

Minutes

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

6:00PM, THURSDAY 20th March, 2025

Administration Centres: 1300 459 689

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI
ON THURSDAY, 20 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 Penny Nicholson, Cr Ethan Ryan, and Cr Danyal Syed (online).

IN ATTENDANCE: Roger Bailey (Interim General Manager), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Trevor Dando (Acting Manager Engineering Gundagai)

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 060/2025

Moved: Cr Ethan Ryan

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

That Council adjourn for Open Forum at 6.01pm.

CARRIED

2 OPEN FORUM

List of Speakers

1. Brendan Price – Dog on the Tuckerbox Water Supply Deed item 5.2

RESUME OPEN MEETING

RESOLUTION 061/2025

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That Council resume the Open Meeting at 6.16pm.

CARRIED

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**3.1 APOLOGIES****RESOLUTION 062/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

Apologies from Cr Gil Kelly be received and leave of absence granted.**CARRIED****3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**5.1 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORT****RESOLUTION 063/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

- 1. Item 5.2 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**COUNCIL ENTERED CLOSED COUNCIL AT 6.16PM****RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL MEETING****RESOLUTION 064/2025**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That the Open Council meeting resume at 7.30pm.**CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

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

5.2 DOG ON THE TUCKERBOX WATER SUPPLY DEED**RESOLUTION 065/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That Council:

1. **Notes the legal advice dated 2 June 2022 in relation to the funding for a water supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct;**
2. **Acknowledges that any existing Water Fund cash reserves may not be able to be used to extend the water supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct, unless further action is taken in accordance with s409(5) and (7) of *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act);**
3. **Commits to providing reticulated potable water, at Council's expense, to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct within three years of the developer completing works under DA2023/116 (demolition of existing buildings and construction of three new buildings). Such a water supply to be at a minimum rate of 0.9mg/l per day;**
4. **Seeks approval from the NSW Office of Local Government for an extension of time to carry out the work under the Stronger Community Fund (SCF);**
5. **Subject to approval from the Office of Local Government, Council uses any of the unspent grant funds outlined in 4. above to carry out any planning and preparatory works to provide reticulated potable water to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct;**
6. **Funds any construction costs of the extension of reticulated potable water supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct via the use of grants, and if that is insufficient, through loan funding through the Cootamundra Gundagai Water Fund;**
7. **Prepares the Cootamundra Gundagai Water Fund for the provision of the payment of dividends and increases water charges accordingly;**
8. **Notes that a separate resolution will be required at some point in the future, in open Council, to deduct dividends;**
9. **Funds the repayment of any loan funds from the Cootamundra Gundagai Water Fund borrowed to provide potable water to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct;**
10. **Advises the developer that it has no plans of providing sewerage connection to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct and that the sewerage solutions are to be its (the developer's) expense to meet the requirements of the development consent;**
11. **Confirms that it will not be extending water supply to the village of Coolac at this point in time;**
12. **Informs the community of the proposal to fund the water extension to the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct;**

- 13. Authorises the Interim General Manager to negotiate, and if necessary vary (including point 3 above), the Water Supply Deed further if required and if there any material changes consult with the Mayor and Cr Ryan.**

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7:34pm.

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

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER