

# Minutes

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI**

**6:00PM, TUESDAY 25th March, 2025**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI  
ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 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), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Michael Mason (Interim Manager Sustainable Development), Greg Ewings (Acting Manager Regional Services Gundagai), Trevor Dando (Acting Manager Engineering 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 066/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**That Council adjourn for Open Forum.**

**CARRIED**

**2 OPEN FORUM**

List of Speakers

1. Clinton McKenzie – Gliding Club Aerodrome Fees – NOM item 9.2

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**RESOLUTION 067/2025**

Moved: Cr Danyal Syed

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**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2025**

**RESOLUTION 068/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**6 MAYORAL MINUTES**

**6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT**

**RESOLUTION 069/2025**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

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

**CARRIED**

**7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

**8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**8.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**RESOLUTION 070/2025**

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**That Council bring forward item 9.2 on the agenda for consideration.**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - GLIDER CLUB USE OF AERODROME****RESOLUTION 071/2025**

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**That Council waive all Aerodrome Usage Fees for the Southern Cross Glider Club for their annual summer camp events held in Cootamundra for a period of four years, covering the financial years from October 2024 to October 2028.**

**CARRIED****8.1.1 RURAL AND REGIONAL SUMMIT 2025****RESOLUTION 072/2025**

Moved: Cr Danyal Syed

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The attendance of the Mayor and Interim General Manager at the Rural and Regional Summit in May 2025, be endorsed.**

**CARRIED****8.2 BUSINESS****8.2.1 ARIC INDEPENDENT CHAIR AND MEMBERS FEE REDUCTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS****RESOLUTION 073/2025**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**That Council adopts a 50% reduction in the daily rate for ARIC members attending extraordinary ARIC meetings to only review financial statements where it is not possible to align meetings with other Internal Audit Alliance councils.**

**CARRIED****8.2.2 COOTAMUNDRA HERITAGE CENTRE MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 074/2025**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

**The Minutes of the Cootamundra Heritage Centre Management s.355 Committee Meeting held 4 February 2025 and 4 March 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3 FINANCE****8.3.1 FINANCE UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 075/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**The Finance Update report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3.2 RESTRICTED CASH RECONCILIATION - FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 076/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

**The Restricted Cash Reconciliation report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025****RESOLUTION 077/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**The report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT****8.4.1 ADOPTION OF BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND MAPPING POLICY AND ENDORSEMENT OF BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND MAP****RESOLUTION 078/2025**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**That council resolve to:**

- 1. Adopt the attached Draft Bushfire Mapping Policy.**
- 2. Endorse the attached Draft Bushfire Prone Land Map and request that the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service certify the map as the Bushfire Prone Land Map for the area of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.**

**CARRIED**

**8.5 ENGINEERING COOTAMUNDRA****8.5.1 COOTAMUNDRA ENGINEERING REPORT - MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 079/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Cootamundra Engineering Report for the month of March 2025 be noted.****CARRIED****8.6 ENGINEERING GUNDAGAI****8.6.1 GUNDAGAI ENGINEERING REPORT - MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 080/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Danyal Syed

**The Gundagai Engineering Report for the month of March 2025 be noted.****CARRIED****8.6.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY****RESOLUTION 081/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**That Council resolve to adopt the Draft Asset Management Policy to meet its commitment under the Local Government Act 1993 ((NSW) Section 88 c) ii.****CARRIED****8.7 REGIONAL SERVICES GUNDAGAI****8.7.1 GUNDAGAI REGIONAL SERVICES WORKS REPORT****RESOLUTION 082/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

**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 083/2025**

Moved: Cr Danyal Syed

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

**The Regional Services – Cootamundra department monthly works report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION - REVIEW OF GUNDAGAI WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**That the resolution carried at the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025 in relation to Item No. 056/2025 be rescinded:**

**RESOLUTION 056/2025**

**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 Motion was LOST**

**10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE ERROR! NO DOCUMENT VARIABLE SUPPLIED. ERROR! NO DOCUMENT VARIABLE SUPPLIED.**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

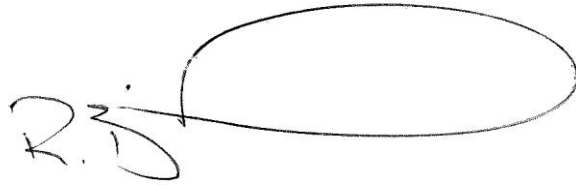
Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.24pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 April 2025.



**CHAIRPERSON**



**GENERAL MANAGER**