



**COOTAMUNDRA-
GUNDAGAI REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

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Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

6:00PM, TUESDAY 23rd September, 2025

Administration Centres: 1300 459 689

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI
ON TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6:00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Roger Bailey (Interim General Manager), Damian Smith (Acting Manager Finance), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Teresa Breslin (Executive Assistant)

1 OPEN FORUM

Nil

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 151/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That the apology received from Cr Collins be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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RESOLUTION 152/2025

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council note Cr Graham's less than significant non-pecuniary interest pertaining to item 8.4.1. Cr Graham is a member of the St Patrick's Catholic Church Finance Committee.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 153/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 August 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 154/2025

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr David Graham

1. **That the Minutes of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.**
2. **In consideration of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Transport Forum recommendations detailed in the minutes, Council endorse the following:**
 - 2.1. **That the *GIVE WAY* signs and Advanced Warning *GIVE WAY* signs on Boundary Road and Berthong Road at the Temora Street intersection are replaced with *STOP* signs and Advanced Warning *STOP* signs.**
 - 2.2. **That Reef Creek Bridge signage on Muttama Road be updated to ensure adequate warning of the upcoming narrow bridge.**
 - 2.3. **That the current *GIVE WAY* signs on Temora Street are replaced with 'C' size *STOP* signs and a continuous control line on both sides of the Parker Street intersection.**
 - 2.4. **That approval be given to Cootamundra Health Care Co-Operative Ltd to hold the 2026 Coota Beach Volleyball Carnival from the 13 - 15 February 2026 subject to the following conditions:**
 1. **The temporary closure of Murray Street (Wallendoon Street to Bourke Street) between Tuesday 10th February and Monday the 16th February inclusive;**
 2. **The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police;**
 3. **The Event Management Plan (EMP) is completed and submitted to Council;**
 4. **A current Certificate of Currency (COC) is submitted to Council noting Council, TfNSW and NSW Police as interested parties (to be submitted closer to the event date);**
 5. **Council provides a Traffic Guidance Scheme and associated traffic control.**
 - 2.5. **That approval be given to Sacred Heart Central School to hold the 2026 All Schools Beach Volleyball Carnival on the 13 February 2026 subject to the following conditions:**

1. The temporary closure of Murray Street (Wallendoon Street to Bourke Street) between Tuesday 10 February and Monday 16 February inclusive (closure included in the Coota Beach Volleyball Carnival proposal).
2. The event organiser complies with any conditions set by Council and the NSW Police.
3. The Event Management Plan (EMP) is completed and submitted to Council
4. A current Certificate of Currency (COC) is submitted to Council.
5. Council provides a Traffic Guidance Scheme and associated traffic control

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT

RESOLUTION 155/2025

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

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

CARRIED

6.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - JOINT ADVOCACY - COMMUNITY BENEFIT SHARING PAYMENTS - TRANSGRID POWER LINES

RESOLUTION 156/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That Council:

1. Formally write to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), Chair Clare Savage and CEO Anthea Harris requesting a meeting with all five Mayors of Snowy Valleys Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Yass Valley Council, Wagga Wagga City Council, and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council regarding the AER's immediate consideration and support to require or facilitate Transgrid's agreement to community benefit-sharing payments, with payments commencing in 2027 at the completion of the Humelink Project.
2. Advocate jointly with Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Yass Valley Council, Wagga Wagga City Council, and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to Transgrid and the NSW Government for establishment of an annual payment of \$10,000 per kilometre indexed for the lifetime of the transmission lines.
3. Thank Minister Sharpe, Energy Commissioner Tony Mahar and Transgrid CEO Brett Redman for past meetings with the host councils and seek their ongoing support in advocating for fair and meaningful benefit-sharing arrangements for host communities. Council and communities are giving the cities power security while the amenity of the regions is being adversely affected for decades.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Listed at item 5.2

7 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**7.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE****8.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION 157/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the establishment of a Demerger Transition Committee pursuant to Section 355(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.**
- 2. Approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee with the addition of 'fairly' under 1. Purpose.**
- 3. Authorise the Demerger Transition Committee to make decisions necessary to achieve the orderly demerger of the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council and creation of the two new councils. Such decisions must be made via an absolute majority of councillors present at the time of the meeting.**
- 4. Appoint the Mayor and Councillors Wight, Nicholson, Graham, Kelly, and Ryan to the Committee.**
- 5. Note that there will be no alternate representatives.**
- 6. Receive ongoing reports from the Committee at each Ordinary Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

8.1.2 ALGA 2025 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS 11-12 NOVEMBER 2025**RESOLUTION 158/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The attendance of Cr Cooper and one (1) appropriate staff member, at the Australian Local Government Association 2025 National Local Roads and Transport Congress from 11-12 November 2025, be endorsed.

CARRIED

8.1.3 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 8 AUGUST 2025**RESOLUTION 159/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham
Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

The Minutes of the Country Mayors Association Meetings held on 8 August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 BUSINESS

8.2.1 BRADMAN BIRTHPLACE S.355 COMMITTEE AGM MEETING MINUTES, MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 160/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham
Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

- 1. The Minutes, Treasurers Report and Chairman's report of the Bradman Birthplace s.355 Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 11 August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.**
- 2. The office bearers and membership of the Bradman Birthplace s.355 Committee as detailed in the report, be endorsed.**

CARRIED

8.2.2 MUTTAMA CREEK REGENERATION GROUP S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 161/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham
Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Minutes of the Muttama Creek Regeneration Group s.355 Committee meeting held, 4 August 2025, attached to the report be, received and noted.

CARRIED

8.2.3 THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION 162/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham
Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

- 1. The Minutes of The Arts Centre Cootamundra s.355 Committee Meeting held, 21 August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.**
- 2. That Denise Price be endorsed as a Committee Member of The Arts Centre Cootamundra.**

CARRIED

8.2.4 MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION 163/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

- 1. The Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee Ordinary Meetings held, 13 August 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council notes the resignations of Anne Last and Hilary Connors from the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee and writes letter of thanks to them recognising their contribution on the Committee.**

CARRIED

7.3 FINANCE**8.3.1 FINANCE UPDATE - AUGUST 2025****RESOLUTION 164/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the Finance Update report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.3.2 RESTRICTED CASH RECONCILIATION - AUGUST 2025**RESOLUTION 165/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

The Restricted Cash Reconciliation report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.3.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2025**RESOLUTION 166/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

The report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 31st August 2025, be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

8.4.1 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION

RESOLUTION 167/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

That Council resolve to allocate the \$12,500 of funding received through 2025-2027 NSW Heritage Grants Program received from Heritage NSW, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for the purpose of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Heritage Service as follows:-

- 1. \$6,500.00 be allocated to Council expenditure relating local Heritage Advisory Service for costs incurred through the engagement of an external Heritage Consultant for consultation and advice provided to members of the public on local heritage matters and to Council staff for Development Application matters; and**
- 2. The remaining \$6,000 be split across the two applications received by Council through the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Heritage Grant Program 2025/26 as follows:**
 - 2.1. \$3,500.00 be awarded for the restoration of timber windows in the former vicarage at 37 Thompson Street, Cootamundra (item number 44 under the Cootamundra LEP 2013); and**
 - 2.2. \$2,500 be awarded for the restoration of steel palisade fence at St Patrick's Catholic Church at 107 Sheridan Street, Gundagai**
- 3. The above to be allocated providing the terms of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Local Heritage Grant Program are met by the respective applicants.**

CARRIED

8.4.2 DA 2025/89 - PROPOSED FARM BUILDING - 3938 SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY, MOUNT ADRAH

RESOLUTION 168/2025

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That Council approve DA 2025/89 subject to conditions of consent as outlined in the accompanying Draft Notice of Determination and authorise minor amendments to correct any errors prior to issuing the final notice.

VOTING RECORD	
FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor) Cr Rosalind Wight Cr Les Cooper	Nil

Cr David Graham Cr Gil Kelly Cr Penny Nicholson Cr Ethan Ryan Cr Danyal Syed	
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Cr Logan Collins	Nil

CARRIED**8.4.3 DA 2025/53 - PROPOSED GARAPORT - 26 LAWSON DRIVE, GUNDAGAI****RESOLUTION 169/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr David Graham

That Council approve DA 2025/53 subject to conditions of consent as outlined in the accompanying Draft Notice of Determination and authorise minor amendments to correct any errors prior to issuing the final notice.

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

CARRIED**7.5 ENGINEERING COOTAMUNDRA****8.5.1 COOTAMUNDRA ENGINEERING REPORT - AUGUST 2025****RESOLUTION 170/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Cootamundra Engineering Report for the month of August 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

7.6 ENGINEERING GUNDAGAI

8.6.1 GUNDAGAI ENGINEERING REPORT - AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 171/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Gundagai Engineering Report for the month of August 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

7.7 REGIONAL SERVICES GUNDAGAI

8.7.1 GUNDAGAI REGIONAL SERVICES - AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 172/2025

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Gundagai Regional Services August works report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.8 REGIONAL SERVICES COOTAMUNDRA

8.8.1 COOTAMUNDRA REGIONAL SERVICES - AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION 173/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Les Cooper

The Regional Services Cootamundra Monthly Works Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

9 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**11.1 CLOSED COUNCIL REPORT****RESOLUTION 174/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

- 1. Council entered Closed Council at 6:42pm.**
- 2. Items 11.2 and 11.3 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.**
- 3. In accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to Items 11.2 and 11.3 be withheld from the press and public.**

CARRIED

11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**RESOLUTION 175/2025**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the information in the Human Resources Report be noted.

CARRIED

11.3 ACQUISITION OF DOGONTHETUCKERBOX.COM.DOMAIN**RESOLUTION 176/2025**

Moved: Cr Les Cooper

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That:

- 1. Council offers the sale of the domain dogonthetuckerbox.com.au, at a cost outlined in the financial section of the report, to the developer.**
- 2. Council delegate the authority to the Interim General Manager to negotiate the sale of the domain name.**
- 3. Funds from the sale are gifted to the Gundagai Hospital Auxiliary.**

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION 177/2025

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the Open Council meeting resume at 6.55pm.

CARRIED

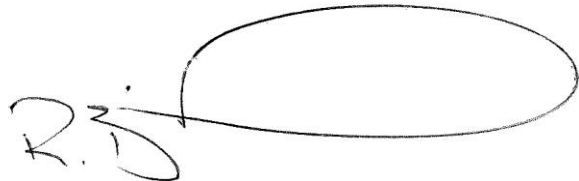
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

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

The Meeting closed at 6:57pm.



CHAIRPERSON



GENERAL MANAGER