



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

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

G Babbage

A Bunter

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

N Mudford

G Peart (Via Phone)

A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Dobson
Director Aged Care & Disabilities

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

K Larkin
Project Manager Strategy and
Collaboration

G McAnally-Elwin
Finance Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Walker as the Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair in Cr Batten's absence

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

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

RESOLVED 1/24	Cr Mann/Cr Babbage
That approval be granted for Cr Peart to attend the meeting via telephone.	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 2/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 December 2023, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

MOTION	Cr Mann/Cr Babbage
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed report to after the open reports of the meeting.	

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLVED 3/24	Cr Mann/Cr Babbage
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed report to after the open reports of the meeting.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 2/24
COST SHIFTING

SUMMARY

Local Government NSW is seeking the support of all councils in calling on the NSW Government to address cost shifting onto our sector.

RESOLVED 4/24	Cr Walker
That the extent of the cost shifting from State Government to Local Government, be noted and where possible Council assist LGNSW to advocate for change.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE – 3/24
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 19 December 2023 meeting.

RESOLVED 5/24	Cr Walker
That the report be noted.	

(GO.PO.1)

REVIEW OF POLICIES

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 6/24	Cr Mudford/Cr Freeth
That the various changes to Council's policy register, as outlined, be adopted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Collaboration, entered the room at 4:11pm.

(CM.TE.1)

**REAL COUNTRY TOURISM EXPERIENCE STRATEGY AND
INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS CASE**

SUMMARY

To consider endorsing the Real Country Tourism Experience Strategy and Infrastructure Business Case, developed in collaboration with Coonamble Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Councils, following the public exhibition period.

RESOLVED 7/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That: 1. Council note community submissions received, along with the commentary provided by People, Place and Partnership. 2. Recognition of submissions be provided to the community, along with responses. 3. The Real Country Tourism Experience Strategy and Infrastructure Business Case be endorsed 4. Future funding opportunities be sought in-line with the Real Country Tourism Experience Strategy and Infrastructure Business Case 5. Congratulate Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Collaboration, and her team in the excellent work in coordinating this project across the 3 Local Government Areas	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Collaboration, left the room at 4:21pm.

(FM.PL.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 31 DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY

To detail the variances to the original estimates for the 2023/24 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2023. In addition, to report as to whether the Quarterly Budget Review indicates that the financial position of Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates adopted by Council.

RESOLVED 8/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Mudford
That, subject to any decisions on the recommendations as reported, the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 31 December 2023 be adopted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Batten entered the meeting and assumed the Chair at 4:31pm.

(CM.PL.1)

2023/24 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW Q2 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan during Q2.

RESOLVED 9/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That the 2023/24 Operational Plan Review for Q2 1 October to 31 December 2023 be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

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Disability Services Advisory Board

6 February 2024

RESOLVED 10/24	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 11/24	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
That the reports be noted.	

LISTING OF MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

RESOLVED 12/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayoral Minute – General Manager Contract (a)	

RESOLVED 13/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4:40pm.	

Proceedings in Brief

The Mayor requested all staff to leave the meeting at 4.40pm to allow discussion on the report on the General Manager's contract

(PE.1072.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 1/24
GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT

This information is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

SUMMARY

To determine new employment contract for the General Manager.

RESOLVED 5/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
1. That the General Manager be offered a 4 year term contract commencing 1 August 2024, concluding on the 31 July 2028.	
2. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to execute the contract as per the terms agreed by the Council.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

<u>CR FREETH:</u>	<u>CAUSEWAYS BERIDA/INNISVALE</u> I would like to know the completion date for the cement causeways on the Berida/Innisvale, Leeches Creek Intersections.
<u>MAYORAL RESPONSE:</u>	To be advised by Council staff at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:50PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor