



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

15 JULY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

M Foran

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

A Bunter

A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

N White (via Teams)

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

D Dobson
Director Aged Care and Disabilities

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

K Larkin
Acting Director Growth and Liveability

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:01pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G Peart

RESOLVED 138/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

Cr White has requested to be able to attend the meeting via audio means.

RESOLVED 139/25	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
That Cr White be allowed to attend via audiovisual means	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 140/25	Cr Walker/Cr Freeth
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 24 June 2025 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

RESOLVED 141/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Foran
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
• Mayoral Minute – General Manager Performance Review (a) • Aged Care Clinical Governance (a) • Tender T15/25 Towards 5000 Masterplanning and Local Planning (d)	

RESOLVED 142/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Foran
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 Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , 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 4:03pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 9/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 24 June 2025 meeting.

RESOLVED 149/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 10/25
LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK AWARDS 2025,
COREM AND COUNTRY MAYORS EVENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Local Government NSW Week Awards 2025, CoREM and Country Mayors events in Sydney on Thursday, 7 August 2025 – Friday, 8 August 2025.

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Economic Development, will no longer be attending the event due to conflicting commitments.

RESOLVED 150/25	Cr Batten
1. That the report be noted.	
2. That Council approve the attendance of Mr David Neeves, General Manager and Crs Batten and Walker to the CoREM, Country Mayor's Association and LGNSW Events as outlined in the report.	

(PM.MA.1)

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REPORT

SUMMARY

To report to council on the findings of the Hazardous Materials Study conducted for the Administration building located at 15 Warren Road.

RESOLVED 151/25	Cr Wallker/Cr Bunter
1. That the Hazardous Materials report for the Administration building located at 15 Warren Rd be noted and staff take immediate action to minimise the Work Health and Safety Risks.	

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2. That an options report considering the future Administrative needs of the Council, including possible locations, be prepared and submitted to a future meeting.

(CS.LP.1)

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GILGANDRA LIBRARY HUB UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide council with an update on the official opening of the Gilgandra Library Hub.

RESOLVED 152/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Foran
That the report be noted.	

(CM.AG.1)

REQUESTED UPDATE - COMPULSORY ACQUISITION BY AGREEMENT OF ROAD RESERVES AND LICENCE AGREEMENT

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an update on the proposed compulsory acquisition of Crown Land (road reserves) by Inland Rail on behalf of Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

RESOLVED 153/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That the report be noted.	

(CR.SD.1)

TOORAWEEAH SHOW SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING PACKAGES 2025

SUMMARY

To advise Council of correspondence received from the Tooraweenah PA&H Association in relation to the Tooraweenah Show sponsorship and advertising packages.

RESOLVED 154/25	Cr Mann/Cr Freeth
That Council decline direct sponsorship but place an advertisement into the show program advertising Council's services	

(GO.CO.1)

AGED CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARDS

SUMMARY

To reconsider the need for a Gilgandra Lifestyles and Disabilities Advisory Board and Delegated Authority.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mann would like financials to be included in the monthly reports to Council.

RESOLVED 155/25	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
1. That the first meeting of the Clinical Governance Committee to consider clinical governance across aged care and disability services be noted. 2. That the inclusion of the Orana Living Manager in the Clinical Governance Committee as a non-clinical representative be endorsed. 3. That the minutes of the Clinical Governance Committee be presented to the next Council meeting following each Clinical Governance Committee meeting. 4. That the Gilgandra Lifestyles Advisory Board and Disability Services Advisory Board not be reinstated at this stage. 5. That the Director Aged Care and Disabilities continue to prepare monthly reports to Council outlining performance, identifying any issues of concern, trends and analysis related to corporate governance, clinical governance and operational risk including strategy and capital works updates for aged care and disability services. 6. That Council provide delegated authority to the General Manager (or his appointed nominee) to consider and determine all actions required to enable compliance with the Aged Care Act, National Disability Insurance Scheme Act, associated subordinate legislation and NDIS Practice Standards and the Aged Care Quality Standards.	

(GS.PG.1)

GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL CONDITION REPORT

SUMMARY

To consider a Gilgandra swimming pool condition report prepared by NSW Public Works at the request of Council.

RESOLVED 156/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
1. That Council note the Gilgandra Swimming Pool Condition Report provided by NSW Public Works.	

2. That Council confirm its commitment to replacing the existing Gilgandra swimming pool complex in line with its strategic plans and the Hunter Park Recreational Precinct project.
3. That the condition report be used in support of future funding opportunities relating to the Hunter Park Recreational Precinct project as opportunities arise.
4. That Council notes the interim maintenance works required to replace the pool joint sealants and broken or missing tiles in readiness for the 25/26 Swimming season.

(GS.PG.1)

GILGANDRA CULTURAL PRECINCT – TERRY NANGLE SOUND SHELL

SUMMARY

To consider options for appropriate recognition of the “Terry Nangle Sound Shell”

RESOLVED 157/25	Cr White/Cr Walker
1. That Council endorse funding for and installation of an appropriate plaque in remembrance Terry Nangle supporting the naming of the ‘Terry Nangle Sound Shell’. 2. That Council endorse a variation to the Stronger Countries Communities Fund Round 5 to include a community mural on the wall of the Sound Shell in lieu of a reduced scope for landscaping around the rest shelters. 3. That Council support the commissioning of a mural on the internal wall of the Sound Shell reflecting a musical theme and importance of the community band whilst acknowledging Mr Terry Nangle’s legacy and contribution to the community. 4. The funding for the mural be funded through Stronger Countries Communities Fund Round 5 - Castlereagh River > Beautification and public art project allocation.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

<u>Consultative Committee</u>	24 June 2025
<u>Consultative Committee</u>	1 July 2025
<u>Consultative Committee</u>	8 July 2025

RESOLVED 158/25	Cr Foran/Cr Mockler
That the minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 159/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 160/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:43PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor