



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

24 JUNE 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
A Bunter
M Foran (via Teams)
I Freeth
P Mann
B Mockler
G Peart
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)
N White

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

D Dobson
Director Aged Care and Disabilities

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

G McAnally-Elwin
Finance Manager

K Cosier
Planning and Development Manager

K Larkin
Project Manager Strategy and
Economic Development

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:01pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

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

RESOLVED 117/25	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
That Cr Foran be allowed to attend via audiovisual means	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 118/25	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 20 May 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 119/25	Cr Mockler/Cr White
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
• Aged Care Clinical Governance (a) • Gilgandra Caravan Park – Amenities Upgrades (c)	

RESOLVED 120/25	Cr Mockler/Cr White
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 - 7/25
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 18 February 2025 meeting.

RESOLVED 124/25	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.TE.1)

CUSTOMER SERVICE STRATEGY

SUMMARY

To present the draft Customer Service Strategy for public exhibition.

RESOLVED 125/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That Council commence public exhibition of the draft Customer Service Strategy inviting comment for a period of 28 days.	

(GO.CO.1)

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW AGED CARE ACT DEFERRED

SUMMARY

To advise that the implementation of the new Aged Care Act has been deferred.

RESOLVED 126/25	Cr Peart/Cr White
That the new date for implementation of the new Aged Care Act of 1 November 2025 be noted.	

(CS.SV.1)

COOEE LODGE HOSTEL 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

SUMMARY

To advise of plans to celebrate the 40th Birthday of the Cooee Lodge Hostel.

RESOLVED 127/25	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
1. That the planned celebrations for the 40 th birthday of Cooee Lodge Hostel be endorsed.	
2. That an additional allocation of \$20,000 be made for the 25/26 budget to fund the celebration.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Economic Development;
Mrs Kristy Cosier, Planning and Development Manager; and Mr Guy
McAnally-Elwin, Finance Manager entered the room at 4:21pm

(A2048)

**NAMING OF AGED CARE RESIDENTIAL STAFF ACCOMMODATION
PROJECT AT 68 MYRTLE STREET, GILGANDRA**

SUMMARY

To seek approval to name the Aged Care Residential Staff Accommodation
project at 68 Myrtle Street "*The Bartleys*".

RESOLVED 128/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Peart
That the Aged Care Residential Staff Accommodation project at 68 Myrtle Street, Gilgandra be named " <i>The Bartleys</i> ".	

(CM.PL.1)

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2035
DELIVERY PROGRAM / OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025/26-2028/29
LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 – 2034/35**

SUMMARY

To consider community submissions and present Council's Community
Strategic Plan 2035, Delivery Program 2025/26 – 2028/29 and Long-Term
Financial Plan 2025/26 – 2034/35 for adoption.

RESOLVED 129/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Freeth
1. That Council notes the submissions received.	
2. That Council adopts the 2035 Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program / Operational Plan 2025/26-2028/29 and Long Term Financial Plan for 2025/26-2034/35 as presented.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kathryn Larkin, Project Manager Strategy and Economic Development,
left the room at 4:31pm

(GO.CO.1)

CLINICAL GOVERNANCE

SUMMARY

To re-present a Clinical Governance framework and Clinical Governance
Committee terms of reference for adoption.

MOTION	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That the Clinical Governance Framework, Delegation of Authority to the Clinical Governance Committee and Clinical Governance Committee Terms of Reference, as presented, be adopted.	

AMENDED MOTION	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That the Clinical Governance Framework, the details surrounding the Clinical Governance Committee and the Clinical Governance Committee Terms of Reference, as presented, be adopted.	

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLVED 130/25	Cr Mann/Cr Mockler
That the Clinical Governance Framework, the details surrounding the Clinical Governance Committee and the Clinical Governance Committee Terms of Reference, as presented, be adopted.	

(GO.CO.1)

RFS RED FLEET ASSETS REPORT

SUMMARY

To provide Council with a report that outlines recent information on the accounting of NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Red Fleet (vehicle) assets.

RESOLVED 131/25	Cr Walker/Cr Mann
That the report be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Guy McAnally-Elwin, Finance Manager left the room at 4:40pm

(SA.TE.1)

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

SUMMARY

To provide a background to Gilgandra's existing flood risk management framework and to advise of a recent grant application submitted.

RESOLVED 132/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Walker
That Council confirm its commitment to updating its flood risk management policy and plans and note the lodging of an associated grant application as outlined in this report.	

KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

SUMMARY

To provide a further report on the procurement options and timeframes for kerbside waste services.

MOTION	Cr Mann/Cr Freeth
1. That Council notes the updates in response to Resolution 78/25 from the April 2025 meeting 2. That Council authorises and seeks formal extension by agreement of the Gilgandra Waste and Recycling Collection Contract to 30 June 2028 with JR Richards & Sons Pty Ltd 3. That Council formally indicates interest through Dubbo Regional Council to participate in the upcoming regional tender process for waste services, including request to include Gilgandra only pricing options in the tender schedules 4. That Council engage with local waste contractors to provide an update with regards to the Gilgandra Waste and Recycling Collection Contract timeframe and future direction.	

Cr Walker moved an amendment to the motion and was seconded by Cr Foran.

AMENDED MOTION	Cr Walker/Cr Foran
1. That Council notes the updates in response to Resolution 78/25 from the April 2025 meeting 2. That Council go to Tender for the 2026-2028 time period at the end of June 2026 3. That Council formally indicates interest through Dubbo Regional Council to participate in the upcoming regional tender process for waste services, including request to include Gilgandra only pricing options in the tender schedules 4. That Council engage with local waste contractors to provide an update with regards to the Gilgandra Waste and Recycling Collection Contract timeframe and future direction.	

The Amended Motion was put and lost.

Division

For: Crs Walker, Foran

Against: Crs Freeth, Peart, White, Mann, Bunter, Batten, Mockler

As the amendment was put and lost, the original motion prior to the amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

RESOLVED 133/25	Cr Mann/Cr Freeth
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(SA.TE.1)

REQUEST - HUNTER PARK PLAYGROUND AND BBQ FACILITIES

SUMMARY

To consider a request submitted through Roy Butler MP Member for Barwon in the NSW Parliament in relation to Hunter Park Playground and BBQ Facilities.

RESOLVED 134/25	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
1. That the requests forwarded by Mr Roy Butler MP, Member for Barwon and the subsequent response provided be noted. 2. That Council confirm the current location of the BBQ facilities and consider opportunities for additional facilities with the future development of the Hunter Park recreational precinct. 3. That Council carry out a detailed risk assessment of the Hunter Park playground with the assistance of our insurer Statewide Mutual to allow further consideration of fencing of the playground perimeter. 4. That Council consider the interaction of the various Hunter Park recreational facilities in conjunction with the development of a Hunter Park precinct master plan.	

Proceedings in Brief

Mrs Kristy Cosier, Planning and Development Manager, left the meeting at 4:59pm

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

Audit Risk Improvement Committee

27 May 2025

RESOLVED 135/25	Cr Mockler/Cr Mann
That the minutes of the Audit Risk Improvement Committee held on 27 May 2025 be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

Interagency Committee

22 May 2025

Local Emergency Management Committee

27 May 2025

Traffic Committee

28 May 2025

RESOLVED 136/25	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That the minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 137/25	Cr Peart/Cr Freeth
That the reports be noted.	

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:07PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor