

Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA

6:00PM, TUESDAY 25th February, 2025

Administration Centres: 1300 459 689

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA
ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6:00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor), Cr Rosalind Wight (Deputy Mayor), Cr Logan Collins, Cr Les Cooper, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Ethan Ryan, Cr Danyal Syed

IN ATTENDANCE: Roger Bailey (Interim General Manager), Matt Stubbs (Deputy General Manager - Operations), Barry Paull (Interim Deputy General Manager - CCD), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Zac Mahon (Manager Finance), Michael Mason (Interim Manager Sustainable Development), Steven Lowe (Acting Manager Regional Services Cootamundra), Greg Ewings (Acting Manager Regional Services Gundagai), Teresa Breslin (Executive Assistant)

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

ADJOURN MEETING FOR OPEN FORUM

RESOLUTION 030/2025

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council adjourn for Open Forum.

CARRIED

2 OPEN FORUM

List of Speakers

1. Brendan Price – DoTT Development Pty Ltd. Pertaining to item 8.2.3 DP/OP Quarterly Progress Report action code 2.1f (5)

RESUME OPEN MEETING

RESOLUTION 031/2025

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

That Council resume the Open Meeting.

CARRIED

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**3.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**MOTION****RESOLUTION 032/2025**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That Council note Cr Graham's pecuniary interest pertaining to item 8.4.5. Cr Graham advised that he is the Chairman of the St Patricks Church Finance Committee.

CARRIED**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 033/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED**6 MAYORAL MINUTES****6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT****RESOLUTION 034/2025**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Danyal Syed

That the information in the Councillor Engagements Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 035/2025

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

1. The Minutes of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.
2. In consideration of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee recommendations detailed in the minutes, Council endorse the following:
 - 2.1. That Old Cootamundra Road from Sutton's Lane to the shire's border remain without weight restriction and continue to be excluded from the blanket B Double approval throughout Cootamundra pending further investigations.
 - 2.2. (a) That Transport for NSW conduct a signage review along Berthong Road on the approach to the Temora Street intersection, Cootamundra, and
(b) That Council write to Transport for NSW to stress the urgency of the review.
 - 2.3. That location defining *Loading Zone* signage be installed in Cooper Lane, south of Wallendoon Street, to determine a designated delivery space, and that *No Stopping* signs be installed 10m from the kerb of Wallendoon Street intersection as per Road Rules 2014 – Reg 170.
 - 2.4. That parking remain unrestricted between the NO STOPPING signs on the western side of Hovell Street between Temora Road and Sutton Street.
 - 2.5. That current Reverse Angle Parking signage be replaced with Parallel Parking signage on the western side of Murray Street between Adams Street and Bourke Street to ensure safe passage for motorists at all times of the day.
 - 2.6. That the two-hour parking restriction is NOT extended along Parker Street.
 - 2.7. That the Traffic Committee undertake consultation in relation to the proposed two-hour parking restriction in front of the Cootamundra Council Administration Office be extended along Wallendoon Street to include the Cootamundra Library and Town Hall.
 - 2.8. That the Traffic Committee reconsider 'GIVE WAY' signs at the intersection of Temora Street and Parker Street with a view to installing 'STOP' signs.
 - 2.9. That approval be given for the Cootamundra Returned and Services League to hold the 2025 ANZAC Day March subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police,

- (b) That all Traffic Control Plans are applied in accordance with the ‘Traffic Control at Worksites Manual’,
- (c) All Traffic Controllers must have the appropriate traffic control tickets,
- (d) Council will arrange for the placement and removal of all road barriers.

2.10. 2.10. That approval be given for the Gundagai Returned and Services League to hold the 2025 ANZAC Day March subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police,
- (b) That all Traffic Control Plans are applied in accordance with the ‘Traffic Control at Worksites Manual’,
- (c) All Traffic Controllers must have the appropriate traffic control tickets,
- (d) Council will arrange for the placement and removal of all road barriers.

2.11. That approval be given to hold the Wallendbeen 2025 ANZAC Day Parade subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police
- (b) That all Traffic Control Plans are applied in accordance with the ‘Traffic Control at Worksites Manual’
- (c) All Traffic controllers must have appropriate traffic control tickets
- (d) Council will arrange for the placement and removal of all road barriers.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION 036/2025

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight
 Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

That Council bring forward items 8.4.3 and 8.4.6 on the agenda for consideration.

CARRIED

8.4.3 MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL IMPOSED SUBDIVISION COVERNANT

RESOLUTION 037/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson
 Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council continue to assess and determine development applications which propose the use of building materials that are contrary to the restrictive instrument (88B covenant) applicable to the land on an individual basis, giving consideration to the public interest and any relevant changes to the legislation.

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| VOTING RECORD |
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| FOR RESOLUTION | AGAINST RESOLUTION |
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| Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) Cr Rosalind Wight Cr Logan Collins Cr Les Cooper Cr David Graham Cr Gil Kelly Cr Penny Nicholson Cr Ethan Ryan Cr Danyal Syed | Nil |
| ABSENT | DECLARED INTEREST |
| Nil | Nil |

CARRIED

8.4.6 DA 2024/129 - PROPOSED DETACHED SHED - 8 BANJO PATTERSON PLACE, GUNDAGAI

RESOLUTION 038/2025

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

That Council approve DA 2024/129 subject to conditions of consent as outlined in the accompanying Draft Notice of Determination.

| VOTING RECORD | |
|--|---------------------------|
| FOR RESOLUTION | AGAINST RESOLUTION |
| Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) Cr Rosalind Wight Cr Logan Collins Cr Les Cooper Cr David Graham Cr Gil Kelly Cr Penny Nicholson Cr Ethan Ryan Cr Danyal Syed | Nil |
| ABSENT | DECLARED INTEREST |
| Nil | Nil |

CARRIED

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE

8.1.1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 - REGISTRATION

RESOLUTION 039/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That the attendance of the Mayor and Interim General Manager at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in June, 2025 be authorised.

CARRIED

8.2 BUSINESS

8.2.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN AND INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

RESOLUTION 040/2025

Moved: Cr Danyal Syed

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council adopts the amended Internal Audit Charter and ARIC Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

8.2.2 TABLING OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS - NEW DESIGNATED PERSON

RESOLUTION 041/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Danyal Syed

That the tabling of a pecuniary interest returns from a new designated person be noted.

CARRIED

8.2.3 DELIVERY PROGRAM - OPERATIONAL PLAN QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 042/2025

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That the Delivery Program incorporating the Operational Plan 2024/2025, quarterly progress report, (2nd Quarter October to December), attached to the report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.2.4 MUTTAMA CREEK REGENERATION GROUP S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 043/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Minutes of the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee meeting held 9 December 2024, attached to the report be, received and noted.

CARRIED

8.2.5 MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 044/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Danyal Syed

That the Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee Ordinary Meetings held, 29 January 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.3 FINANCE

8.3.1 INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 045/2025

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

That the report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st January 2025, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.3.2 RESTRICTED CASH RECONCILIATION - JANUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 046/2025

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That:

- 1. The Restricted Cash Reconciliation report, be received and noted.**
- 2. Council be provided with a list of items of the \$1.746 million of unspent grants.**

CARRIED

8.3.3 FINANCE UPDATE - JANUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 047/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That the Finance Update report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

8.4.1 ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY STATEMENT POLICY AND PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 048/2025

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

That:

- 1. Council endorse the Draft Annual Fire Safety Statement Policy & Program for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of 28 days, in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.**
- 2. If no material submissions are received during the exhibition period, the Draft Annual Fire Safety Statement Policy & Program be adopted without further resolution.**
- 3. A report be provided to Council should any material submissions be received, for consideration prior to final adoption of the policy.**

CARRIED

8.4.2 ESTABLISHMENT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

RESOLUTION 049/2025

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

That Council grant owners consent and for the registration of an easement for utilities over lots:

- Lot 21 Sec: 37 DP: 758785**
- Lot: 2 Sec: 37 DP: 758785**

- Lot: 3 Sec: 37 DP: 758785; and
 - Lot: 1 DP: 155943
- To the benefit of:
- Lot: 2 DP: 506531
 - Lot: 2 DP: 201705
 - Lot: 3 DP: 201705
 - Lot: 2 DP: 802021; and
 - Lot: 5 DP: 201705

CARRIED

8.4.4 DA 2024/148 - PROPOSED CARPORT AT 74 OLNEY STREET, COOTAMUNDRA

RESOLUTION 050/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham
 Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That Council approve DA 2024/148 subject to conditions of consent as outlined in the accompanying Draft Notice of Determination.

| VOTING RECORD | |
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| FOR RESOLUTION | AGAINST RESOLUTION |
| Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) Cr Rosalind Wight Cr Logan Collins Cr Les Cooper Cr David Graham Cr Gil Kelly Cr Penny Nicholson Cr Ethan Ryan Cr Danyal Syed | Nil |
| ABSENT | DECLARED INTEREST |
| Nil | Nil |

CARRIED

At 7:20 pm, Cr David Graham left the meeting.

8.4.5 DA 2024/108 - PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ADVERTISING SIGN - 107 SHERIDAN STREET, GUNDAGAI

RESOLUTION 051/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson
 Seconded: Cr Danyal Syed

That Council approve development application 2024/108 subject to conditions of consent as outlined in the accompanying Draft Notice of Determination.

| VOTING RECORD | |
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| FOR RESOLUTION | AGAINST RESOLUTION |
| Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) Cr Rosalind Wight Cr Logan Collins Cr Les Cooper Cr Gil Kelly Cr Penny Nicholson Cr Ethan Ryan Cr Danyal Syed | Nil |
| ABSENT | DECLARED INTEREST |
| Cr David Graham | Nil |

CARRIED

At 7:21 pm, Cr David Graham returned to the meeting.

8.5 ENGINEERING COOTAMUNDRA

8.5.1 COOTAMUNDRA ENGINEERING REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 052/2025

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That the Cootamundra Engineering Report for the month of February 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

8.6 ENGINEERING GUNDAGAI

8.6.1 GUNDAGAI ENGINEERING REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 053/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That the Gundagai Engineering Report for the month of February 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

8.7 REGIONAL SERVICES GUNDAGAI**8.7.1 GUNDAGAI REGIONAL SERVICES WORKS REPORT****RESOLUTION 054/2025**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

That the Gundagai Regional Services Department, Monthly works report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.8 REGIONAL SERVICES COOTAMUNDRA**8.8.1 REGIONAL SERVICES - COOTAMUNDRA MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 055/2025**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That the Regional Services – Cootamundra department monthly works report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.8.2 REVIEW OF GUNDAGAI WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**MOTION**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

- 1. Council acknowledges receipt of the report on the current Waste Services Operations across the CGRC area.**
- 2. That Tenders be called for the provision of the Waste collection services for Council's Transfer Stations and the Gundagai Burra Road Waste Facility.**
- 3. Council proceeds with the capital improvement program for the Gundagai Burra Road Waste Facility as detailed in the 2024/2025 Budget.**

AMENDMENT

An amendment was moved:

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

That Council:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the report on the current Waste Services Operations across the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council area.
2. Defers a decision on the capital improvements until:
 - 2.1. The Minister for Local Government makes a determination in relation to the demerger of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.
 - 2.2. A Business Plan, including income and expenditure, of the proposed waste facility improvements is provided.

On being PUT the amendment became the MOTION:

RESOLUTION 056/2025

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

That Council:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the report on the current Waste Services Operations across the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council area.
2. Defers a decision on the capital improvements until:
 - 2.1. The Minister for Local Government makes a determination in relation to the demerger of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.
 - 2.2. A Business Plan, including income and expenditure, of the proposed waste facility improvements is provided.

CARRIED

9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

11.1 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORT

RESOLUTION 057/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

1. Item 11.2 be considered in closed Council at which the press and public are excluded in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and related public interest reasons detailed.
2. In accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to Item 11.2 be withheld from the press and public.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION 058/2025

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

The Open Council meeting resume.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Note: The Interim General Manager announced the resolutions made in Closed Council.

11.2 RFT2024/04 WATER NETWORK CIVIL, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL UPGRADES AT COOTAMUNDRA & GUNDAGAI

RESOLUTION 059/2025

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan


That Council:

- 1. Not accept any tenders submitted in relation to RFT2024/04.**
- 2. Completes the project tendered for in RFT2024/04 using day labour staff.**

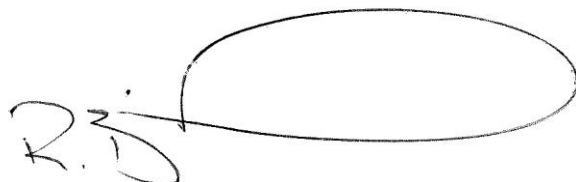
CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7.41pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025.



CHAIRPERSON



GENERAL MANAGER