



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

19 AUGUST 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

A Bunter

M Foran

P Mann

B Mockler

G Peart

N White

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

D Dobson
Director Aged Care and Disabilities

M Welsh
Director Organisational Performance

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

PRAYER

Prayer was delivered by Cr Mockler.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting is held and paid respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:03pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I Freeth

A Walker

RESOLVED 161/25	Cr Bunter/Cr White
That the apologies submitted be accepted and leaves of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Mockler – Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Entry Policy significant nonpecuniary. *Cr Mockler* expressed a significant non-pecuniary interest. *Cr Mockler* is friends with someone who is affected by the decision made by Council in relation to this report.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 162/25	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 15 July 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 163/25	Cr Foran/Cr Bunter
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
• Care and Clinical Governance Minutes (a) • Aged Care Clinical Governance (a) • Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Legacy Units (a) • Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Entry Policy (a) • Tender T22/24 Design and Construct 41 Miller Street (d) • Request to Waive DA Fees (d) • Castlereagh Country Drought Resilience Plan and Quotation Q18/25 Implementation Activities Progress Update (d) • Aero Park Buy Back Request (d)	

RESOLVED 164/25	Cr Foran/Cr Bunter
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 4:05pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 11/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 15 July 2025 meeting.

RESOLVED 174/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(A2390)

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/594 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

SUMMARY

To determine Development Application (DA 2025/564), Proposed Telecommunications Tower located at 76 Wamboin Street, Gilgandra.

RESOLVED 175/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
1. That DA2025/594 be approved in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 subject to conditions. 2. That the conditions outlined in Attachment 3 be noted as forming part of the conditions of consent. 3. That, in accordance with section 375A of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations Act) 2008, the names of councillors who support and oppose the decision be recorded. 4. That an additional condition be incorporated into the proposed conditions of consent in regard to payment of development contributions under Section 712 under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 prior to the issue of any construction certificate. 5. That an additional condition requiring a landscaping plan to be lodged and approved by Council prior to the construction certificate being issued.	

Division:

For: Crs Batten, Bunter, Foran, Mann, Mockler, Peart, White

Against: Nil

(A3163)

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/587 WAREHOUSE (TANK STORAGE)
& ANCILLARY OFFICE**

SUMMARY

To determine Development Application (DA 2025/587) and to consider variations to the Gilgandra Development Control Plan 2011.

RESOLVED 176/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
1. That approval be granted to vary Chapter 10 and 15 of Gilgandra Shire Council's Development Control Plan 2011 (as outlined in the report) for 7 Enterprise Drive (Lot 103 DP1209112). 2. That DA2025/587 be approved in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 subject to conditions. 3. That the conditions outlined in Attachment A be noted as forming part of the conditions of consent. 4. That, in accordance with section 375A of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations Act) 2008, the names of councillors who support and oppose the decision be recorded.	

Division:

For: Crs Batten, Bunter, Foran, Mann, Mockler, Peart, White

Against: Nil

(FM.PL.1)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW 30 JUNE 2025

SUMMARY

To detail the major variances to the original estimates for the 2024/25 financial year as presented in the Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 June 2025. In addition, to report as to whether the Quarterly Budget Review indicates that the financial position of Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates adopted by Council.

RESOLVED 177/25	Cr Mann/Cr Bunter
1. That the Quarterly Budget Review document and report as at 30 June 2025 be adopted. 2. That council consider any LRCI funds received in 2025/26 be retained to offset the deficit in general fund in 2024/25. 3. That a report on detailing the current Gilgandra Library Hub costs and project updates be submitted to the September Meeting.	

(CM.PL.1)

2024/25 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2025

SUMMARY

To consider progress with Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan as at 30 June 2025.

RESOLVED 178/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That the 2024/25 Operational Plan Review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025 be adopted.	

(RC.SP.1)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGIONAL PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (RPPP) – HUNTER PARK SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL PRECINCT SECURED FUNDING

SUMMARY

To advise council of the successful application under the Federal Governments Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program Stream Two for the delivery of Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre.

RESOLVED 179/25	Cr Peart/Cr Foran
1. That the report be noted and a council workshop be arranged to advance the project.	
2. That council acknowledges Council's staff for their efforts in successfully obtaining this funding.	

(FM.PL.1)

GILGANDRA REGION TOWARDS 5000: YOUTH STRATEGY ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To consider submissions received during the public exhibition period and, subject to any amendments determined, adopt the Gilgandra Shire Council Towards 5000: Youth Strategy.

RESOLVED 180/25	Cr Foran/Cr White
That the submission and associated action in the Strategy be noted and the Gilgandra Region Towards 5000: Youth Strategy be adopted.	

(PH.IN.1)

REGULATED PREMISES INSPECTIONS

SUMMARY

To advise Council on the program of environmental health related inspections recently undertaken on regulated premises under various Acts.

RESOLVED 181/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That the regulated premises inspection program and outcomes be noted.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 12/25 **GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

SUMMARY

To report on the Annual Performance Review of the General Manager.

RESOLVED 182/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.CF.1)

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

To advise of the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference and determine attendance and motions.

RESOLVED 183/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Peart
1. That Council not put forward any motions.	
2. That the Mayor and General Manager (or their substitutes) plus Cr Foran be authorised to attend the Conference.	

(CM.LG.1)

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

SUMMARY

To set the Mayoral and Councillor Remuneration for 2025/26 following determinations by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

RESOLVED 184/25	Cr Mockler/Cr White
That Council set the annual fees payable to Councillors at \$13,930 and the additional Mayoral fee at \$30,390 for 2025/26, being the maximum limits set for a Rural Council.	

(PM.AD.1)

COOEE LODGE VILLA UNITS – AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS

SUMMARY

To seek approval to set Villa Unit Sale prices and execute documents associated with Cooee Lodge Villa Unit sales.

RESOLVED 185/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mann
1. That the General Manager and Director Aged Care and Disabilities be authorised to set Villa Unit sale prices in line with the current pricing practice until 30 June 2026.	
2. That authority be granted to Mayor and General Manager to execute licence agreements and documents associated with the sale of Villa Units until 30 June 2026.	

(CM.TE.1)

GILGANDRA REGION GREEN SPACE STRATEGY

SUMMARY

To consider submissions received during the public exhibition period and subject to any amendments determined, adopt the Gilgandra Region Green Space Strategy.

RESOLVED 186/25	Cr Mockler/Cr White
1. That Council note the submissions received.	
2. That Council adopt the Draft Gilgandra Region Green Space Strategy as presented.	

(CM.TE.1)

CUSTOMER SERVICE STRATEGY ADOPTION - LATE

SUMMARY

To present the Customer Service Strategy (CSS) for consideration of adoption following public exhibition period.

RESOLVED 187/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Foran
That the Customer Service Strategy as presented be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for adoption.

Economic Development Committee

5 August 2025

RESOLVED 188/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Bunter
1. That the minutes be adopted.	
2. That Council approves the attendance of Cr White at the Small Town Reinvention Conference and the attendance of one Council staff member.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 189/25	Cr White/Cr Peart
That the reports be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 190/25	Cr Peart/Cr White
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:20PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor