



MINUTES  
OF THE  
ORDINARY MEETING  
OF  
GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
16 APRIL 2024

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

G Babbage

A Bunter

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

N Mudford

G Peart

A Walker (Deputy Mayor)

Employees

D Neeves  
General Manager

N Alchin  
Director Growth and Liveability

D Colwell  
Director Infrastructure

M Welsh  
Executive Leader Transformational  
Change

R Berryman  
Executive Assistant

G McAnally-Elwin  
Finance Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:03pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Freeth – *Road Closure And Sale Process Unformed Council Road Milpa Lane (Closed)*. Cr Freeth’s neighbour and close personal friendship with both parties.

LISTING OF MATTERS  
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

<b>RESOLVED 38/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lake Advisory Orana Living NDIS Executive Review Adoption (d)</li><li>• Road Closure and Sale Process Unformed Council Road Milpa Lane (d)</li></ul>	

<b>RESOLVED 39/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
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.	

<b>MOTION</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed to before the open reports.	

The motion was put and carried.

<b>RESOLVED 40/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed report to before the open reports.	

(GO.CO.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 5/24**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 21 March 2024 meeting.

<b>RESOLVED 44/24</b>	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.LG.1)

**INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport commencing a new inquiry into local government sustainability.

<b>RESOLVED 45/24</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Peart
That Council note the opportunity to make an individual submission to the enquiry however, on this occasion support the collective submissions by the Country Mayors Association and LGNSW.	

(CS.RP.1)

**NDIS ADVISORY BOARD**

**SUMMARY**

To establish an NDIS Advisory Board in line with recommendation from the recent executive review by Lake Advisory into Council's NDIS services.

<b>RESOLVED 46/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
1. That an NDIS Advisory Board be established (in lieu of the Working Party) with membership to comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Independent member with a background in disability or human rights</li><li>• Representative councillors being Cr Mann, Cr Bunter and Cr Batten.</li><li>• General Manager</li><li>• Director Aged Care &amp; Disability Services</li><li>• Orana Living Manager</li><li>• Waste Operations Manager</li><li>• Any future position which oversees Quality and Education</li><li>• Independent Consumer representative/advocate</li></ul>	
2. That Council delegate the NDIS Advisory Board to establish the terms of reference for adoption by Council and the first meeting be held at the end of May.	

3. That subsequent meetings of the NDIS Advisory Board meetings be scheduled quarterly and align with Council's quarterly budget and operational review format, being the fourth week of May, August, November, and February.

(RD.SP.1)

### **GRAVEL PIT ROYALTIES AND R2R PROGRAM**

#### **SUMMARY**

To consider a request from landholders to increase gravel royalties or change strategies for Roads to Recovery funding.

<b>RESOLVED 47/24</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
That Council increase gravel royalties to \$2/tonne ex GST, noting that less gravel re-sheeting can be achieved as previously identified.	

(CS10693)

### **PROPOSED MAINTENANCE OF TOORAWEEHNA AERODROME BY THE ARTHUR BUTLER AVIATION MUSEUM**

#### **SUMMARY**

To inform Council of the request by The Arthur Butler Aviation Museum (ABAM) regarding taking over the maintenance of the side areas of the Tooraweenah Aerodrome.

<b>RESOLVED 48/24</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
1. That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate an agreement with Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Incorporated for the maintenance of the open space at Tooraweenah Aerodrome.	
2. That the term of the agreement be for 1 year and with a further 1 year option.	

(FM.BU.1)

### **RATE MODELS – 2024/25**

#### **SUMMARY**

To present a rate model for Council's consideration for the 2024/25 rating period.

<b>RESOLVED 49/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Walker
1. That Council adopt the rate model as presented for the 24/25 rating year which includes an increase of 4.5% in line with rate pegging.	
2. That the interest rate for 24/25 on overdue rates be set to maximum interest rate by Minister of Local Government which is yet to be determined.	

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**CHARGING FOR GILGANDRA WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2024/25**

**SUMMARY**

To determine a charging structure for Council's Gilgandra Water Supply Services for the 2024/25 rating year.

<b>RESOLVED 50/24</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2024/25 and include the charges in Council's statement of revenue policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25.	

**CHARGING FOR TOORAWEEAH WATER SUPPLY SERVICES 2024/25**

**SUMMARY**

To determine a charging structure for Council's Tooraweenah Water Supply Service for the 2024/25 rating year.

<b>RESOLVED 51/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Bunter
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2024/25 and the charges be included in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25.	

**SEWER CHARGING – 2024/25**

**SUMMARY**

To determine a charging structure for Council's Sewerage Services for the 2024/25 rating year.

<b>RESOLVED 52/24</b>	Cr Mann/Cr Peart
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2024/25 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25.	

**STORMWATER CHARGES 2024/25**

**SUMMARY**

To present a proposed structure for 2024/25 for the Stormwater Management Service Charge.

<b>RESOLVED 53/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That Council adopt the proposed charging structure for 2024/25 and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25.	

**WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES FOR 2024/25**

**SUMMARY**

To determine a charging structure for Council's Waste Services for the 2024/25 rating year.

<b>RESOLVED 54/24</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Babbage
1. That Council adopt the proposed charging structure as set out in the above report and include the charges in Council's Statement of Revenue Policy to be included in the Draft Operational Plan for 2024/25.	
2. That Council's Revenue Policy includes relevant information stating that the Recycling Service is funded by the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.	

(CM.PL.1)

**MEETING WITH SPORTING USER GROUPS – COUNCIL FACILITIES**

**SUMMARY**

To provide a summary of a meeting with representatives of local sporting groups that are regular users of Council provided sporting facilities.

<b>RESOLVED 55/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
1. That the meeting with Sporting User Groups on 3 April 2024 be noted.	
2. That issues identified and suggestions put forward be addressed by Council and/or included in future budget considerations.	

(RC.EM.1)

**REQUEST TO REDUCE FEES – ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL DEBUTANTE BALL**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of the request by the St Joseph's Catholic School to reduce the \$1,067.00 Venue Hire Fee for the Shire Hall for its Debutante Ball 2024.

<b>RESOLVED 56/24</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That Council decline St Joseph's Catholic School's request to reduce the \$1,067.00 Venue Hire Fee for the Shire Hall in full. However, supports the Shire Hall fee being reduced to \$500.00.	

**MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

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Interagency Committee 22 February 2024

Traffic Committee 13 March 2024

<b>RESOLVED 57/24</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted.	

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present reports for information and notation.

<b>RESOLVED 58/24</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That the reports be noted.	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE**

**SUMMARY**

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

<b>RESOLVED 59/24</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>RESOLVED 60/24</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Babbage
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 March 2024, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:45PM.

Cr D Batten  
Mayor