



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

20 MARCH 2018

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)  
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)  
S Baker  
G Johnson  
B Mockler  
D Naden  
N Mudford  
G Peart  
N Wrigley

Employees

D J Neeves  
General Manager  
N J Alchin  
Director Corporate Services  
M Wilson  
Director Community Services  
L Mathieson  
Director Planning & Environment  
J Prout  
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.05pm

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Baker, Centenary of Armistice Project. Cr Baker is a member of the local RSL Sub-branch.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<b>RESOLVED 38/18</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20 February 2018, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

<b>RESOLVED 39/18</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 6 March 2018, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

LISTING OF MATTERS  
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

<b>RESOLVED 40/18</b>	Cr Johnson/Cr Mudford
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Staff – annual leave (a)</li></ul>	

<b>RESOLVED 41/18</b>	Cr Johnson/Cr Mudford
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4.08pm	

<b>RESOLVED 45/18</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
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That the General Manager, Mr David Neeves, in line with Clauses 9(3), 377 and 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993, list all business relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Act for consideration by the next meeting of the Council as such matters are deemed to be of confidential nature or such that Council's interest may be prejudiced by publicity, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, provided however that, at the discretion of the Mayor, interested parties and/or their agents be granted approval to address the Council so that they are provided with the opportunity to substantiate any proposals under consideration and answer any questions from Councillors in relation thereto.

(GO.CO.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 2/18**  
**MAYORAL COMMITMENTS**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of the Mayor's activities during the preceding month.

<b>RESOLVED 46/18</b>	Cr Batten
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That the report be noted.

(GO.CO.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 3/18**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

**SUMMARY**

To enable Councillors to have input into the General Manager's mid-year Performance review.

<b>RESOLVED 47/18</b>	Cr Batten
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That Councillors note the proposed review and provide written advice of any issues they wish raised at the General Manager's mid-year performance review.

(GO.PO.1)

**REVIEW OF POLICIES**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of an annual review of Council's policies.

<b>RESOLVED 48/18</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
1. That the various changes to the Council's policy register, as outlined, be adopted.	
2. That the two new policies (Communications & Engagement and Corporate Image), as presented, be adopted.	

(CM.PR.1)

### **2018/19 CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN**

#### **SUMMARY**

To seek endorsement for a two week shutdown at Christmas 2018/19.

<b>RESOLVED 49/18</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
That Council endorse a shut down of operations from 5pm on Friday, 21 December 2018 until Monday, 7 January 2019.	

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

Cr Baker declared an interest 4.21pm and left the meeting.

(CM.PR.1)

### **CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE PROJECT**

#### **SUMMARY**

To present submissions from the public on ideas for a suitable Centenary of Armistice Project.

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

- A ballot was held to determine the three preferred projects.
- Cr Baker was invited back to the meeting to participate in the vote

<b>RESOLVED 50/18</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
That Council shortlist the following projects for further consultation with the community to assist with determining the final project to be progressed:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SCULPTURE AT TOORA</li><li>• SILO ART</li><li>• SOLDIER SETTLERS</li></ul>	

<b>RESOLVED 51/18</b>	Cr Wrigley/Cr Mockler
1. That Bridge St mural be considered as part of Council's general maintenance of assets.	
2. That Council purchase the rising sun artwork at a cost of \$8,000.	

**CAPITAL WORKS**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update on Capital Works projects planned for 2017/18.

<b>RESOLVED 52/18</b>	Cr Walker Cr Peart
That the report be noted.	

**RESERVES**

**SUMMARY**

To provide information on Council reserves currently held and to seek approval to vary some of those reserves.

<b>RESOLVED 53/18</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Baker
1. That the following reserves totalling \$765,669 be noted and its application be considered in the budget review as at 30 June 2018:	
a. Emergency Services: \$10,000	
b. RMS Profit (Local Roads): \$195,575	
c. RMS Profit (Plant): \$530,604	
d. RMS Profit (Staff Training): \$29,490	
2. That the remaining reserves remain in place for future use or until they are no longer required.	

**RATE MODELS – 2018/19**

**SUMMARY**

To present rate models for Council's consideration for 2018/19 rating period.

<b>RESOLVED 54/18</b>	Cr Johnson/Cr Wrigley
That the rating model for ordinary rates for 2018/19, as presented in this report, be adopted for inclusion in Council's draft 2018/19 Operational Plan.	

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**FLORA RESERVE**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of proposed service level requirements for the maintenance of the Flora Reserve and associated budget estimates.

<b>RESOLVED 55/18</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Johnson
1. That the initial proposed service levels for the Gilgandra Flora Reserve	

and associated budget be endorsed.

2. That, as previously proposed, local service clubs, community organisations and interested individuals be canvassed for their willingness to provide assistance.
3. That the situation be monitored and further reported to Council if and when required.

#### Proceedings in Brief

The General Manager advised of an opportunity for funding through a Crown Lands Grant and noted that this would be considered.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT**

#### SUMMARY

To provide Council with notification of the commencement of the new Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

<b>RESOLVED 56/18</b>	Cr Johnson/Cr Walker
That the report be noted.	

### **BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS SCHEME**

#### SUMMARY

To provide council with an update on the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

<b>RESOLVED 57/18</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Wrigley
That the report be noted.	

### **DELEGATE'S REPORT – COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION**

#### SUMMARY

To advise the outcomes of the regular Country Mayors' meeting held on 2 March 2018.

<b>RESOLVED 58/18</b>	Cr Batten/Cr Peart
That the report be noted.	

### **MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION**

#### SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.

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<u>Economic Development Committee</u>	7 March 2018
<u>Sports Council</u>	25 February 2018
<u>Tooraweenah Management Committee</u>	28 February 2018

<b>RESOLVED 59/18</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Mudford
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

## **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

### SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

<b>RESOLVED 60/18</b>	Cr Wrigley/Cr Peart
That the reports be noted.	

## **CATEGORY A – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – TOORAWEENAH HORSE ENDURANCE CLUB**

### SUMMARY

To advise of a request from Tooraweenah Horse Endurance Club for financial assistance towards hosting the prestigious NSW State Championship 160km horse endurance ride event to be held from 13-15 July 2018.

<b>RESOLVED 61/18</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Wrigley
That Council support the Tooraweenah Horse Endurance Club by sponsoring the Junior sections in the NSW State Championships to be held from 13-15 July 2018 to the value of \$1500.	

## LATE ITEMS

### EIPP - Bus to Dubbo

Concern was expressed with advice that the EIPP was planning a regular trip to Dubbo for the purposes of shopping. Mr Wilson advised that the program is fully funded and based on client needs. It was noted the program could be trialled for a period of 3 months with a report to Council at that stage detailing the benefits of the program.

### Workshops

A workshop on 3 April was confirmed and a further workshop scheduled for 10 April 2018 commencing at 5.30pm.



OROC

The Mayor advised that at the OROC meeting on Friday, 16 March 2018, 3 councils within the OROC region (Brewarrina, Coonamble and Dubbo Regional Council) resolved not to join a Joint Organisation of Councils; 6 resolved to join and a further are yet to finalise a decision.

Stronger Country Communities Funding

The General Manager advised that he would communicate via email with councillors to determine which projects to progress for the Stronger Country Communities Funding community engagement stage.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.45 PM.

Cr D Batten  
Mayor