

## NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 4.00pm.**

### Agenda

1. Submission of Questions for Next Meeting
2. National Anthem
3. Prayer
4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners:

*“I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. I pay my respects to our Elders past and present and thank them for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, in the cultural identity of our nation.”*

5. Commencement of recording
6. Apologies
7. Declarations of Interest

At this juncture, Councillors should indicate any items in which they have an interest and therefore will not be participating in discussion or voting.

8. Confirmation of Minutes
  - Ordinary meeting held on 25 June 2024
9. Listing of matters to be considered in Closed Council

The following matters are listed to be considered in Closed Council in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, relating to:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - I. prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
  - II. confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
  - III. reveal a trade secret
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of the law
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

- Procedural Motion to close Council to Press and Public
- Reports from Servants to Closed Council Meeting
  - Mayoral Minute – General Manager’s Performance Review (a)
  - General Manager Annual Leave Delegation (a)
  - Gilgandra Industrial Estate Stage 2 – Lummis (d)
  - Request to Waive Water Usage Accounts and Consider Construction of Alternate Water Source Infrastructure (d)
- Procedural Motion to re-open meeting to Press and Public

10. Reports

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Neeves', written over a horizontal line.

David Neeves  
General Manager

Procedural Motion – to exclude Press and Public

“That 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 – the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

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**MAYORAL MINUTE - 10/24**  
**MAYORAL COMMITMENTS**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 25 June 2024 meeting.

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27/06/24	Lunch meeting with Royal Flying Doctors Service
02/07/24	Tony McGrane Organising Committee
02/07/24	Rural Fire Service Castlereagh Zone Medal Presentation Ceremony, Gilgandra Services Club
04/07/24	Gilgandra Says No to Domestic Violence Organising Group Meeting
05/07/24	General Manager's Annual Performance Review
09/07/24	Bush Fire Management Committee Meeting, Coonabarabran
11/07/24	NAIDOC Week Lunch, Cooee Lodge
12/07/24	Alliance of Western Council Board Meeting
15/07/24	Prospective Councillor Workshop
15/07/24	Minister Aitchison, National Park Road Sod Turning and Meeting
16/07/24	Gilgandra Shire Council Citizenship Ceremony
16/07/24	Council Workshops and Meeting

**Principal Activity**

Lead

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget Implications**

Nil

**Delivery Program Actions**

**4.2.1.1**

Implement the Community Engagement Strategy to inform, involve, empower, consult, and collaborate with stakeholders

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

D Batten  
Mayor

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**2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference and determine attendance and motions.

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Advice has been received that the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference will be held from Sunday, 17 November 2024 to Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

Council is asked to consider any motions for the Conference. The Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the conference only where they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of the Association (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules1)
2. Relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia
3. Concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector
4. Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association
5. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws)
6. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
7. Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

Members are encouraged to review Action Reports from the previous conference(s) before submitting motions to this year's special conference to ensure newly proposed motion wording reflects recent developments and does not duplicate existing positions.

Motion submissions open on Wednesday 17 July 2024 and close on Friday 15 August 2024.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Approximately \$2000 per participant including travel and accommodation; a budget of \$14,000 is allocated for Councillor expenses and Councillor professional development

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Delivery Program Actions

**4.3.5.2**

Ensure Council attendance at relevant forums and that State and Federal Members are invited to local civic functions and community celebrations

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council determine any motions to be put forward.
2. That the Mayor and General Manager (or their substitutes) plus one other Councillor be authorised to attend the Conference.

David Neeves  
General Manager

## ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH VISION

### SUMMARY

To consider submissions received during the public exhibition period and, subject to any amendments determined, adopt the Community Health Vision.

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Lake Advisory was engaged to assist in developing the Strategy/Vision which aims to improve the overall health and well-being of residents, foster community engagement, and align health initiatives with the specific needs of the Gilgandra community, particularly to align with Council's Towards 5000 population vision.

### The Draft Community Health Vision



The draft Community Health Vision was presented to the June Council meeting, and endorsed to go out for public exhibition to provide an opportunity for community feedback through social media, newspaper, website, community and business emails.

During the public exhibition period submissions received were:

Facebook: Nil

Emails: Nil

Website: 2 (below)

Armatree Hotel/Community: "Community transport for the ageing population and others at Armatree to get to appointments or back home from a hospital stay. There was discussion around an elderly lady who had been taken to Dubbo after a fall. She was discharged and had to ring someone to get her as patient transport did not have room and there were no public buses back to Gil. Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol services – access to mental health and Drug and Alcohol services – coverage from allied health professionals through to doctors. Doesn't necessary have be local in Armatree, but that would be helpful. Health and well being – build up Gil. A sport arena like the PCYC at Walgett was

mentioned. There are many options there and they have engaged the youth. They were focussed on not having a facility at Armatree, but having Gil as the hub and building the sporting and engagement capacity at Gilgandra. Also mentioned that a children’s playground in Armatree would be great so Mums and kids can meet centrally and do activities.”

“Greater mental health assistance plus drug and alcohol. Gilgandra could be a centralised centre for a rehabilitation centre for western region.”

In relation to servicing the Village of Armatree and transport issues the strategy does flag the importance of community transport and associated volunteerism. The strategy also flags the opportunity to explore outreach services as follows:

“Establish outreach Spaces in Tooraweenah and Armatree – including feasibility study for appropriate outreach location and configuration”

Council does have included in its Long Term Strategic Plans the Hunter Park Indoor Sports and Recreation Centre. The idea of play equipment at Armatree was raised with the Armatree community during the Village Management Planning process but ultimately decided as not a priority.

In relation to the second submission the strategy identifies the need for additional allied health services including both mental health, and drug and alcohol professionals.

To access the final documents please visit the following link:

<https://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Works-Projects/Towards-5000>

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>1.3.5.3</b> Facilitate the development of a health strategy for the Gilgandra Region in conjunction with key stakeholders

## RECOMMENDATION

That the submissions received be noted, and the Community Health Vision be adopted.

Donna Dobson  
Director Aged Care and Disabilities

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**SAFER ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY**

To inform Council of the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program and provide a recommendation regarding a possible application.

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The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has released the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (the Program) from July 2024. The Program consolidates the Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program but with a broadened focus.

An application must address at least one of the Program's focus areas. The focus areas are:

- Road safety,
- Productivity,
- Bridge renewal,
- Road resilience,
- Road sustainability, or
- Heavy vehicle rest areas.

Other eligibility criteria are that the project be for construction on an existing or proposed road, be on a public road and be whole and complete (i.e. not reliant on other works). Eligible applicants are limited to local, state or territory governments.

Ineligible projects include maintenance or repair of an existing asset, costs associated with planning approvals or procurement, preliminary project costs incurred prior to funding offer being signed and business as usual expenditure. Design only projects are also ineligible.

Program will contribute up to a maximum of \$5M and up to 80% of the of the total project cost for projects submitted by councils in regional areas. Co-contributions are required but may be sourced other funding programs provided it complies with the rules for that program. In these instances, the funding co-contribution must be secured with evidence supplied with the application.

The Program's delivery timeframes are dependent on whether they are construction only or design and construct projects. For construction only projects, commencement and completion are within 12 and 24 months respectively. Design and construct projects add another 12 months for the design phase.

There is no deadline for applications. The Program is an application based, merit assessed grant with submissions open year round. Applications are batched and assessed around three times per year.

Four projects have been identified as suitable possibilities for an application. These include:

- Commencement on sealing the Tooraweenah-Mendooran Road,
- Replacement of the creek crossing on Hilliers Road,
- Replacement of the creek crossing on Doorombah Road,
- Installation of culverts at the intersection of Armatree and Berida Bullagreen Roads.

Of the above, sealing of the Tooraweenah-Mendooran Road is identified within Council's Long Term Financial Plan but is dependent on grant funding. The amount available would not seal the entire unsealed sections but would substantially progress it. However, I am mindful that the local government elections are nearing and that this elected body may be reluctant to commit the new Council to such a large undertaking at this point in time.

Of the other projects listed, all have merit but the Hilliers Road creek crossing is suggested as the most likely to be successful on the grounds of safety (see images below). This crossing is a narrow 'spillway' and needs widening with better stream flow characteristics, probably in the form of a large culvert structure. It is recommended that an application be submitted for \$450,000 with a co-contribution of \$112,500 from Roads to Recovery (total project cost \$562,500). Council has already received correspondence confirming our Roads to Recovery allocation so this would satisfy the evidentiary requirement for the co-contribution.





<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil – fully funded externally
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>1.1.1.1</b> Deliver R2R program for local roads

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council apply to the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program for \$450,000 with a co-contribution from the Roads to Recovery Program of \$112,500 (total project cost of \$562,500) to replace the creek crossing on Hilliers Road.

Daryl Colwell  
Director Infrastructure

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**DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA) - FLOOD  
DAMAGE UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update on flood damage repairs on Council's road network.

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Since my last update in July 2023, the works and claims relating to

- AGRN 898 – February 2020
- AGRN 917 – April 2020
- AGRN 918 – April 2020
- AGRN 987 – November 2021

have now been finalised. The latter was specific to the culvert replacement on Bringle Creek Road (see image below), which was completed in February 2024 at a cost \$534,027.



The natural disaster declarations that are still active in the Gilgandra LGA are listed below:

- AGRN 1030 - August 2022
- AGRN 1034 - September 2022

The claims and/or approvals have three components; Emergency Works (EW), Immediate Restoration Works (IRW) and Essential Public Restoration Works (EPA-RW).

The EW component for both events above have been completed and claims submitted with \$752,413 reimbursed. The IRW component has similarly been completed for AGRN 1034 with \$1,074,133 reimbursed. There was no IRW or EPA-RW claim for AGRN 1030 as the subsequent natural disaster event occurred in quick succession.

This leaves only the AGRN 1034 event with work outstanding. Council has so far incurred \$300,346 worth of expenditure with claims submitted but payment approval pending. This is mostly related to work on unsealed roads, which is now estimated at around 80% completion. The submissions and claims for this event are at varying stages of preparation and approval so it is difficult to provide a definitive estimate of the value work remaining. It is estimated that the value of this work will be around \$700,000.

A map is attached showing completed and outstanding work. The structures component indicated on the map are leftover from the 2020 events where work could not be undertaken due to adverse site conditions. Initially, Council was told that they could be rolled into the later event(s) without further submissions. However, that advice changed and another approval was needed and is subject to the AGRN 1034 assessment process. There is no indication that it will not be approved. All works are required to be completed by September 2025.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	DRFA grants offset operational road budgets
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>1.1.1.2</b> Deliver NDRRA program for local and/or regional roads

### RECOMMENDATION

That the update on flood damage repairs to Council's road network be noted.

Daryl Colwell  
Director Infrastructure

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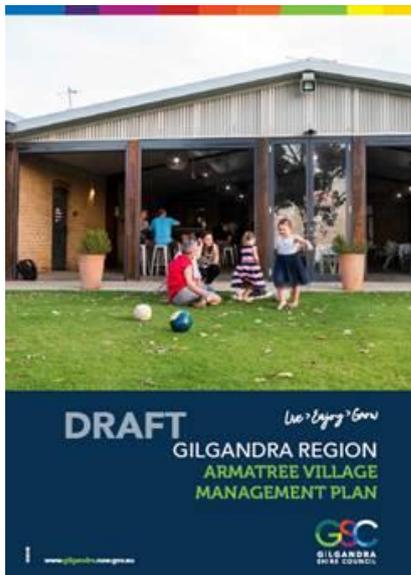
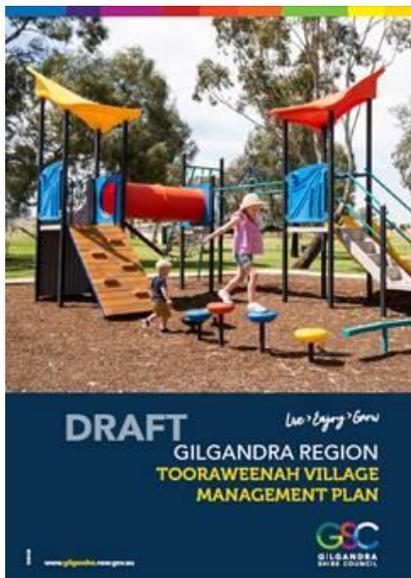
**ADOPTION OF TOORAWEEAH AND ARMATREE VILLAGE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**SUMMARY**

To consider submissions received during the public exhibition period and, subject to any amendments determined, adopt the Tooraweenah Village Management Plan and the Armatree Village Management Plan.

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Council considered the draft Tooraweenah and Armatree Management Plans at its June 2024 meeting and resolved to place them on public exhibition to provide an opportunity for community feedback through social media, newspaper, website, community and business emails.



Submissions received were as follows:

- Facebook: 0 Submissions
- Email: 0 Submissions
- Website: 3 Submissions - 2 for Armatree and 1 for Tooraweenah

Armatree:

- Roads are disgrace full muddy, slippery dangerous from the Castlereagh Hwy into and around the town all roads should be Bitumen sealed extremely difficult at night not even a single line down the Centre of the road no line markings at all and no Park or Reserve where people can exercise, or children can play
- Armatree Hotel/Community: “Community transport for the ageing population and others at Armatree to get to appointments or back home from a hospital stay. There was discussion around an elderly lady who had been taken to Dubbo after a fall. She was discharged and had to ring someone to get her as patient transport did not have room and there were no public buses back to Gil. Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol services – access to mental health and Drug and Alcohol services – coverage from allied health professionals through to doctors. Doesn’t necessary have be local in Armatree, but that would be helpful. Health and well being – build up Gil. A sport arena like the PCYC at Walgett was mentioned. There are many options there and they have engaged the youth. They were focussed on not having a facility at Armatree, but having Gil as the hub and building the sporting and engagement capacity at Gilgandra. Also mentioned that a children’s playground in Armatree would be great so Mums and kids can meet centrally and do activities.”

Roadworks and particularly widening of Armatree Road from the Castlereagh Highway to Armatree Village is included in the plan.

The idea of a playground / play equipment at Armatree was raised with the Armatree community during the Village Management Planning process but ultimately decided as not a priority.

Community transport for Armatree was not raised as a priority during the Village Management Planning process, however outreach health services for Armatree, and mental health and drug and alcohol related services are referred to in the Community Health Vision which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting.

Tooraweenah:

- Toilet location: is North Eastern side of the tennis courts. Tooraweenah CWA missing from (People, Community & Recreation section) also suggest combining Show Society, Endurance Ride & Golf Club together on one line in this section as the Endurance Ride is also missing. Congratulations to all involved in the development of this Plan. I look forward to being involved in helping to progress some of the actions. Well done.

The draft plan has the toilet location on the north western side of the tennis courts. This was discussed at length and in detail during the community meeting and this was the consensus. Inclusion of the Endurance Ride will be an amendment to the final Plan.

To access the final documents please visit the following link:  
<https://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Works-Projects/Draft-Village-Management>

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>1.2.2.5</b> Develop Plans of Management for Villages

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft Armatree Village Management Plan be adopted noting the submissions received.
2. That the Tooraweenah Village Management Plan be adopted subject to amendment including the Endurance Ride in People, Community and Recreation table in the final document.

Daryl Colwell  
Director Infrastructure

**ADOPTION OF GILGANDRA REGION COMMUNITY CHILDCARE STRATEGY**

**SUMMARY**

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

The Gilgandra Region Community Childcare Strategy aims to improve access to high quality early childhood education and care for children aged 0-12 years, now and into the future, by means of high-level planning in line with the broader Gilgandra Region Community Strategic Plan.



**GILGANDRA COMMUNITY CHILDCARE STRATEGY**

We want Gilgandra to be an attractive and exciting place for families with children. Childcare is an important contributor towards meeting outcomes for local children, enabling parents and carers to work or study as much as they want to, ensuring people in the area, and boosting the workforce available for employment. Having enough childcare is vital for Gilgandra to achieve its goals for growth and wellbeing.

**VISION**  
 The Gilgandra Region welcomes families by having a vibrant childcare sector which meets their needs and which enables our children, community and businesses to grow and thrive. Gilgandra Shire Council will work with the local community and NSW and Commonwealth partners to foster the growth of new local childcare places to meet the needs of our population.

**TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE DIVES**

- Community based advocacy for resources
- Supportive Council policies and plans
- Active support for existing and new childcare providers
- A functioning childcare workforce pipeline
- Community valuing and supporting childcare

Effective leadership, coordination and communication to support all the above

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

- GSC Community Strategic Plan
- 1.2 a community intergenerational infrastructure and facilities
- 1.3 a community where services are accessible inclusively
- 2.1 An active and thriving community

**STAKEHOLDERS**

- ECEC providers: Auspic United Early Learning, Gilgandra Preschool, Mandurrah Preschool, Gulgong Preschool
- Progressive ECEC providers to funding opportunities: Land Council (LALC)
- Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Medical Service (GLAMS)
- Family support providers
- All local schools
- Gilgandra Youth Service (YTS)
- Gumundah Family Day Care and Outback FOC
- Employers
- Gilgandra Shire Council
- ECEC Council staff
- VEI providers and providers
- Community and NRM
- Departments of Education
- Members of Parliament
- Adoptive Street
- Local Government NSW

**ACTIONS**

Council will pursue the following actions to strengthen its planning, activities the community towards shared goals, and support a vibrant Early Childhood and Education (ECEC) sector.

**Plans and policies**

1. Include childcare actions within its strategic and operational plans.
2. Develop policies to enable Council to better support the development of additional childcare places by ECEC providers

**Community activation**

3. Establish a Community Interest Group to advocate to the NSW and Commonwealth Governments
4. Promote the benefits of quality Early Childhood Education and Care to the whole community

**More local childcare**

5. Work with local partners to establish an Out of School Hours and Vacation Care service
6. Support existing and potential Early Childhood Education and Care providers through practical measures, including assistance with sites and capital works
7. Discourage a prospectus for existing and potential ECEC providers, noting the need of local demand and the ways in which Council is willing to assist
8. Coordinate a strategic approach to funding opportunities with local ECEC providers
9. Encourage additional Family Day Care businesses
10. Support the local childcare workforce pipeline
11. Engage with adoptive Councils the establishment of joint childcare strategies

**OUTCOMES AND SUCCESSSES**

1. The supply of local childcare places meets the needs of a growing community
2. An ECEC and childcare care service in Gilgandra
3. More Long Day Care and Preschool places for children in the Gilgandra Region
4. More Family Day Care places for children out of town
5. Improved Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) results for children starting school - showing they are more ready for school and less vulnerable
6. Greater equity in outcomes for Gilgandra's children in relation to non-regional areas
7. Parents and carers report having the choice of more work, study and/or recreation
8. Population growth towards 2050: more people and businesses move to the Region
9. Employers report fewer issues attracting and retaining staff due to childcare
10. The supply of Early Childhood Education meets the demand for ECEC places
11. Vulnerable families are supporting the childcare they and their children need
12. Council staff are able to access the childcare they need, and are more satisfied and productive

**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

1. Encourage someone you know to think about a career in childcare
2. If you want to be part of a community team advocating for more childcare in the Region, register your interest with Council's Economic Development team
3. If you live out of town you may want to think about delivering a Family Day Care service for your area. You can contact Gumundah Family Day Care for more information and start-up advice. You can also register your interest with Council's Economic Development team
4. If you have children aged 0-5 years, think about when a night for you to enrol them in either Long Day Care or Preschool to assist them to school ready
5. Thanks to everyone who responded to Council's 2024 survey about childcare!

Insight Consulting was engaged to deliver the strategy and after extensive community and stakeholder consultation, desktop review and strategic analysis, the draft strategy was presented to Council at its June meeting. The draft strategy was endorsed to be placed on public exhibition.

The draft was then placed on public exhibition to provide an opportunity for community feedback through social media, newspaper, website, community and business emails.

Submissions came through as per the below:

- Facebook: 0 Submissions
- Email: 0 Submissions
- Website: 1 Submission (below)

“Greater mental health assistance plus drug and alcohol. Gilgandra could be a centralised centre for a rehabilitation centre for western region.”

“I wish to offer a suggestion which council may/may not have considered regards VACATION CARE\* AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE\*. With some careful and collaborative planning Vacation care could quite well be delivered from the premises of the Gilgandra Pre School.

WHY? 1. The Gilgandra Pre School does not operate during the vacation (School Holidays) period, thus the premises are unoccupied and could be used for Vacation care delivery.

2. The premises are Child friendly and regulatory compliant

3. Staff could perhaps be sourced from the pre school staff team?

4. This is a collaborative and common sense model and operates in many communities rural already. (Merriwa and Walgett)”

The draft strategy includes the following action in relation to Vacation and After School Care which provides the opportunity to explore the above suggestion.

“Work with local schools, potential providers and Gilgandra Youth Service to establish an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and Vacation Care service. If necessary, Council will consider underwriting the viability of the service for two years (within stated limits) to enable successful establishment and ensure service delivery - including for Council’s own staff. This may involve the provision of transport.”

To access the final documents please visit the following link:

<https://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Works-Projects/Towards-5000>

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil

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Delivery Program Actions

**1.3.4.1**

Facilitate the development of a  
Childcare strategy for the Gilgandra  
Region in conjunction with key  
stakeholders\*

RECOMMENDATION

That the submission and associated action in the Strategy be noted and the  
Gilgandra Region Community Childcare Strategy be adopted.

Neil Alchin  
Director Growth and Liveability

**REALLOCATION OF UNSPENT BIG (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT FUND)  
IDEAS PROGRAM 2023/24**

**SUMMARY**

To consider the proposed reallocation of unclaimed funds from the 2023/24 BIG Ideas program to the next eligible application in order of ranking.

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In late 2023, Council announced the second round of funding through the BIG Ideas Program with a total budget allocation of \$50,000. A total of 18 applications were received from local businesses with over \$93,000 in funding requested and an estimated business contribution of \$108,000.

Following a thorough assessment process 14 projects were recommended for funding at Council's December 2023 Ordinary Meeting, of which 10 of the top-ranked projects to the budget of \$49,091.50 were endorsed.

<b>RESOLVED 248/23</b>	<b>Cr Mockler/Cr Peart</b>
1. That Council support the recommendations as presented for the businesses ranked 1-9 with CWME and The Shed applications being reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500. .	
2. That Council review the Big Ideas eligibility criteria prior to the next round of funding being advertised.	

Two businesses have since closed down and are unable to deliver their projects as per the Grant Agreement, these businesses include:

1. The Meating Place: Awning Signage \$350.00
2. The Keystone Café: Front Facade Upgrade \$2,756.00

As a result, there is a remaining budget allocation of \$4,014.50 and opportunity to reallocate unclaimed funds to the next eligible application in order of ranking, Ethereal Skin & Beauty Ave.

Ethereal Skin & Beauty Ave. BIG Ideas application requested \$5,000 of funding for the following works:

- Replacement of existing signage on shop front: \$1,500
- Design and install of new signage for the business entry gate, and new Highway signage: \$3,500

It is recommended that Council reallocate \$4,014.50 to Ethereal Skin & Beauty Ave. to proceed with the installation of new business signage, including shopfront, entry gate and Highway signage subject to the applicant agreeing to meet any funding shortfall with the project.

**Attached:** full ranking of BIG Ideas Round 2 applications.

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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	\$50,000 budget for the program in 2023/24, with an unclaimed allocation of \$4,014.50
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>3.1.1.1</b> Implement the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint to support local businesses to thrive - including Grow Gilgandra transformation projects

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council reallocate unclaimed funding of \$4,014.50 under the BIG Ideas Program 2023/24 to the next eligible application in order of ranking, being Ethereal Skin & Beauty Ave, for new business signage, subject to the applicant agreeing to meet any funding shortfall with the project.

Neil Alchin  
Director Growth and Livability

**GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update in relation to issues relating to the ongoing maintenance of the Gilgandra Swimming Pool.

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The Gilgandra Swimming pool is an aging facility, and given its age is becoming increasingly challenging to maintain to an acceptable standard.

Built in 1939 the Gilgandra swimming pool has exceeded the 50 year life expectancy of a public swimming pool in Australia by 35 years. Despite multiple renovations and repairs, there is a concerning leakage issue and limited capacity to expand swimming activities and services from this facility. Every year the maintenance and operational costs associated with the pool increase as Council continues to investigate and address the leakage issue through the engagement of specialist contactors.

Current issues with the pool facilities include:

**Water Loss**

This issue was first identified in the 1990's, and despite a number of attempts to rectify the situation over the years daily losses continue to increase. Below is the water usage over the past 5 years, noting that there was a period where the meter was not working

Reading Date	Reading	Consumption	No. of Days	Avg Daily Use	Meter Number	YTD Consumption
24/04/2024	19682.00	8731.00	204	42.7990	22HC00468	16371.00
03/10/2023	10951.00	7157.00	154	46.4740	22HC00468	7157.00
13/12/2022	0.00	0.00	48	0.0000	21HC00257	4157.00
26/10/2022	0.00	0.00	183	0.0000	21HC00257	0.00
29/03/2022	47587.00	0.00	172	0.0000	130604235	2063.00
08/10/2021	47587.00	1561.00	548	2.8485	130604235	1823.00
08/04/2020	46026.00	2761.00	175	15.7771	130604235	2761.00
30/09/2020	43265.00	1270.00	160	7.9375	130604235	1516.00
23/04/2020	41995.00	0.00	212	0.0000	130604235	5204.00
24/09/2019	47053.00	5058.00	174	29.0690	130604235	5120.00
03/04/2019	41995.00	1641.00	163	10.0675	130604235	3590.00

**Pumping and Filtration Equipment**

While the dosing equipment for the pools chlorine system was upgraded in 2021, the pumping and filtration equipment is antiquated and will need to be upgraded in the foreseeable future.

### **Canteen Roof Structure**

The roof structure in the canteen area of the pool has collapsed due to white ant activity. The entire structure in this area needs to be replaced, and for the time being the area has been made safe, to allow public access to the facility for the coming season.

### **Retaining Wall behind Filtration Plant.**

The retaining Wall behind the access to the filtration plant room has collapsed due to erosion over time. This area has been cordoned off and will has been added to Councils maintenance program

### **Pool Tiles and Expansion Joints**

There are numerous cracked tiles in the pool which require replacement and the associated expansion joints require replacing throughout. Given that the pool will need to be empty, the proposed work includes a soil assessment and a potential de-watering plan to facilitate the replacement of the expansion joints. Estimated cost of the works is \$65k to \$75k.

At this stage the above works will be delayed until the 2025 off season to allow a complete audit of pool facilities to be undertaken.

### **Operating Results**

Below is a summary of the operating results for the past 5 years

<b>GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL RESULTS</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Result</b>
20/21	36,575	258,234	-221,659
21/22	31,337	237,326	-205,989
22/23	27,855	242,520	-214,665
23/24	32,685	315,348	-282,663
	<b>128,452</b>	<b>1,053,428</b>	<b>-924,976</b>

### **Pool Attendance**

The following user groups use the pool on a regular basis

- Gilgandra Swimming Club
  - Learn to Swim Classes
  - Gilgandra High School
  - Gilgandra Primary School
  - St Josephs School
  - Early Morning Swimmers
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General community visitation to the Gilgandra swimming pool is in a steady decline as the facilities no longer meet changing community demands which revolve more around the overall experience rather than swimming facilities. A modern complex needs to be a family attraction that includes facilities such as splash parks, water slides etc.



Principal Activity

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Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Significant budget implications to be detailed following a pool facility audit

Delivery Program Actions

**2.1.1.1**

Provide a range of recreational and sporting facilities which enable the community to pursue active recreational pursuits\*

**2.1.1.2**

Identify and pursue external funding opportunities for the Hunter Park Sporting and Recreational Precinct construction\*

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the current issues associated with maintenance and management of the Gilgandra Swimming Pool be noted.
2. That a complete audit of pool facilities be conducted in 2024/25 to assist with prioritising maintenance and upgrade works required to continue pool operations.

Neil Alchin  
Director Growth and Liveability

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present reports for information and notation.

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- Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation No. 93) and Investment Balances
- Matters Outstanding from Previous Council Meetings
- Questions for Next Meeting
- Development Applications

Any questions which Councillors may have in relation to these reports and/or issues to be raised, should be brought forward at this time.

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES**

**SUMMARY**

Statement of Bank Balances and Investment Balances  
To present the following information relative to the above report headings:

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1. Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No.19) – Month of June 2024.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation – Month of June 2024.
3. Details of investments as at 30 June 2024 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No.19).

<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>31-May-24</b>	<b>\$2,410,112.64</b>
Plus: Receipts		\$10,745,097.27
Less: Payments		\$4,991,341.28
<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>30-Jun-24</b>	<b><u>\$8,163,868.63</u></b>

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<b>STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>31-May-24</b>	<b>\$2,394,491.56</b>
Plus: Receipts		\$10,753,094.97
Less: Payments		\$4,983,522.00
<b>STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>30-Jun-24</b>	<b><u>\$8,164,064.53</u></b>

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Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$0.00
Less: Unpresented Payments		\$195.90
<b>RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>30-Jun-24</b>	<b><u>\$8,163,868.63</u></b>

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Cashbook balance as at 30 June 2024:	\$8,163,868.63
Investments held as at 30 June 2024:	\$32,000,000.00
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments Held as at 30 June 2024:</b>	<b><u>\$40,163,868.63</u></b>

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The bank balances in each of the funds as at 30 June 2024 are:

General Fund	\$18,136,141.90
Water Fund	\$3,658,805.24
Sewer Fund	\$3,282,224.74
Orana Living	\$5,788,483.16
Carlinda Enterprises	\$514,920.72
Cocee Villa Units	\$3,410,062.06
Cocee Lodge	\$4,135,940.90
Jack Towney Hostel	\$784,948.73
Trust Fund	\$452,341.18

**Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$40,163,868.63**

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(1)	\$1,000,000.00	For 270 days	5.05%	Due 03-Dec-24	With Defence
(2)	\$1,000,000.00	For 366 days	5.00%	Due 04-Sep-24	With Bendigo
(3)	\$1,500,000.00	For 365 days	4.75%	Due 04-Mar-25	With Bendigo
(4)	\$2,000,000.00	For 183 days	5.10%	Due 11-Oct-24	With Bank of Qld
(5)	\$2,000,000.00	For 452 days	5.15%	Due 26-Aug-24	With Bank of Qld
(6)	\$2,000,000.00	For 183 days	5.05%	Due 08-Oct-24	With Bank of Qld
(7)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days	5.00%	Due 02-Dec-24	With IMB Bank
(9)	\$2,000,000.00	For 183 days	5.00%	Due 25-Sep-24	With IMB Bank
(10)	\$1,000,000.00	For 272 days	5.07%	Due 06-Aug-24	With Macquarie
(11)	\$1,000,000.00	For 90 days	5.00%	Due 10-Jul-24	With NAB
(12)	\$2,000,000.00	For 150 days	5.10%	Due 10-Oct-24	With NAB
(13)	\$3,000,000.00	For 270 days	5.20%	Due 07-Feb-25	With NAB
(15)	\$3,000,000.00	For 333 days	5.20%	Due 22-Apr-25	With NAB
(16)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days	5.05%	Due 08-Oct-24	With NAB
(17)	\$1,000,000.00	For 240 days	5.20%	Due 31-Jul-24	With NAB
(18)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days	5.10%	Due 08-Jul-24	With NAB
(19)	\$2,000,000.00	For 182 days	5.10%	Due 27-Nov-24	With NAB
(20)	\$2,500,000.00	For 210 days	5.04%	Due 04-Nov-24	With Suncorp
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$32,000,000.00</b>
Investments:					

**OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update in relation to matters previously resolved at Council Meetings requiring further action to be taken.

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<u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>July 2022</u>		
141/22	Compulsory Acquisition by Agreement Of Road Reserves and Licence Agreement	No further progress, remains outstanding
<u>April 2024</u>		
46/24	NDIS Advisory Board (Terms of Reference)	No further progress
<u>June 2024</u>		
86/24	Proposal to Relocate Orana Living and Co-Locate the Majority of Gilgandra Lifestyles' Services	Negotiations continuing
95/24	AR Bluett Memorial Award	Submission to be lodged
97/24	The Aged Care Capital Assistance Program, Thin Markets, Multiple Stream	No further information available regarding the grant deed. Will be subject of a report to a future meeting.
104/24	Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2024	Report to future meeting for endorsement for the purpose of certification

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**PROGRESS ON “QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING”**

**SUMMARY**

To inform Council of appropriate action which has or will be taken in relation to Councilors “Questions for Next Meeting” outstanding from previous meetings.

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**May 2024**

Cooee Lodge Finances

Report to future meeting.

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### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

The following development applications were approved during June 2024

<b>DA Number</b>	<b>Applicant's Name</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Property address</b>	<b>Development Value</b>
2024/533	Gilgandra Shire Council	Awning	'Tony McGrane Oval' Byrne Avenue, Gilgandra	\$44,000
				<b>June</b> <b>\$44,000</b>
			<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>\$1,954,390</b>

#### **Applications under assessment**

- DA2023/484 – Multi-dwelling housing & Community title subdivision
- DA 2023/504 – Motel (Alterations & Additions)
- DA 2024/532 – Alteration and Additions (verandah structural works)
- DA2024/537 – Dwelling
- DA2024/536 – Outdoor Recreation Facility (Change Rooms)
- DA2024/539 – Subdivision (9 Rural Residential lots)
- DA2024/541 – Dwelling

#### **June 2024 DA processing times**

<b>DA Number</b>	<b>Elapsed Processing Days (Planning Portal)</b>
2024/533	6 days

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves  
General Manager

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**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – REDISTRIBUTION OF  
THE VALUER GENERAL’S GENERAL VALUATION DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of the correspondence received by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Valuer General, advising of changes to the Valuer General’s General Valuation Delivery Schedule.

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On 9 July 2024, Council received correspondence from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure outlining the updated Valuer General’s General Valuation Delivery Schedule.

The Department advised that Gilgandra will receive a 1 July 2024 valuation list in November 2024 to use for rating purposes. Landholders will receive a notice of valuation showing their new land value from January 2025.

Under the new schedule, approximately one-third of councils will receive a new valuation list each year, reducing the number of valuations issues in any one year to approximately 900,000, resulting in improved management of resulting enquiries and objections.

Please see attached the correspondence for further information.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>4.3.3.1</b> Prepare annual Budgets, Long Term Plan Reviews, Quarterly Budget Reviews and Annual Statements and place investments in line with legislative requirement and Council policy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the correspondence be noted.

David Neeves  
General Manager

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**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT, PLANNING PROPOSALS, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**SUMMARY**

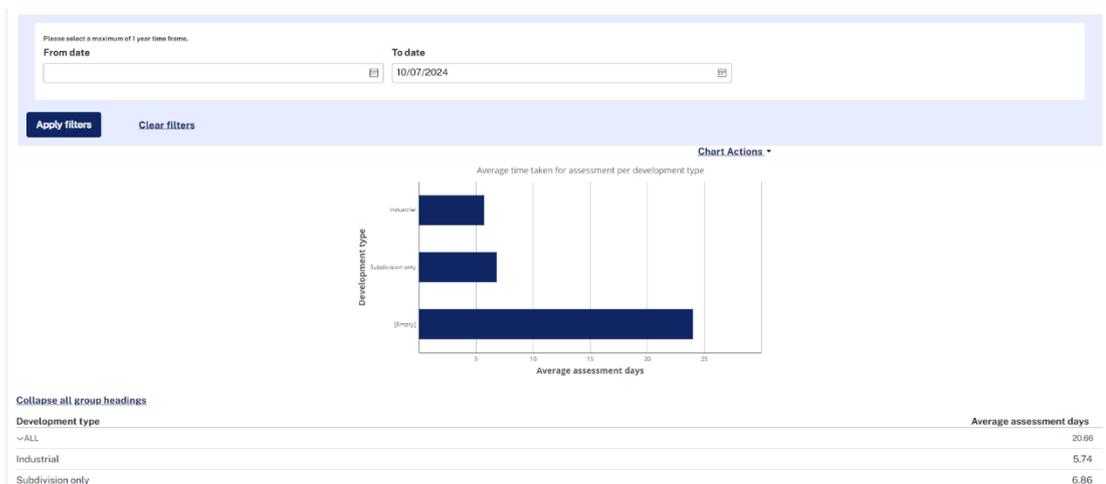
To advise Council of the correspondence received by Minister Paul Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

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On 3 July 2024, Council received correspondence by Minister Paul Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in relation to the Ministerial Statement of Expectations 2024. The Ministerial Statement 2024 outlines the expectations for council performance in relation to development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning.

In accordance with the Statement, council performance will be monitored and reported publicly as will the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure’s timeframes for approval of planning proposals and state significant development.

Thankfully for our Council the average DA processing time is well below the 114 days stated by the department as outlined in the chart below:



Please see attached the correspondence for further information.

Principal Activity

Lead

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Delivery Program Actions

**4.3.1.3**

Assess and process Development Applications, Complying

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Development Certificates,  
Construction Certificate Applications  
and Local Activity Approvals in a  
timely manner

RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be noted.

David Neeves  
General Manager

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – LIONS CLUB REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP**

**SUMMARY**

To consider a request to provide funding support for the Lions District 201N4 All Ability Camp.

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Please refer to the attached correspondence.

In the past, Orana Living has had clients and staff attend this camp, however this year there will be no clients or staff attending. There is no budget allocation for donations for such an event and any commitment will be an additional vote in the 24/25 Budget which is forecast to have a deficit of \$401,001.

The report is submitted for Council's consideration and determination.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	<b>1.3.2.6</b> Maintain links with disability and community service networks and referral agencies

**RECOMMENDATION**

Submitted for Councils determination.

Donna Dobson  
Director Aged Care and Disabilities