



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

18 OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)
G Babbage
A Bunter
I Freeth
B Mockler
N Mudford
G Peart

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager
K Larkin
Acting Director Growth and Liveability
D Colwell
Director Infrastructure
D Dobson
Director Aged Care and Disabilities
J Prout
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.05pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr P Mann

RESOLVED 201/22	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Mudford, *Local Heritage Fund* – Cr Mudford’s daughter-in-law is part owner in a business applying for funding.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 202/22	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20 September 2022, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

RESOLVED 203/22	Cr Mockler/Cr Babbage
That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 27 September 2022, 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 204/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for Assistance (a)	

RESOLVED 205/22	
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 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 at 4.07pm.	

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RESOLVED 208/22	Cr Mudford/Cr Peart
That the General Manager, Mr David Neeves, in line with Clauses 9(3), 377 and 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993, list all business 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 in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Clause 10 (2) of the Act for consideration by the next meeting of the Council as such matters are deemed to be of confidential nature or such that Council's interest may be prejudiced by publicity, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, provided however that, at the discretion of the Mayor, interested parties and/or their agents be granted approval to address the Council so that they are provided with the opportunity to substantiate any proposals under consideration and answer any questions from Councillors in relation thereto.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 18/22
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities for the past month.

RESOLVED 209/22	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.PR.1)

2022/23 CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement for a close down of operations at Christmas 2022/23.

RESOLVED 210/22	Cr Bunter/ Mudford
That Council endorse a shutdown of operations from close of business on Thursday, 22 December 2022 until usual opening/starting hours on Tuesday, 3 January 2023.	

Proceedings in Brief

- Cr Mudford declared an interest and left the meeting at 4.19pm.
- Mrs Dobson left the meeting.

LOCAL HERITAGE FUND 2022

SUMMARY

To determine allocation of funding for the Local Heritage Fund 2022.

RESOLVED 211/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That standing orders be suspended to obtain further information from staff regarding the Local Heritage Program.	
RESOLVED 212/22	Cr Babbage/Cr Mockler
That standing orders be resumed.	
RESOLVED 213/22	Cr Freeth/Cr Walker
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Gilgandra's two State Heritage listed sites, St Ambrose Church and Corduroy Road be priority for heritage funding.2. That Council submit an application for funding under the NSW Government's Caring for Heritage program for St Ambrose Church restoration works, noting advice received by staff that, if successful, the pending SCCF funding be utilised as a matched contribution.3. That Council submit an application for funding under the NSW Government's Caring for Heritage program for the Corduroy Road, funded from Council's Heritage funding allocation.4. That the allocation of funding towards projects under the Local Heritage Fund be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Ambrose Church - \$6,000• Corduroy Road \$10,000and the remaining \$3,246 be retained as a contingency for interpretative elements and other necessary works.5. That other applicants be notified in writing of Council's decision and encouraged to apply for future funding.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mudford returned to the meeting at 4.50pm, having taken no part in discussion or voting.

(ED.LI.1)

INLAND RAIL NARROMINE TO NARRABRI PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE / AMENDMENT REPORT SUBMISSION

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement of the Inland Rail Narromine to Narrabri Preferred Infrastructure / Amendment Report Submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Proceedings in Brief

Council asked that Mr Medd be congratulated on the detailed submission.

RESOLVED 214/22	Cr Mockler/Cr Babbage
That Council endorse the Inland Rail – Narromine to Narrabri Preferred Infrastructure/ Amendment Report Submission.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Mudford raised the issue of local roads running parallel to the proposed Inland Rail line and that the designs for any future level crossings, whether they are for property access or local roads, should be designed and constructed in such a way as to allow adequate queueing distances so that road trains do not protrude and create a traffic hazard.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Peart left the meeting briefly at 4.55pm.

(ED.LI.1)

INLAND RAIL REVIEW AND PORT OF NEWCASTLE MOU DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY

To provide an update on two issues related to Inland Rail and to seek Council resolution to support staff progressing required actions.

RESOLVED 215/22	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
1. That Council note the Federal Government Review of Inland Rail and endorse involvement in providing information to the process should the opportunity arise.	
2. That Council note the approach to investigate a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Newcastle and authorise staff to undertake discussions with PON representative.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Peart returned to the meeting at 4.56pm.

(RD.PR.1)

LRCI ROUND 1 - BERIDA INNISFAIL LEECHES CREEK INTERSECTION

SUMMARY

To provide an update on works scheduled for Berida Innisfail and Leeches Creek Roads intersection.

RESOLVED 216/22	Cr Bunter/Cr Walker
That the information on the Berida Innisfail Road and Leeches Creek Road intersection project be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 217/22	Cr Mudford/Cr Babbage
That the reports be noted.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.58PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor