

# Minutes

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA**

**6:00PM, TUESDAY 15th October, 2024**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA  
ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Logan Collins, Cr Les Cooper, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Abb McAlister, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Ethan Ryan, Cr Danyal Syed and Cr Rosalind Wight

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve McGrath (Interim General Manager), Matt Stubbs (Deputy General Manager - Operations), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Teresa Breslin (Executive Assistant)

*The Interim General Manager was the acting Chairperson until the election of Mayor.*

**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.

**2 OPEN FORUM – NOT APPLICABLE**

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**3.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**5.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE**

**5.1.1 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF COUNCILLORS**

**RESOLUTION 194/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

- 1. All newly elected Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Councillors take Oath or make an Affirmation as per s.233A of the Local Government Act, 1993.**
- 2. Oaths or affirmations of office was undertaken by each councillor, and is recorded in the Minutes of this Extraordinary Meeting as detailed in the list below:**

First Name	Last Name	Oath or Affirmation
Logan	COLLINS	Affirmation
Les	COOPER	Oath
David	GRAHAM	Oath
Gil	KELLY	Oath
Abb	MCALISTER	Affirmation
Penny	NICHOLSON	Affirmation
Ethan	RYAN	Affirmation
Danyal	SYED	Oath
Rosalind	WIGHT	Oath

**CARRIED**

### 5.1.2 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

1. If more than one nomination for the position of Mayor is received, Council determine the method of electing the Mayor;
2. The election of the Mayor for the period 15 October 2024 to the Ordinary Council Meeting in September 2026 proceed.

Conduct election via show of hands.

Motion lost

#### RESOLUTION 195/2024

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr David Graham

1. If more than one nomination for the position of Mayor is received, Council determine the method of electing the Mayor;
2. The election of the Mayor for the period 15 October 2024 to the Ordinary Council Meeting in September 2026 proceed.

Conduct election via ordinary ballot.

**CARRIED**

The Returning Officer confirmed that two nominations had been received for the position of Mayor, namely Cr Gil Kelly and Cr Abb McAlister.

The Returning Officer then conducted the election of the Mayor. Ballot papers were issued and on collection and tallying of the ballots cast, the results were:

Cr McAlister - 6 votes

Cr Kelly - 3 votes

The Returning Officer declared that Cr McAlister is elected as Mayor for the period 15 October 2024 to the Ordinary Council meeting in September 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION 196/2024**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**Council destroy the election ballot papers relating to the election of the Mayor.**

**CARRIED**

Cr McAlister (Mayor) gave address to council and the community.

### **5.1.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

#### **RESOLUTION 197/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

- 1. Council resolve to elect a Deputy Mayor for the period 15 October 2024 to Ordinary Council Meeting in September 2026.**

**CARRIED**

#### **RESOLUTION 198/2024**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

- 2. If more than one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor is received, Council determine the method of electing the Deputy Mayor.**

**Conduct election via Ordinary Ballot.**

**CARRIED**

The Returning Officer confirmed that three nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor, namely Cr Rosalind Wight, Cr Logan Collins and Cr Danyal Syed.

The Returning Officer then conducted the election of the Deputy Mayor. Ballot papers were issued and on collection and tallying of the ballots cast, the results were:

Cr Wight - 3 votes

Cr Collins - 3 votes

Cr Syed - 3 votes

With the votes for Deputy Mayor being tied with three candidates each receiving 3 votes, pieces of paper containing the names of the three candidates were placed in a box and one candidates name drawn. The candidate drawn from the box was Cr Collins and he was excluded from the election process.

A fresh set of ballot papers were issued containing the names of the remaining candidates, Cr Rosalind Wight and Cr Danyal Syed, and on collection and tallying of the ballots cast, the results were:

Cr Wight - 6 votes

Cr Syed - 3 votes

The Returning Officer declared that Cr Wight is elected as Deputy Mayor for the period 15 October 2024 to the Ordinary Council meeting in September 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION 199/2024**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**Council destroy the election ballot papers relating to the election of the Deputy Mayor.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5.1.4 FILLING OF VACANCIES**

##### **RESOLUTION 200/2024**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5.1.5 COMMITTEES REQUIRING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **RESOLUTION 201/2024**

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**Council appoints the following Councillor representatives on each of the committees detailed in the table below.**

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Delegates/ Reps</b>
Adina Court Board	Cr Syed
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)	Cr Ryan
Cootamundra Aerodrome Users Advisory Group	Cr McAlister
Local Traffic Advisory Committee	Cr Collins

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee	Cr Collins
Cootamundra Youth Council	Cr Collins
Gundagai Youth Council	Cr Nicholson
Cootamundra Tourism Action Group Advisory Committee	Cr Syed
Gundagai Tourism Action Group Advisory Committee	Cr Nicholson
The Cootamundra Showground Users Group s.355 Committee	Cr Kelly
The Art Centre Cootamundra s.355 Committee	Cr Collins
Cootamundra Heritage Centre s.355 Committee	Cr Wight
Stockinbingal Ellwood's Hall s.355 Committee	Cr Cooper
Wallendbeen Memorial Hall s.355 Committee	Cr Collins
Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee	Cr McAlister
Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee	Cr Wight
Bradman Birthplace s.355 Committee	Cr Ryan
Goldenfields Water County Council (Information attached)	Cr Cooper
The Riverina Regional Library (RRL) (Information attached)	Cr Wight, alternate: Cr McAlister and Library Manager
Eastern Riverina Arts Advisory Committee	Cr Collins
South-West Slopes Zone Service Liaison Committee (RFS)	Cr Kelly
Softwoods Working Group	Cr Graham
General Managers Performance Review Panel	The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Syed and one (1) councillor nominated by the General Manager (TBD)
Illabo to Stockinbingal Inland Rail - Community Consultative Committee	Cr Syed, Manager Sustainable Development and Manager Engineering Cootamundra
Flood Risk Management Committee for the Gundagai Villages Flood Study (Coolac, Nangus, Tumblong & Darbalara)	Cr McAlister

**CARRIED**

**5.1.6 MEETING DATES 2024-2025****RESOLUTION 202/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**That:**

1. The Ordinary Council Meetings take place at 6:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of the Month from January to November.
2. The Council Workshops take place at 4:00pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the Month from February to November.
3. The December Ordinary Council Meeting and Workshop take place on the second Tuesday of the Month.
4. The January Council Workshop take place on the fourth Tuesday of the Month.
5. The current arrangement of alternating meetings between Cootamundra and Gundagai remain in place for CGRC.
6. Alternatives to the current meeting arrangements be considered if requested.

**CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 6:59

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024.



**CHAIRPERSON**



**GENERAL MANAGER**