

# Minutes

## DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI**

**4:02PM, TUESDAY 10th March, 2026**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI  
ON TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026 AT 4:02PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor), Cr Rosalind Wight (Deputy Mayor), Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Ethan Ryan, Cr Gil Kelly

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Peter Bascomb (Demerger Transition Manager), Roger Bailey (Interim General Manager)

**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 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, AND AUDIO-VISUAL ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

**2.1 APOLOGIES**

**That the apology received from Cr Graham be accepted.**

**2.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**2.3 AUDIO-VISUAL ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Nil

**3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 MINUTES OF THE DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
24 FEBRUARY 2026**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**That the Minutes of the Demerger Transition Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT****5.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE****5.1.1 MODIFICATION TO THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**That the Committee modify its meeting schedule as follows:**

- 1. The May meeting be held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 rather than the scheduled 12 May**
- 2. The June meeting be held on Tuesday 16 June 2026 rather than the scheduled 9 June.**

**CARRIED**

**5.1.2 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**That the Committee**

- 1. Endorses the Request for Tender documentation attached to this report, including the Scope of Works and Tender Evaluation Procedure, for an updated Financial Sustainability Plan plus a Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue Policy for each of the proposed successor councils**
- 2. Recommends that Council delegates to the Committee the authority to appoint the preferred consultant.**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 ENGINEERING GUNDAGAI****5.2.1 LIME SPREADER BUSINESS CASE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**The Committee recommends that Council:**

- 1. Note the report.**
- 2. Source a second-hand lime spreader up to a value of \$175,000 (ex GST) and report to Council for consideration, prior to purchase.**

- 3. Explore entering into a MOU with the neighbouring Council's to utilise Council's stabiliser at an agreed rate that ensures a commercial arrangement for the benefit of the parties.**
- 4. Explore a 'shared service' arrangement for the use of plant between the two future 'new councils'.**

**CARRIED**

**SUPPLEMENTARY MOTION**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**The Committee recommends that the Interim General Manager identifies and implements savings across the board, and reports savings achieved to the Council.**

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 4:41pm.**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**GENERAL MANAGER**