

Minutes

DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING

ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE, COOTAMUNDRA

5:07PM, TUESDAY 13th October, 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, 13 OCTOBER 2026 AT 5:07PM**

PRESENT: Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor), Cr Ethan Ryan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Rosalind Wight, Cr David Graham, Cr Penny Nicholson

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Bascomb (Demerger Transition Manager), Roger Bailey (Interim General Manager), Cr Logan Collins, Cr Les 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

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

That the apology received from Cr Kelly be accepted.

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 TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosalind Wight

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

That the Minutes of the Demerger Transition Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 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 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Ethan Ryan

That the Committee note the correspondence from the Office of Local Government dated 24 September 2026.

CARRIED

5.1.2 FUNDING THE COST OF THE DEMERGER**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Rosalind Wight

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1. Determine that all costs associated with the demerger be shared equally between the two successor Councils, noting that demerger related expenditure will be incurred both before and after the commencement of the successor Councils.**
- 2. Note that the Financial Sustainability Plan currently under development assumes that each successor Council will fund its share of the demerger transition costs through borrowings, less any State Government grant.**
- 3. Note that each successor Council will ultimately determine how it will fund its share of the demerger transition costs.**

4. Write to the NSW Auditor-General requesting indicative costs for both the FY26 and FY27 audits.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 5:53pm.

CHAIRPERSON

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER