

# Minutes

## DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING

**ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA**

**6PM, TUESDAY 16th June, 2026**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA  
ON TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026 AT 6PM**

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

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

**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**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**Apologies from Cr Penny Nicholson be received and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

**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 WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

**That the Minutes of the Demerger Transition Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 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 LEGAL STATUS OF SUCCESSOR COUNCILS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**The Committee recommends that Council request that the Proclamation:**

- 1. Rename Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council as Cootamundra Shire Council and adjust the boundary to match the boundary of the former Cootamundra Shire Council**
- 2. Create Gundagai Shire Council using the boundary of the former Gundagai Shire Council.**
- 3. Include wording to require Cootamundra Shire Council to assign to Gundagai Shire Council, and Gundagai Shire Council to accept, all contracts and agreements entered into by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council that were deemed necessary for the successful operation of Gundagai Shire Council.**

**CARRIED**

**5.1.2 CONSIDERATION OF RECENT LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

**That the Committee note the letter from the Office of Local Government dated 25 May 2026.**

**CARRIED**

**6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****6.1 CLOSED COMMITTEE REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr David Graham

- 1. Items 6.2 be considered in closed committee 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 Items 6.2 be withheld from the press and public.**

**CARRIED**

**The Committee entered Closed Committee at 6:14pm.**

**6.2 DETERMINATION OF THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN CONTRACT 2026/10****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Gil Kelly

**That the Committee**

- 1. Approve the appointment of Always Thinking Advisory as the contractor to complete the work described in Contract 2026/10, Financial Sustainability Plan and Associated Work.**
- 2. Note that the Financial Sustainability Plan work will need to take precedence over much of Council's day-to-day work to ensure that it's completed to schedule to enable Council to meet the Office of Local Government requirements.**

**CARRIED**

**RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gil Kelly

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**That the Open Committee meeting resume at 6:22pm**

**CARRIED**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS**

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

**The Meeting closed at 6:23pm.**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**GENERAL MANAGER**