batten suggested an opportunity to upgrade local street signage to recognise indigenous meanings associated with local street names

Mitre 10 Premises

Cr Foran requested whether anything could be done to clean up behind Mitre 10 on Miller Street.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.22 PM.

Cr N White
Chairperson

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

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

Principal Activity Lead

Policy Implications Nil

Budget Implications Nil

Operational Plan Actions **4.2.1.1**
Implement the Community
Engagement Strategy to inform,
involve, empower, consult and
collaborate with stakeholders*

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 18 MARCH 2025

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE

27 February 2025

PRESENT

Gilgandra Shire Council – The Gil Library Hub – Liz McCutcheon (Acting Chair)
Gilgandra Youth Services and Gilgandra Housing & Homelessness Support
Services – Tracey Stevenson
Gilgandra Shire Council (Mayor) – Councillor Doug Batten
Uniting Family Connect and Support – Jade West
Uniting Family Connect and Support – Anna Oliver
Housing Plus Community WDVCS (Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy
Service) – Tiffany Schilling
Gilgandra High School – Department of Education – EPP – Sheena Archer
Gilgandra High School – Department of Education – EPP – Deavelyn Besterwitch
Social Futures – Care Finder – Danielle King
Social Futures – Care Finder – Rob van Dartel
D.A.N.S In home Care – Emma Meyers
Gilgandra Shire Council – Community Care – Helen Kildey
Royal Flying Doctors Service – Karen Manning
The Healthy Communities Foundation Australia – Jo Stead
Mission Australia – Ashley Cowie

PRESENT ON ZOOM

Western NSW Local Health District – Sexual Assault Team: WNSW Integrated
PARVAN and Women’s Health – Josh McLean
The Healthy Communities Foundation Australia – Joe-Ann Parker
Rural Health Mental Health Program – Kylie Manners
Transport for NSW - Carmel Hannelly
Marathon Health – CPS Community Engagement Officer - Ewen Jones
WACHS, ANFPP First Time Mother Program - Emma Ramsey
Wellways/Stride – Medicare Mental Health Centres (Dubbo/Bathurst) – Ivette
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Barnardos - Gina Johnson
Barnardos – Lisa Fairey

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 12.02pm.

APOLOGIES

St Joseph’s School – Geoff Gibbons
Services Australia – Jordyn Hayward
Services Australia – Sarah Bligh
Gilgandra Preschool – Kristy Hyndes
NSW Health – Candice Gregory

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Wellways – Trish Henry
Miyagan Empowerment Advocate (Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Medical Service –
Domestic Violence Worker) – Sonya Graham
Marathon Health – Melanie Read

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/25	T. Stevenson / H. Kildey
That the apologies for the meeting on the 27 February 2025 be confirmed.	

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/25	T. Stevenson / D. Batten
That the proceedings of the previous Interagency Meeting held on 28 November 2024 be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

No Business Arising

SERVICE UPDATES - ZOOM

Western NSW Local Health District – Sexual Assault Team: WNSW Integrated PARVAN and Women's Health

Josh McLean from Western NSW Local Health District, advised that he, Leanne Greenaway and Krystal Pilon provide support for Adult Survivors and Victims of Childhood Abuse and Childhood Sexual Assault.

Josh advised that support is provided both directly: - disclosure to NSW Clinician, Nurse or Doctor, connecting with Support Service and indirectly:- Consulting with community and sharing with community

The program will also work with other NSW Health, Mental Health programs.

Programs available in Bathurst, Orange, Bourke, Brewarrina and Gilgandra.

Josh advised that he will provide Interagency with contact and referral details.

Email: krystal.pilon@health.nsw.gov.au

Rural Health Mental Health Program

Kylie Manners, Team Leader Rural Health Mental Health Program advised that Team Members travel to Gilgandra, Coonamble and Coonabarabran every week for Mental Health Support.

Support available for peoples 12-25yrs, experiencing Mental Health challenges.

Referral from School, General Practitioners, Family. Voluntary program, requiring no diagnosis.

Expansion funding received recently enabling serving in Warren.

Email: Kylie.Manners@benevolent.org.au

Transport for NSW

Carmel Hannelly, from the Community Partnering Team discussed current Transport for NSW Program: Towards Zero Safer Roads Program, which reflects the NSW Governments' dedication to achieving the goal of 0 deaths on the NSW road network.

TAFE NSW is partnering with TfNSW to provide education and training in road safety, including presentations for apprentices and other students covering topics like: - speed, fatigue, mobile phones, drinking and driving.

Fact #1 - 20% of crashes involve people at work or travelling to and from work.

Fact #2 – Learners and Provisional Drivers are not supposed to use Bluetooth when driving.

Email: Carmel.Hannelly@transport.nsw.gov.au

Commonwealth Psychosocial Support Program – Marathon Health

Ewen Jones, Marathon Health Community Engagement Officer, spoke about the Commonwealth Psychosocial Support Program (CPS). This program is free, confidential and for people aged 16 years and over. Self-referral is available. CPS is for people with severe and persistent mental illness who are not currently supported by the NDIS or state-funded programs: recovery coaches work with client one-to-one – Karen from Coonabarabran works with Gilgandra clients. Ewan advised Outreach Services in Gilgandra fortnightly (Tuesday) but have the capacity to attend weekly.

Email: psychosocialsupports@marathonhealth.com.au

ewen.jones@marathonhealth.com.au

M: 0488 546 075

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

Emma Ramsey, Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (ANFPP), which operates in Dubbo, Wellington, Narromine and Gilgandra.

Program provides: co-ordination of care, connecting to services, health education, transportation to appointments, parenting activities, culturally safe space for aboriginal first-time mums, those have the first opportunity to parent.

A nurse, midwife and an Aboriginal Family partnership Worker will support the mum from antenatal care through until the child reaches 2 years of age, through visits at home, in the park or wherever the mum is comfortable.

Mums can self-refer or be referred to ANFPP prior to 26 weeks of pregnancy (sometimes this can be extended if circumstances require it).

Currently prioritising – not taking all referrals.

Undertaking recruitment for staff.

Email: EmmaR@wachs.net.au

Phone: 02 5816 9010

Medicare Mental Health Centres (Dubbo/Bathurst)

Ivette Labib discussed new Medicare Mental Health Services in Dubbo (Ivette Labib) and Bathurst (Alex Wood). (Wellways and Stride Mental Health Partnership).

Can currently receive Telehealth Services through 1800 595 212. Walk in appointment available once office have opened, which will be very soon.

Hours of Operation will be 9am – 7pm Monday to Friday and 4.00 – 8.00pm Weekends. Avoiding the need to attend Emergency Department.

Offices will have family rooms/kitchen for meals and chatting.

Want to have a warm handover so Client will only need to tell the story once.

Free of Charge Service – no referrals, no mental health plans

Integrated care, psychologists, psychiatrist, peer support navigation and First Nations Peer Support.

Currently recruiting First Nations Navigators.

Email: ilabib@wellways.org

Barnardos

Gina Johnson spoke about the various programs offered by Barnardos in Gilgandra which support children and their families.

- Reconnect Program – for young people aged 12 and over: Lisa Fairey
- Early Intervention – Children and Parenting Support: Luana Reiri
- Family Preservation Program – for families with children 0-17years or who are expecting a baby, who are facing specific problems: Lisa Arkell

All programs have a specific referral form, please email any of the Barnardos contacts to receive one.

Phone: 02 5824 3070

Email:

larkell@barnardos.org.au

lreiri@barnardos.org.au

lfairey@barnardos.org.au

gjohnson@barnardos.org.au

SERVICE UPDATES

Uniting

Jade West advised that Uniting conduct Early Intervention Outreach Services to Gilgandra on a need's basis. Staff provide services in Gilgandra, Coonabarabran, Goodooga and Bathurst.

Uniting provides early Family Connect and Support for 16 weeks. Following self-assessment, the program will provide case management and assist where family needs the most support: - re-unification with family, linking with social support.

Anna Oliver is part of the Uniting Triage Team for Family Connect and Support.

Anna liaises with DCJ, Child Wellbeing Unit and Local Police on behalf of clients.

Uniting with forward Referral form for distribution to Interagency members.

Uniting is also able to attend local Community Events: - store holders, workshops and plan and run activities; movie nights

Email: jwest@uniting.org

Email: anoliver@uniting.org

Royal Flying Doctors Service

Karen Manning D & A Clinician from the Royal Flying Doctor Service advised that services are provided at the RFDS Gilgandra Medical Centre, 1a Warren Road each Thursday. Clients are able to self-refer and is a free service.

Karen advised that the RFDS have Community Engagement Officers that will attend local events.

Email: karen.manning@rfdssse.org.au

The Healthy Communities Foundation Australia

Jo Stead and Joe-Ann Parker spoke about the Healthy Communities Foundation Australia free Mental Health and Wellbeing program. Jo and Joe-Ann advised that they are able to talk face-to-face with people who are in need of mental health support and deliver therapies. The aim of the program is to help people before the need become acute, reducing the presentation to emergency departments. There are: -

- No age limits – parental consent required for young people
- No time limit on the program – the ongoing nature of support would be dictated by needs
- No need for a mental health diagnosis or treatment plan
- Can self-refer via the phone number 1300 147 761, which operates Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5.00pm
- Also, can have a GP refer with mental health care program – referral form available.

Jo and Joe-Ann advised that The Healthy Communities Foundation are coming to Gilgandra fortnightly (day flexible) and meeting with Candice Gregory at the Gilgandra High School.

Email: mentalhealth@thcfa.org.au

Mission Australia

Ashley Cowie spoke about the Early Childhood Early Intervention program they offer in Gilgandra; they are currently coming on a need's basis. This program support children aged 0-7 years who have a development delay or disability, and their families/carers. Mission Australia are also able to assist families with application to the NDIS and also have speech and occupational therapists who may be able to assist families with this process.

Email: CowieA@missionaustralia.com.au

Gilgandra Shire Council – Community Care

Helen Kildey, Lifestyle Co-Ordinator Community Care Gilgandra Shire Council outlined aged care services available: - independent living; Cooee Lodge Retirement Village, hostel accommodation; Cooee Lodge Retirement Village and Jack Towney Hostel and Community care, Home Care Packages and My Aged Care Packages.

Phone: (02) 6817 8750

Email: hkildey@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

D.A.N.S In Home Care

Emma Meyers, Care Manager at D.A.N.S spoke about the services they offer in Orange/Wellington, Dubbo, Gilgandra and Coonamble. D.A.N.S are able to support clients funded under the NDIS, DVA, TACP or through a Home Care Package and provide most services such as: - gardening, in-home care, personal or domestic care.

Emma advised that the Gilgandra office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00 – 3.00pm. Supporting the Communities of Mendooran and Coonamble from the Gilgandra office.

Email: emma@dansinhomecare.com.au

Social Futures

Danielle King and Rob van Dartel spoke about Social Futures, who provide a Care Finder service to assist the senior population engage with aged care or other supports in the community. They assist people to access the funding they are eligible for, and help them to connect with regular home care or aged care. They can work intensively through face-to-face visits and will meet clients anywhere. They work across the region including Gilgandra, Narromine, Warrumbungle and Dubbo.

People can refer themselves, or a family member can contact staff with the basic detail and the consent of the person.

Email: Danielle.king@socialfutures.org.au or
robert.vandartel@socialfutures.org.au

Housing Plus Community WDVCS (Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service)

Tiffany Schilling advised that the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service provides women and their children with immediate specialist support, safety planning, court advocacy and access to services including housing, counselling, legal and health services. They attend Gilgandra Court on list days to provide Court support. They generally receive referral from the Police, however, women can self-refer by calling the 1800 RESPECT number, or 1800 940 406 or 1300 384 357.

Referral form is available online.

Email: dvwestern@housingplus.com.au

Gilgandra High School – Department of Education – Educational Pathways Program

Deavelyn Besterwitch and Sheena Archer attended the meeting to discuss the Educational Pathways Program that is currently in 183 schools across NSW and has been expanded to include Gilgandra.

The aim of the program is to provide:-

- For all students to aim for Higher Education/Work
- Extra programs to engage students and expose them to a range of employment options
 - What is available in town
 - What the jobs are
- Connect with industries - School-based apprenticeships/traineeships
 - Working 1 day and attending school 4 days
- Micro credentials
- Engaging students that are disengaged – traineeships, apprenticeships

To participate in the program Students, need to be enrolled in school even if they are not attending. Generally, the teacher refers to program.

Mayor Doug Batten spoke about the employment opportunities within the Renewable Energy Zone, Inland Rail and Local Government, careers that will enable student to remain in Gilgandra.

Deavelyn and Sheena spoke about a Careers in Council Day and has requested that Gilgandra Shire Council People & Culture Contact Details be forwarded. Mayor Doug Batten will also have contact details for Inland Rail, Squadron, Milpulling Wind Farm forwarded to Gilgandra High School.

Email: Deavelyn.besterwitch3@det.nsw.edu.au

Email: sheena.archer1@det.nsw.gov.au

Cr Doug Batten (Mayor)

Doug Batten advised that the White Ribbon Gilgandra Says No to Domestic Violence March has once again been postponed due to stakeholder/volunteer availability.

Doug advised that further discussion would be held regarding next available date for proposed March. Could be held in November in conjunction with White Ribbon Day.

Doug also advised that Council are currently consulting with Community for Strategic Planning and working on the upcoming Budget for adoption in June.

Gilgandra Youth Services: Gilgandra Housing and Homelessness Support Service

Tracey Stevenson outlined Services from Youth and Recreation Services. GYS – Successful December/January School Holidays. Joint activities planned with the Gilgandra Library well attended.

Youth Worker Bill Welsh visiting the schools and assisting with sports activities at the Pool.

Breakfast Club resumed at start of school year. Numbers steadily increasing with average of 15-20 children attending per day.

After School Drop In numbers fluctuate due to warmer weather and time at the Pool. Children continue to enjoy healthy afternoon snack; carrots/cucumber, dips, fruit, eggs.

Housing and Homeless Support Service – Case Worker Dakota-Jane Kelly commenced on the 10 February 2025. Currently familiarising herself with Clients and training with Mission Australia.

Working with Clients currently in Temporary Accommodation to work towards restoration with family and friends as rental accommodation remains very limited. Homes NSW scheduled visit in April.

Service is also able to assist with obtaining: - identification, licences, and completion of forms

The Gilgandra Fitness Centre – continued increase in number using Gym and classes.

Currently have 191 active gym members with 20 new members in January. The Gym is currently averaging over 1000 visits per month.

The Gilgandra Swimming Pool – Season will end on Sunday 30th March.

Early Morning Toggle entry exceed expectations with 51 Swimmers using the Pool from 5.30 – 9.00am.

Pool Users include:- three local Schools, Swim Club, Gilgandra Learn2Swim, Orana Lifestyle, Jack Towney Hostel and general public.

Phone: (02) 6817 8798

Email: gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Gilgandra Shire Library

Liz McCutcheon gave an update on The Gil Library Hub and advised that they will be opening on 3 March 2025.

Liz advised that the Library will be open Monday-Friday 9.00 – 5.00pm and on Saturday mornings from 9.00 – 12.00pm.

The Gil Library Hub will have a Meeting Room for up to 40 people, Business Innovation Space where you can lease for 3 months to try business idea, and a Youth Technology Room.

Email: lmccutcheon@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

GENERAL BUSINESS

Date for next Community Expo to be discussed at Interagency Meeting on Thursday 22 May 2025.

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 22 May @ 12noon

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.02 pm.

Liz McCutcheon
Acting Chair

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
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LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

25 February 2025

PRESENT

Mr D Neeves (Gilgandra Shire Council – Chair)
Sergeant J Berryman (Orana Mid-Western Police District – Dubbo Police
LEOCON)
Mr D Colwell (Gilgandra Shire Council - LEMO)
Cr D Batten (Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Mr S Basham (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr M Arkell (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr M Sandry (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr A Hojel (Fire and Rescue NSW)
Mr C Riley (SES)
Mr A Smithers (SES)
Mr S Beaton (NSW Ambulance)
Mr S Edwards (Transport for NSW)
Mrs M Basham (Local Land Services)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Rebekah Berryman (Gilgandra Shire Council)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.00pm
At SES Headquarters Training Room, Warren Road, Gilgandra NSW 2827

APOLOGIES

Ms D White (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Ms S Masonwells (Reconstruction Authority)
Mr D Dickey (Transport for NSW)
Mr J Alchin (NSW Health)
Mr T Cameron (Local Land Services)
Ms K Edwards (Australian Red Cross)
Ms M Manning (NSW Education)
Inspector J Connelly (NSW Police)
Mr D Jordan (Fire and Rescue)
Ms D Best (NSW Ambulance Service)
Mr N Jennings (NSW Education)
Mr N Dwight (RSPCA)
Mr C Briggs (NSW Ambulance)
Mr L Mathieson (Fire and Rescue NSW)
Mr A Hazelton (Essential Energy)
Mr C Waters (NSW Police – REMO)
Ms L Hare (NSW Ambulance)
Mr B Loiacono (NSW Ambulance)
Mr D Gillespie (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr C Cusack (Fire and Rescue NSW)
Mr D Minehan (Department of Communities and Justice – Disaster Welfare)
Mr S Curry (Reconstruction Authority)

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/25	J Berryman/C Riley
That the apologies submitted be accepted.	

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 2/25	S Beaton/S Edwards
That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2024 be accepted as a true record of proceedings	

BUSINESS ARISING.

State EMPLAN Endorsement

In Sarah and Simon's absence the State EMPLAN Endorsement matter will be deferred to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

REMO'S REPORT

Chris Waters – apology for today

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 3/25	J Berryman/S Beaton
That the REMO's report be noted.	

REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Transport for NSW Report

Shane Edwards – advised that in the Gilgandra LGA from 1 October to 31 December 2024 vegetation clearing occurred on the Newell Highway. S Basham advised that the visibility is good on the Newell Highway. Shane advised that TfNSW have a dedicated team now to accomplish this task.

He also advised that the ABC Emergency Broadcast Signage Project will begin rolling out.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 4/25	S Edwards/C Riley
That the report be noted.	

Disaster Welfare F A Agency Report

David Minehan – apology for today

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 5/25	J Berryman/S Beaton
That the report be noted.	

RFS Report

Mark Sandry – advised of a major incident on Newell Highway however it was able to be remedied with minimal property damage. Mobile Data Terminals to be installed in the RFS vehicles – 50% through the vehicles currently.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 6/25	M Sandry/S Basham
That the report be noted	

Agricultural and Animal Services Function Area Report

Marita Basham – advised that the truck rollover exercise in Dubbo held this month was successful. Chris will provide a full report to the next LEMC Meeting. Evacuation centre audits have been conducted for animal safe places in the area. Locusts are again becoming active and the LLS encourage residents to report them if seen. She advised that AASFA are encouraging LEMCs to conduct mini exercises.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 7/25	M Basham/S Basham
That the report be noted and that the LEMC conduct a AASFA mini exercise in the future organised by Local Land Services	

Fire and rescue NSW Report

Anthony – as tabled. Checking hydrants, checking smoke alarms etc. Two new Fire and Rescue personnel are currently being trained to use the vehicles. A new drone has been obtained which is the same as one owned by NSW Police. Lindsay to provide LEMC with a demonstration at a later date.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 8/25	A Hojel/C Riley
That the report be noted.	

NSW Ambulance

Scott Beaton – as tabled. New CMGs for next year to be developed for heavy waves due to change in responsible officer – the CMG used to fall under the responsibility of Health but will now be NSW Ambulance. Notifications on events (e.g. Goin’ to Gil) need to go through NSW Ambulance to be appropriately distributed through to the required emergency services agencies to ensure correct representation at events. D Neeves noted that the ABAM Airshow will need to be one such event requiring notification.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION 9/25	S Beaton/M Sandry
That the report be noted	

SES Report

Chris Riley – as tabled. The SES have attended 23 incidents during this reporting period predominantly storm related and has attended several community events.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION 10/25	C Riley/M Sandry
That the report be noted.	

NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA) Agency Report

Simon Curry – apology for today

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION 11/25	S Edwards/J Berryman
That the report be noted.	

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DISCUSSION

NIL

EVENTS

Dubbo Antique Automobile Club Rally, 30 March 2025
Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Airshow, 5 April 2025
ANZAC Day, 25 April 2025
Gilgandra Show, 10 May 2025

UPDATE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Contact details were provided and circulated for updating

REVIEW AND AMEND CMGS

NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

Geoff Kiehne Recognition - Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award

David Neeves – advised of the correspondence received from Barbara Kiehne in relation to the proposal for an Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award in honour of her late husband, Mr Geoffrey Kiehne and Council's resolution to support the award with the assistance of the LEMC.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 12/25	D Neeves/Cr Batten
1. That the LEMC supports the intent of the award for emergency services in Gilgandra.	
2. That The LEMC to select the following working group to meet and develop the terms and conditions: Chris Riley (SES), Scott Beaton (Ambo), Josh Berryman (NSW Police), RFS, Fire and Rescue, David Neeves (GSC)	

Water Consumption

Mark Sandry - How are emergency services expected to deal with incidents with the lack of water currently available? D Colwell advised that a water tanker (semi tanker) will be filled and on call through Council's on call phone number to respond to incidents. RFS to assist Fire and Rescue and vice versa mentioned.

Telstra and Mobile Reception

Stephen Basham – advised that he can't get mobile reception at all in public areas and it is even worse at his residence. D Neeves advised that Council is facilitating a further discussion with Telstra the week after next, aiming for Telstra to have a development proposal for a new tower in order to remedy the issue.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 13/25	S Basham/C Riley
That the LEMC make representation of inadequate services to Telstra and the concerns of the local emergency services of Gilgandra	

NEXT MEETING

27 May at 4:00pm – SES Headquarters, Warren Road, Gilgandra NSW 2827

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:35PM.

David Neeves
Chairman

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

26 February 2025

PRESENT

Mr Daryl Colwell (Chairman & Council Representative)
Mr Richard Drooger (TfNSW Representative)
Sgt Joshua Berryman (NSW Police)
Cr Doug Batten (Local Member's Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Katie Dobson (Executive Assistant)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 11:00 am

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 01/25	R Drooger / D Batten
That the previous minutes be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

ANZAC DAY 2025

SUMMARY

To advise of preparations for Anzac Day 2025 and gain Local Traffic Committee endorsement for the event and Council's approval.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 02/25	J Berryman / R Drooger
That the Local Traffic Committee endorse the Anzac Day events to be held on 25 April 2025 in Gilgandra for Council approval.	

MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To advise the status of outstanding matters

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 03/25	J Berryman / R Drooger
That progress with the matters outstanding from previous meetings be noted.	

GENERAL BUSINESS

During community consultation, the possibility of traffic calming measures between the park and business across the road in Tooraweenah was raised. LTC committee decided traffic counters are to be placed in the area for six (6) months to collect data before any decisions can be made. DC to organise traffic counters with the data to be brought back to a future meeting.

A customer service request has been received about the speed of traffic along Federation street and if there was anything that Council can do about it. DC spoke to the customer and they were unsure what exactly they were wanting. LTC concluded that slow down stickers on wheelie bins be distributed along the street.

JB has requested that the request be emailed through to him to pass on to highway patrol.

JB has previously raised that the stop line at the railway crossing on Federation needs repainting. DC gave an update that he has been working with UGL to gain permission to repaint them.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 28 May 2025 at 11.00 am

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:35AM

D Colwell
Chairman

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

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1. Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No.19) – Month of February 2025.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation – Month of February 2025.

Details of investments as at 28 February 2025 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No.19).

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-25	\$2,817,122.39
Plus: Receipts		\$3,322,304.66
Less: Payments		\$3,563,691.96
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	28-Feb-25	<u>\$2,575,735.09</u>

STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-25	\$2,815,939.44
Plus: Receipts		\$3,270,135.06
Less: Payments		\$3,530,969.62
STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-25	<u>\$2,555,104.88</u>

Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$20,630.21
Less: Unpresented Payments		\$0.00
RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-25	<u>\$2,575,735.09</u>

Cashbook balance as at 28 February 2025:	\$2,575,735.09
Investments held as at 28 February 2025:	\$33,000,000.00
Total Cash & Investments Held as at 28 February 2025:	<u>\$35,575,735.09</u>

The bank balances in each of the funds as at 28 February 2025 are:

General Fund	\$12,417,480.50
Water Fund	\$3,475,829.06
Sewer Fund	\$3,383,474.72
Orana Living	\$5,487,497.18
Carlinda Enterprises	\$527,603.92
Cocee Villa Units	\$4,025,917.54
Cocee Lodge	\$4,858,989.50
Jack Towney Hostel	\$933,291.64
Trust Fund	\$465,651.03

Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$35,575,735.09

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(1)	\$1,000,000.00	For 274 days	5.10%	Due 03-Sep-25	With Defence
(2)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days	4.65%	Due 04-Sep-25	With Bendigo
(3)	\$1,500,000.00	For 365 days	4.75%	Due 04-Mar-25	With Bendigo
(4)	\$2,000,000.00	For 182 days	5.00%	Due 11-Apr-25	With Bank of Qld
(5)	\$2,000,000.00	For 182 days	4.60%	Due 25-Aug-25	With Bank of Qld
(6)	\$2,000,000.00	For 181 days	4.95%	Due 07-Apr-25	With Bank of Qld
(7)	\$1,000,000.00	For 93 days	4.85%	Due 05-Mar-25	With IMB Bank
(8)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days	4.90%	Due 24-Mar-25	With IMB Bank
(9)	\$2,000,000.00	For 151 days	4.85%	Due 23-Jun-25	With IMB Bank
(10)	\$1,000,000.00	For 151 days	5.05%	Due 07-Apr-25	With NAB
(11)	\$2,000,000.00	For 210 days	5.00%	Due 08-May-25	With NAB
(12)	\$3,000,000.00	For 180 days	4.80%	Due 06-Aug-25	With NAB
(13)	\$3,000,000.00	For 333 days	5.20%	Due 22-Apr-25	With NAB
(14)	\$2,000,000.00	For 181 days	5.05%	Due 07-Apr-25	With NAB
(15)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days	5.10%	Due 28-May-25	With NAB
(16)	\$2,000,000.00	For 91 days	5.00%	Due 07-Apr-25	With NAB
(17)	\$2,000,000.00	For 182 days	5.10%	Due 26-May-25	With NAB
(18)	\$2,500,000.00	For 182 days	5.09%	Due 05-May-25	With Suncorp
Total					\$33,000,000.00
Investments:					

OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To provide an update in relation to matters previously resolved at Council Meetings requiring further action to be taken.

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<u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
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July 2022

141/22	Compulsory Acquisition by Agreement Of Road Reserves and Licence Agreement	No further progress, remains outstanding
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October 2024

177/24	Planning Proposal Update – Industrial Land	Report to future meeting once gazettal of the plan is complete
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PROGRESS ON “QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING”

SUMMARY

To inform Council of appropriate action which has or will be taken in relation to Councilors “Questions for Next Meeting” outstanding from previous meetings.

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August 2024

Gil Library Hub

Report to April Council Meeting.

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GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Council League Table

As of 1 July 2024, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is now publicly monitoring timeframes and expectations set for lodgment and assessment of development applications for all Local Government Areas in New South Wales. This will become a new addition to the monthly Notation Report.

Council is expected to:

1. Lodge DAs within 14 days of submission to the planning portal.
2. Determine DAs (including DAs determined by a local planning panel) as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of Council's previous financial year average, or within an average of 115 days. Gilgandra previous financial year average was 55 days.

February 2025 – Lodgement Timeframes

Average lodgement days	Number of applications lodged	Number of applications meeting expectation (14-day lodgement)	% of applications meeting expectation (14-day lodgement)	Total development cost
12	3	2	67%	\$2,263,800

February 2025 – Assessment Timeframes

Expectation days*	Average Assessment days	Number of applications assessed	Number of applications meeting expectation	% of applications meeting expectation	Total development cost
55	23	4	3	75	\$1,368,800

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February Development Application Details

The following development applications were approved during February 2025

DA Number	Applicant's Name	Application	Property address	Total Development Cost
2017/185/1	Joshua McKenna	Alterations & Additions (Extension and enclosure of awning)	89 Warren Road, Gilgandra	\$8,000
2025/573	Peter Barnard	Farm Shed	511 Castlereagh Highway, Gilgandra	\$41,800
2025/575	Sandy McGrath	Alteration & Additions (en-suite bathroom)	12 Morris Street, Gilgandra	\$22,000
			February	\$71,800
			Total 2025	\$71,800

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Applications Under Assessment

The following development applications are currently under assessment

DA Number	Applicant's Name	Application	Property address	Estimated Development Cost
2024/539	Barnson	9 lot rural residential subdivision	172 Quealeys Road, GILGANDRA	\$407,386
2024/566	Gilgandra Shire Council	Change of use to allow temporary workers accommodation facility	14 Marshall Street, GILGANDRA	\$2,278,944.27
2025/574	Gilgandra Shire Council	Demolition of dwelling	68 Myrtle Street, GILGANDRA	\$2,200,000
2025/579	Mrs Julie Rodgers	Shed	1 Christie Drive, GILGANDRA	\$31,000
			Total under assessment	\$4,917,330.27

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager

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PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

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Documents mentioned are available upon request for any interested Councillors.

1. **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Letter from St Joseph's School thanking Council for its donation and support towards the End of Year Awards.

2. **CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GILGANDRA FILM FESTIVAL 2025**

Correspondence received from Sue Armstrong thanking Council for waiving the Shire Hall hire fee for the Gilgandra Film Festival on 2 and 3 May 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager

Responses Tags

A safe & secure town.

It has a great community spirit

Schools and the small size of the community where people know one another

Small, friendly, welcoming

Good schooling, Access to good medical + dental services

- A quiet and fairly peaceful town without a face paced environment.

Safe, supportive environment with a good park, library and and primary schools.

Safe areas wonderful people clean streets beautiful Main Street and parks

Gilgandra is not a great place for children or young people. It lacks in every age group - Newborns, toddlers, school age up to 18 years. The lack of day cares and preschool for a "growing community" is sad reality. For most new members or growing families. The youth club is a great asset but many programs are aged for 5 yfold and older. Parks are maintained mostly but the other smaller parks are neglected i.e Barden St is outdated and mowed occasionally.

Great library and resources. Community spirit; safety; pool; Early education years in Gilgandra is good ie primary schools good.

Staff at youth centre doing their, st Joseph school.

Based on my experience, living here in Gilgandra for almost a year. I am happy to share my thoughts that living in Gilgandra is a very peaceful and a quiet place to live in, most especially a very safe place for everyone, that is why i would very likely recommend that whoever wants to start their family, Gilgandra is the best place to start with.

Gilgandra is peaceful place and safety children could play anywhere they want to and there us an opportunity for business to rise andvalso great opportunities for the young generation. go

Very friendly and mostly respectful community with a large, older population who mostly hold good examples of behavior for youth

Youth Centre, Small place means likely to know each other, Small place means can be mobile without need for transport

Open Spaces

rural but close to a city

The mix of rural/suburban types of activities.

Safe friendly plenty to do

Rural

caring community- some good local services- library, youth club

Caring community, freedom

Great community

Youth centre, Small place means likely to know eachother, Small place means can be mobile without need for transport

Small little township makes everyone to get to know eachother. Hardly it takes less then 5 mins to reach any part of the town. The services offered by Council towards Aged care and disability support is very great

Being a small country town and knowing most people in the community makes Gilgandra feel like a safe place to live

Safe community. Improved facilities at the local pool and park would be greatly received. We have a large percentage of toddlers/very young.

A community where people care about other people and care about the children. If someone sees a child or young person in distress, they will help.

Being a small country town and knowing most people in the community makes Gilgandra feel like a safe place

Community

Do not have kids

Sporting facilities, Security, Safe, Friendliness

Family friendly

Country also best

Safety, community spirit

The community spirit and small town connectedness

There are certain activities available that are great. However more need to be considered. Including an upgrade of the pool. And park.

Activities e.g. after school + holiday, 2 Excellent primary schools. Sporting teams + gym facility/breakfast etc. The pool is rarely crowded. Would be nice if some pool toys kept in office for children who wish to access. It would not cost much & be enjoyable for children.

Good schools for primary + infants. High school not as good as it used to be. Sporting facilities are good - swimming pool needs to be upgraded. Support for the less fortunate e.g. breakfast club

I think it's great in the sense we have a fantastic primary school, good youth services and a great sense of community.

Small town, small size school

Small community, good schools

Open spaces, clean air, community atmosphere

Access to education, mostly safe in the community

Quiet, relatively safe, friendly. People help each other and take care of each other. Environment- lots of nature to experience. Freedom

It is a village.

Nothing until the council encourages employment for young people

The people

Not much.

Community, Spaces, Lifestyle

Community interactions

Good primary school & preschools, Reasonable distance from Dubbo for things Gil doesn't have, Fantastic library - adequately resources and great staff, Gym & Pool

Relatively low crime, access to Dubbo

Quiet, Peaceful and Safe.

Alot of youth opportunities, aside from pool & youth club there is not much else

Community

Friendly, schools, safety

Skate park

Education facilities, law and order, health facilities and the availability of well maintained sporting and cultural facilities

Nothing

NA

I think that there is alot of thing in town for 5-12ish year olds (youth centre skate park, parks, lego club etc) I don't however think that there is anything for anyone younger or older to do. The playground at the park it too big for children under about 4 to use properly (steps too high to get to slide etc)

available schools

Great community atmosphere

Gilgandra is na great place to keep kids grounded and involved in outdoor activities and less on social media and devices, but there needs to be more improvements in the sporting centres, ovals and swimming pool

It is a safe community for children to experience a country life

Young children yes not much for young adults

The green space, parks, walking trails and neighbouring areas such as Dubbo.

There is not enough for children to do. There needs to be more available for kids to have fun at.

Safety, opportunities, caring community

Lifestyle, spaces, community

Access to free programs and events and ensuring these programs and events are inclusive to all regardless of background and living arrangements.

Gilgandra is a great town with a lot to offer. Hopefully council is mindful that the things that keep young people happy need to be maintained and up graded.

Gilgandra has a community feel about it. It is a slower pace and less traffic.

From a child who grew up here, it's such a hard place to leave. The community is so close (too close sometimes) but its what makes you feel safe. It probably also helps that you could potentially be related to just about the majority of the town.

House affordability, gardens and access to the river, safe and friendly community

Country life

Fabulous sense of community. People looking out for each other. Many opportunities

The community and the connectives of Gilgandras people. The little people that work together to ensure meaningful events and not for profit groups run and support the community

The space and the freedom is great but youth programs and activities is a big problem.

Calm environment to live in, with everything you need and a great sense of community

Nothing no jobs only for the boys

Our sporting facilities, choice of schools, playgrounds, access around town

Playgrounds and Library are well looked after

Playground facilities and swimming pool

Access to sport all year-round and sporting facilities.

Family friendly, open spaces, choice in school, sporting options

Small community.

wide open spaces

Safe and family

Not a lot

Schools and sport

The parks and facilities for kids. The events organised for kids are great!

It's a beautiful little town. We have a great community spirit and a wonderful cultural history.

sense of community - events are always catered for the whole family

Safe place, a good mix sports and activities

Diverse demographic of children, local sports giving the opportunity for all children to interact.

Friendly community, clean streets and parks

Safe, primary school choices, breakfast club and afterschool,

Parks

Engaging and welcoming

A safe and welcoming community.

Sports and outdoor activities

Small rural/friendly

Gilgandra is good for babies and adolescents but young families are moving away from Gilgandra due to a lack employment & training opportunities

Great rural location with known opportunity and supportive community.

The community

Apart from the pool, gym precinct and park areas, nothing else is appealing to our youth, and convincing them to stay and grow our town.

Well maintained parks.
Facilities
Open spaces and freedoms
Do not have enough any connection with young people
Small community support and friendships
Rural proximity to larger areas
youth centre and activities
I don't. There are no opportunities here and tell all young people to leave the town to see what other places have to offer
Country living
Quiet rural community, majority of community members are friendly and willing to help out the younger generation
The community itself of people and support
Freedom
children - only thing I can think of is the playground in Hunter park
Community involvement . Educational & sporting opportunities
Facilities, safety, schools
great park and play equipment
It's a great community with people who care
Sport library youth club facilities
Good schools
Community
Pass
Safe. Quiet. Great public primary school, and children's programs (sport, library and youth club)
Great community sports
n/a
Friendly and safe, Hunter Park is great, community is very child-friendly
Access to great prim ary school education, close to dubbo, great before school and school holiday programs
climate

Responses Tags

Pool needs a serious upgrade, more activities/facilities for tween and teens

Drugs, housing availability and the need for a wide range of sporting exposures

Before after school, school holiday activities, lack of youth activities, need new pool sports precinct

Boredom, Lack of discipline, Disrespect of others

- Not much to do in terms of school holiday for young kids to want to stay in town, 2. No opportunities for teenagers in terms of work opportunities/career opportunities that could be encouraged by the council by making it easier for new business to start up in town, as per my last reason the same goes for young adults and their opportunities to grow within town due to the difficulties in opening a business (many business ideas being shut down by council or making it too hard to open)

Lack of childcare, lack of OOSH care, limited high school options,

There isn't much for them to do

Lack of parenting / responsible supervision. Boredom - lack of activities on weekends. Stable homes.

Finding work at a level they require; so leave town. Transition from Primary to High school - I feel the high school lets that kids down at the moment as so many are leaving town to go elsewhere. I think if High school offered a better standard kids would stay in town thats the important bit so they can get after school work here; live here. Keep families here so better opportunities for everyone

Medical, activities for children who cannot play sport, extra education away from online

Early marriages, using prohibited drugs and alcohol, education.

Early marriages, drugs, and education

Too much social media time instead of personal interaction

Domestic violence, Lack of support, Lack of opportunities

Internet - access to unsafe sites is too easy

Employment.

Cost of living. Bullying.

once kids are older- need to leave Gil for opportunities

Cost of living + low family income, drugs, family support low for some

High school needs long term principal, more support to get the school back on track and inviting for those who value education and school culture.

Domestic violence, Lack of support, Lack of opportunities

No opportunity in town doe young people e.g jobs

Opportunity and the facilities available for the kids to grow is very less. Dance, Drawing, Crafts, Fun activities for families. For every bit of fun we need to go to Dubbo

Not having enough child care services makes it hard for parents to work or work extra shifts / longer hours, especially during the school holiday periods

My children are under 3, but I think engagement and embracing from community is missing for teens. Safe areas for teens to meet and hangout - that doesn't require them to spend money

Needing to leave Gilandra to study, or eventually to get work. Lack of some opportunities, such as some extra curricular things such as music lessons, gymnastics, and the cost of living making it hard for families to afford the sports or cultural activities that do exist in Gilandra. Poverty and lack of family support means some children never have any of these opportunities. Lack of affordable rental housing- families that can't find stability.

Not having enough childcare services makes it hard for parents to work or work extra shifts/longer hours, especially during the school holidays periods.

Drugs, social media, cost of living

Do not have kids

Limited activities/venues for young people to be involved with or go to.

Employment, Volunteers

Employment to keep young people here

Lack of after school education, lack of careers, drugs

Jobs transport

Poor facilities at the local pool, limited sporting varieties (having to travel to dubbo to play soccer/netball); maintenance of the parks and feeling safe.

Having safe places to meet up... peer pressure.... Drugs

Social media, Climate change, prioritizing technology

Behavior of some groups. Peer pressure, Family problems

Lack of recreational facilities, lack of after school care for children, lack of quality of higher school education.

Drugs, only 1 high school and 1 public primary school. Youth centre isn't maintenance well and limited supervision

Not enough amenities for kids! From babies to teenagers need a safer park that is properly FENCED and has more safe activities and play areas for babies/toddlers to older kids. We also need a public FREE water park playground in the park. Tables and chairs inside the fenced park and a bike track for little kids where there are fun stop signs and little humps and roundabouts so it's more interactive!

Lack of child care, poverty, homelessness

Under 5years access to preschool/childcare limited.

Employment, need to travel for employment but no public transport, lack of places to socialise and belong for 16-25 yrs

Education - most are going out of town for high school now. Little to do in time out of school especially teenagers. Limited employment opportunities for school leavers.

Employment in the area

Physical activity or lack thereof/ lack of respect for what they have and authority (eg law teachers)

1 Depression/anxiety, 2 belong in a loving home, 3 places to hang out and play

Most children are facing boredom in our town which leads to videos games, something like a pump track. Young children are also facing issues with St Joseph's catholic school teacher lie and disrespect children. Also many children have to leave our town to travel to Dubbo or boarding school from the lack of effort from GIL HIGH

Places to meet (lack of places), Facilities (ageing, lack of), Employment opportunities (lack of)

Education opportunities

Having community activities available to them + mix with a range of age groups, Mentors for those who are lacking this in their lives, Good role models

Something to do

Education options, Transport to Dubbo & Swimming pool.

1. Parents not having enough authority over them/not caring

After school programs and initiatives

Domestic violence, social media bullying, lack of promotion for volunteering opportunities

Boredom, low job vacancies, bullying

Exposure to drugs, need for role models and employment opportunities

Recreation, living in the bush but no good access to it even though it is so close.

Na

Boredom- I think that alot of challenges faced with the outh of the town is boredom. There isn't anything to keep them occupied so they are hanging around in the street causing problems.

future employment in the area

Child care, youth activities that aren't sport, better pool facility

Not having enough to do both the soccer and netball accommodations have no folded and need to be played in Dubbo this is really sad for our town as we have so many children in these sports from the Gilandra area who now travel to Dubbo for this which then takes away from supporting local business as well, the pool and fitness club are in need of a overhaul it would be great to see an indoor sporting complex in Gilandra and a new pool, even the tennis courts and cricket pitches could do with some work

Employment, Not much activities, No health services

Not enough to do, Not enough employment

Daycare availability, access to activities, exposure to new innovative opportunities.

Only places to use in summer is youth club or pool there needs to be more activities for them to use

Educational opportunities, "things" to do - ie holiday programs, sports, positive engagement opportunities

Lack of age appropriate spaces and activities, employment and transport

- resources for programs and event delivery i.e. staff, materials, transportation.

Having facilities to use as they grow up. And post school find meaningful employment.

Limited employment possibilities as our children start looking for work. The access can be poor with gaining health services. It can be very hard to get a doctors appointment when sick. For the elderly transport can be hard.

I think the education system tends to let the children/young people down. A lot of kids are now leaving to go to boarding school or into Dubbo. I feel like the more children that leave the town are unlikely to return. Children who tend to stick around here will only go to the pool so often or only visit our sporting grounds during sporting season. This is quite disappointing as they are great facilities but I believe if there were improvements made to these areas we would find a lot more children out and about.

venues of interest, swimming pool/basket ball fitness centre upgrade, more youth activation projects

Jobs,things to do

Parental guidance.

Employment, mental health housing

Future employment opportunities, lack of sporting and recreational facilities that meet current needs ie possibly the worst pool in the central west and lack of child care and activities

Access to activities.

Work entertainment work

other activities after school and if they are not sport minded, jobs for future growth

Need an indoor pool to make use of it all year round and can host more swimming lessons

Employment, entertainment and drugs

Bullying, Social Media, Drugs & Alcohol Abuse.

Opportunities in cultural expression spaces; Minimal activities for tween/teenagers; Mental health and drug support

Dealing with the aboriginal issues. Bullying, intimidation, racism that does not hold aboriginals accountable.

there is nothing for our youth to do

Childcare.

There's no care available for small children eg childcare, there is nothing for young kids to do needs to be more places and things for them to go to or do.

Family breakdown. Substance abuse. Lack of supervision with online content.

Cost of living impacting access to sporting events etc. safe footpath access around the town centre. Safe parking for young families

Lack of parenting support, or parents having parenting skills to discipline. Limited access to programs outside of school hours that are of interest to them. Costs involved in accessing activities or registration for sporting teams

access to different activities and sports, sense of opportunity within the community for school leavers (apprenticeships in functions other than labour intensive roles), access to additional education and growth without leaving the area

Youth disrespect for teachers and police, No after school care, Need a splash pool, Poor swimming pool but only needs to be 25m Poor Quality of the high school driving parents to send their kids to Dubbo.

Age appropriate activities and sporting opportunity in town

Boredom due to lack of local exciting activities/facilities

lack of things to do, lack of childcare services, lack of public transport

Peer pressure, drugs,

Mental health; engagement; boredom

Lack of quality high school, Drugs in the community.

Intimidation on woke subjects, negative social media, access to drugs and alcohol

Employment

Lack of employment opportunities. Lack of training opportunities.

Education, Crime and extra curricular activities.

Accessing supports and services, Accessing QUALITY medical services,

Lack of incentives to work. Lack of parental guidance and mentoring. Lack of after school activities.

Lack of age-related entertainment, facilities, retail variety/choice/availability.

Jobs, Access, Training

Cannot make own entertainment, have to travel for entertainment.

No childcare before 3years (preschool) no free water park, little to do need more youth services and free family facilities

Employment - Livability

activities for out side play and involvement

lack of employment opportunities. Lack of study options

Social media, education, bullying from peers

Current high school is not an option, sporting activities are very limited

Parents not parenting, lack of parent engagement in education and volunteering to keep activities going, poor high school at present

Opportunity

not enough activities/events (boredom)

Education & Employment

Employment, boredom, bullying

Online bullying; overexposure to social media; drugs/alcohol/vaping

Lack of things to do

Entertainment for teenagers out of school times drama or music activities council geo fund town band or drama group or bimonthly discos
Lack of sporting competition locally
unemployment and things to do
Pass
Not much for older children to do. Lack of employment. Racism/prejudice towards non-caucausion children and young people.
Domestic violence, drug abuse and lack of parental supervision
After school activities, weekend events
Access to activities, outside of school hours care, safe places to go and relax/hang out
Lack of recreational activities.
work, education, identity

A permanent and free arte A youths club or PCYC Ratepayers priorities
 Housing Employment General clothing store, for personal n children's wear , Best n Less/ Coles/ Woolworth
 Water/splash park More employment opportu Capitalize on tourism and retaining people in the town
 Better residential roads m More incentives and attrac Dont just give us ideas and plans for improving our town, but never do it. Deliver what tou propose.
 Better storm water treatme Improved maintenance to I Kerb and guttering in Iris Street
 Rural Roads Rural Villages, Linking them to major travel roads
 Shade sails in the plazas More parking at heritage ci Signage for caravan parking
 Disability friendly and unde Natural play spaces and fri Supporting the small business we have instead of trying to start more businesses so we don't have to close
 Entrance to town Main Street Business oportunitys
 disability services rubbish, green waste recyc advocate for on-selling recycled product
 make it easier for new busi stop the increase of rates f roads
 Sporting Hub/facility as res Access to people who man Better Collaboration with local indigenous people, not just a selected few.
 before & after school care encouraging new business new pool, sporting precinct at hunter park
 Redevelopment of the pool Boost to youth services and support
 Transparency Honesty Approachability
 You do well with footpaths toilets at the visitors centre It would be good if the promised library could be opened.
 New swimming pool and s Continued Aged Care and Maintain Shire Hall in updated condition
 Drought proofing communi Main Street beautification Increased grant funding
 Improved response time to Improved maintenance pro Review state of footpaths, ramps, kerb and gutter and disabled parking spaces from the perspective of the person with disability or reduced mobility
 Tourism aged care new businesses in the main street
 Activities for youth Employment apprenticeshi Improve medical facilities
 Gardens Gardens Gardens
 Continue Main Street deve Community events Rural roads
 Support to volunteer agen Developing outdoor fitness Care taken on ALL sidewalks around Gilgandra and care of roadways
 Finish the library Sporting precinct More youth support
 Exercise equipment along Painting of the water tower Sculptures along windmill walk or on a walking trail around town
 More publicity on what the As new comer to town, wo Clean up the Warren road as there are alot of fallen trees and rubbish on the side of road nearing your depot.
 Child friendly activities th Communication Silo art
 Assit with diversity in local We really need a new swimming pool that can be heated in the winter and has a waterslide or something to attract more tourists and visitors to raise revenue

