

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 21 March 2023 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 21 February 2023
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
 - Brenshaw Medical (a)
 - Organisational Review (a)
 - GrainCorp South Industrial Subdivision (d)
 - Tender – Core Network Replacement and Enhancement (d)
 - Tender – ICT Management Services (d)
 - Tender – Real Country Business Case and Strategy Development (d)
- Procedural Motion to re-open meeting to Press and Public

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David Neeves
General Manager

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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.

MAYORAL MINUTE - 3/23
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 21 February 2023 meeting.

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22/02/23	Youth Support Forum, meeting with Police, School Principals and Youth Workers
22/02/23	Traffic Committee Meeting
22/02/23	Meeting with Mrs Gloria Wood regarding her submission on rural road maintenance
24/02/23	Meeting with CEO and Chair of Gilgandra Aboriginal Lands Council
28/02/23	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting
01/03/23	Internal discussion regarding GrainCorp acquisition
03/03/23	Celebration of upgrades to the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct hosted at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre
06/03/23	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Meeting in Coonamble
07/03/23	Council Workshop
13/03/23	Teleconference with Mr Joshua Roberts-Garnsey, Labor candidate for Barwon
16/03/23	Alliance of western Councils Teams Meeting
21/03/23	Bush Fire Management Committee Meeting
21/03/23	Council Workshop Budget preparations
21/03/23	Council 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

MAYORAL MINUTE - 4/23
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY

To advise of the upcoming Australian Council of Local Government held on Friday, 16 June 2023 in Canberra, ACT.

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The Australian Local Government Association is hosting the 2023 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on Friday 16 June 2023.

The re-establishment of the ACLG was an Australian Government commitment and this year's meeting will be the first meeting held in over a decade.

The ACLG will be a valuable opportunity for Council to hear from the Prime Minister and speak directly to Federal Ministers about the key issues and opportunities for the Gilgandra Shire.

Registrations for the 2023 ACLG are currently open online and more information about the ACLG will be provided to Council from the Australian Local Government Association closer to the date or earlier by request.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Lead
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.3.5.1 Represent community concerns in relation to government and non-government service delivery issues
	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

That Councillors indicate their interest in attending this conference, noting neither the Mayor nor General Manager will be available to attend.

D Batten
Mayor

LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ROUND 4

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an opportunity to consider funding allocated under round 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program and its application.

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The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts have recently released round 4 of the LRCI Program, which is a \$500m initiative from the Commonwealth Government. The Program aims to partner with councils to deliver services and build infrastructure that supports jobs in local communities.

Councillors will recall that sealing of the unsealed sections of National Park Road has been prioritised in the Long Term Financial Plan, subject to grant funding. At present, two sections of National Park Road remain unsealed, totaling 12km. Recently, Council was granted \$3M from the Fixing Local Roads (Round 4) Program and will contribute \$1M of its own funds towards the sealing. Whilst the opportunity with FLR4 was maximized, the \$4M will only allow 9km of the road to be sealed, leaving 2.5km unsealed.

The LRCI round 4 allocation for Gilgandra is \$878,444 and councils can access the funding in July 2023 with the works to be completed by June 2025. The timing of this round of LRCI funding aligns with the other sealing works on National Park Road and provides an opportunity to complete the road in its entirety. It is therefore recommended that Council allocate this additional funding to the sealing of the road.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Live
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Aligns with the Long Term Financial Plan
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	1.1.1.3 Deliver Fixing Local Roads program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council allocate \$878,444 from Round 4 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program towards sealing of National Park Road.

Daryl Colwell
Director Infrastructure

INLAND RAIL APPROVAL AND UPDATE

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an update regarding Inland Rail Planning Approvals, Acquisition of Road Reserves and Community Water Bores.

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NSW Planning Approval

On 21 February 2023, the NSW Minister for Planning, under section 5.19 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)* approved the infrastructure application of the Australian Rail Track Corporation Critical State significant infrastructure SSI-9487 Inland Rail – Narromine to Narrabri.

The approval is subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the infrastructure approval and conditions is available at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/inland-rail-narromine-narrabri>

A copy of the Planning Secretary’s Assessment Report is available at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/inland-rail-narromine-narrabri>

This is obviously a significant milestone in the Inland Rail project and brings to a close the significant phase of work Council has contributed to in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review and subsequent two submissions that council made.

The next phase will involve ongoing review and assessment of various construction and management plans ARTC Inland Rail are required to develop as part of the conditions of approval.

It is understood there are some additional Federal environmental approvals still to be finalised.

Water Bore Community Consultation

The water bore licencing remains under assessment. A meeting last week between the Inland Rail Project Manager and Councils consultants agreed that continuing to wait for these approvals may be detrimental to keeping the community and direct neighbouring landholders engaged. The extended timeframes in the assessment and approval phase has lead the project team to conclude it is unclear how long approvals will take and we need to continue to inform the neighbouring landowners and community.

A presentation similar to that Council received is planned to be conducted in the next 6 weeks, most likely at Curban Hall.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	NIL
<u>Budget Implications</u>	NIL
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.3.2 Leverage Inland Rail construction and operations and new regional opportunities to create legacies for Gilgandra Region

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted

Neil Alchin
Director Growth & Liveability

CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE

SUMMARY

To provide the Council with an overview of the Orana Central West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

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The NSW Government is in the development phase for the State's first Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the Central-West Orana region. The Central-West Orana REZ is approximately 20,000 square kms.

The Central-West Orana REZ was formally declared by the Minister for Energy and Environment under Section 19(1) of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* (the Act) and published in the NSW Gazette on 5 November 2021.

The REZ declaration is the first step in formalising the REZ under the Act and establishes EnergyCo as the Infrastructure Planner responsible for coordinating its development. The declaration also sets out the intended network capacity (size), geographical area (location) and infrastructure that will make up the REZ. Additionally, it enables and outlines the scope of key legislative functions under the Act, including access schemes and REZ network solutions (referred to in the Act as 'REZ network infrastructure projects').

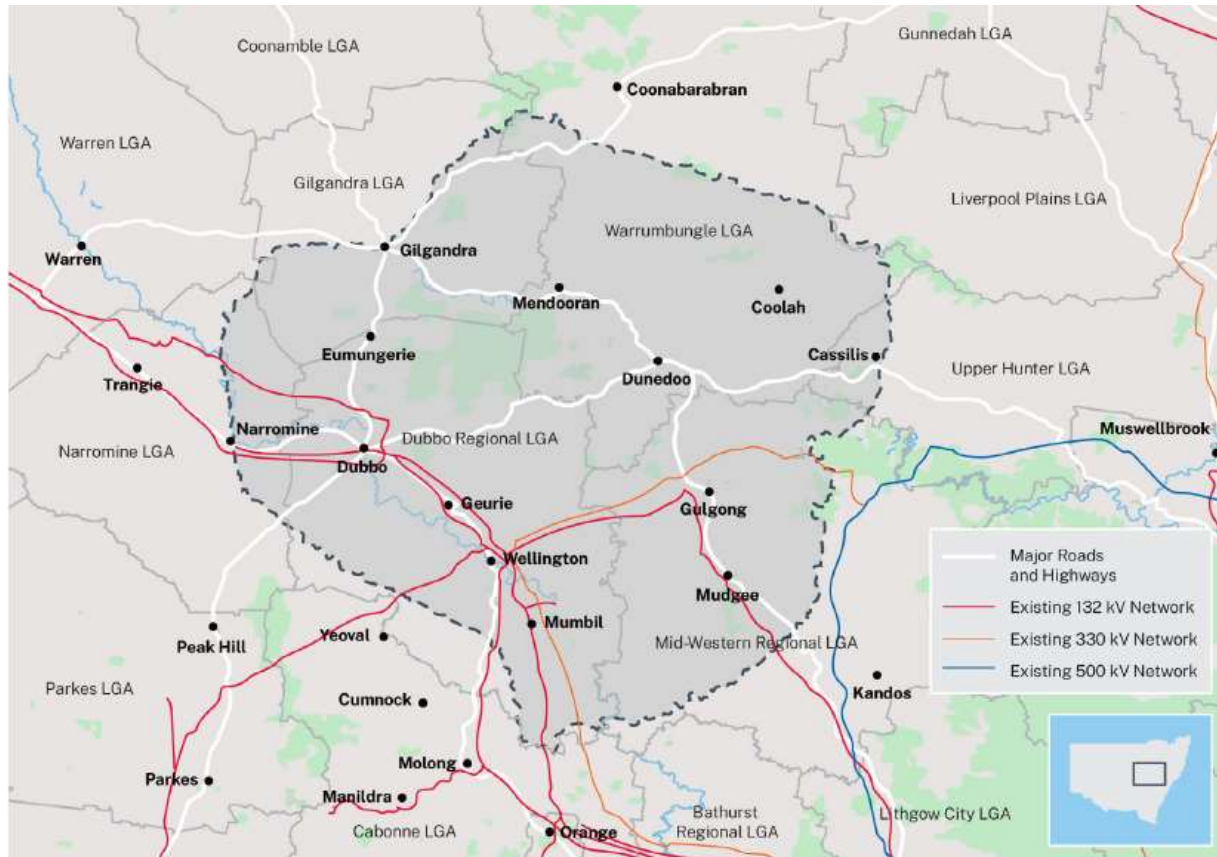
The declaration followed an assessment of feedback received during the draft declaration exhibition period from 17 September to 15 October 2021. As all queries raised were addressed, no changes were made between the draft and final declaration order.

The REZ is planned to facilitate:

- Three gigawatts of new network capacity by the mid-2020s, enough to power 1.4 million homes.
- New transmission infrastructure that will enable generators (such as solar and wind farms) participating in the REZ to export electricity to the rest of the network.
- Up to \$5 billion in private investment to the Central-West Orana region by 2030.
- Approximately 3,900 construction jobs in the region.

In June 2020, Energy Co received 113 registrations of interest for the Central-West Orana REZ, representing 27 gigawatts of new energy generation and storage projects.

The map below illustrates the locality of the Central-West Orana Region REZ. Notably for Council, an area North of Oxley Hwy and North West of the Newell Hwy has been excluded from the REZ.



Issues and Opportunities

As outlined, the REZ is expected to bring up to \$5 billion in private investment to the Central-West Orana region by 2030. At its peak, the REZ is expected to support around 3,900 construction jobs in the region.

The major focus will be the key transmission infrastructure and planned new transmission infrastructure. This is largely in the South Eastern part of the REZ.

Approval was granted by Council to a Solar Farm in 2021 (DA 2021/430) and the Gilgandra Solar Farm received State Government approval in July 2017. Council has recently received a Development Application for a Solar Farm on Newell Highway, which will soon be publicly advertised and under assessment. It is expected the trend to continue with an unknown level of development activity and enquiries.

The renewable energy projects are just as likely to generate a level of land use conflict issues as they are to gain wider community support. No two projects are the same and the issues and impacts can vary greatly from project to project.

There are emerging common issues that councils are dealing with around the land use conflict and the developer contributions to local roads and infrastructure. The likely renewable energy projects in this region, Photovoltaic Solar Farms and Wind Turbines, have an intensive construction phase, whilst the ongoing operations minimal impact.

There is a real potential for a conflict of construction activity with existing projects, most notably Inland Rail. The pressure on housing and existing services and trades will only intensify if there is alignment in construction programs and investment.

These are challenges but the medium term economic development opportunities are immense. Both Federal and State Government policy and funding programs are now heavily focused on supporting the development of Renewable Energy projects.

Agriculture and Renewable energy has been co-existing worldwide for 20 years. Longer term economic opportunities and development has traditionally concentrated around regions with reliable and sufficient supply of energy. Being located in one of these regions will obviously present Gilgandra with an economic advantage to leverage in the future.

The immediate challenges for Council are the impacts and resources required to manage the projects; and the unknown available avenues to take. There is a need to engage with Energy Co, other Government agencies and other REZ Councils to begin coordinating information.



The above image identifies the REZs throughout NSW. Initiated through the Council Mayor's Association, all of the councils impacted by the REZs have formed a consultation group known as the Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM).

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 21 MARCH 2023

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.1.1 Support existing and new businesses and encourage growth

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted

Neil Alchin
Director Growth & Liveability

ARTHUR BUTLER AVIATION MUSEUM INC REQUEST FOR EVENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Inc regarding funding for a community event on 20th May 2023.

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Mark Adams, Secretary of the Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Inc, has written to Council seeking funding to assist with the “Winging It Down The Castlereagh” community event to be held at the Tooraweenah Aerodrome on Saturday 20th May 2023 as follows (the original letter is also attached):

“Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Inc (the Association) would like to access funds held by Council in the Arthur Butler Aerodrome Fund to enable it to finance the community event known as Winging it Down the Castlereagh on the aerodrome on Saturday 20th May 2023.

Permission to hold this event on Council-owned land has been granted. Conduct of the associated aviation event has been approved of by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. The Local Emergency Controller, New South Wales Police has also raised no objections to the conduct of the event.

Financing this event, which is aimed as means to assist the community of Tooraweenah and to promote tourism is, at present, beyond the present financial assets of the Association. Access to the monies held in the fund will allow the Association meet essential outlays such as Public Liability Insurance (\$1630.00), Port-a-loo hire (\$1430.00), advertising and sundry materials required for the safe conduct of an open-air event.

The Association is seeking an indication from Council that access to the funds would be provided upon the submission of a proposed budget. The Association has not been able to finalise a proposed budget by now due to the delay in the assessment and approval of the application by CASA to hold the aerial event. Creating a budget if approval was denied would have been moot. That approval having been given, the Association will develop a budget and advise Council of it.

The Association understands that any monies provided from the fund are to be reimbursed. Should the event prove a success, in part due to the financial support provided by these funds, it is unlikely that the Association would need to apply for access to them for future similar events.

The Association looks forward to your response to this request.”

As indicated in Mr Adams letter, Council does have a trust account in the name of the Arthur Butler Memorial Committee with a balance of \$11,820, raised from associated events in 2009.

Separately attached is a business case provided by the Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Inc setting out their plans to progress a number of projects to increase the recognition

of the Arthur Butler story and its significance to Australia's and in particular Tooraweenah's history.

While support for the event falls in line with Council's strategic plans around encouraging and supporting community events, along with increasing visitation to our Region, a detailed budget for the event has not been provided to date and this will be pursued with Mr Adams to confirm the level of support requested.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Enjoy
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Request is for a short term advance to be reimbursed to Council subject to success of the event
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	2.2.1.1 Implement the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct Strategic Plan to increase local community ownership and pride

RECOMMENDATION

1. That subject to the submission of a detailed budget by the Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Inc, Council underwrite any shortfall in available funding for the "Winging It Down The Castlereagh" community event up to a maximum of \$3,500 noting that funds will be sourced from the Arthur Butler Memorial Committee Trust Account.
2. That Council delegate Authority to the General Manager to authorise the required funding, to enable the event to occur, on the proviso that the monies be repaid to Council to be placed back in Trust, should the proceeds earned be greater than the expenses incurred

Neil Alchin
Director Growth & Liveability

COOEE RV OVERNIGHT PARKING TRIAL

SUMMARY

To provide an update of the Coo-ee RV Overnight Parking Trial and outline the steps to implementation.

Trial Commencement

As part of the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct (GCP) Strategic Plan, outcomes of Gilgandra’s Activation Blueprint, and with the support of Council’s Economic Development Committee, the Overnight Parking Trial is planned to commence in April 2023 in the GCP.

The Trial will assess the benefits and impacts in the Gilgandra Region, including economic, visitation, operational, private operators and growth.

The location is within the former Coo-ee Oval, given its proximity to the Newell Highway and Gilgandra Cultural Precinct, including the Windmill Walk, Gilgandra Museum and the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC).



No facilities will be provided other than parking, and it is intended to be a minimal impact on local caravan park operators, with regular consultation and data collection involved.

- 10 spaces available only
- Permit system – bookings strictly required

- Length of stay capped at 48 hours maximum
- Impacts will be closely monitored to measure the social and economic benefits to the Gilgandra region
- Outcomes both positive and negative will be reviewed, with a view to consider edits to the trial, reduction, conclusion or further pursue post the trial period
- The trial will target only those fully self-contained travellers that would otherwise bypass Gilgandra if an overnight parking option is not available
- Two year trial commencing April 2023
- Will include the promotion of all choices of accommodation in Gilgandra Region, as well as locally available businesses and services, in digital and print forms to the visitors.

Background

A Market Research report was conducted in 2017 with Dubbo Regional Council, outlining the Value & Opportunities of the Caravanning and Camping Market in the great Western Plains region.

In June 2019, Council considered a report regarding Freedom Camping at commercial businesses, with customer service requests to support 'freedom camping' and the following resolution:

RESOLVED 119/19	Cr Mockler/Cr Wrigley
<p>That Council supports an ongoing trial of freedom camping at commercial businesses, under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That these are primitive camping arrangements and these sites should not offer amenities that paid commercial caravan parks provide – i.e. water, showers, electricity and/or 24 hour access to toilet facilities.2. That these sites limit the numbers of freedom camping spaces available to ensure the safety of people accessing these facilities and to place a reasonable cap on the amount of spaces available in Gilgandra.3. That freedom camping locations provide occupancy data and visitor profile information to Council to assist in marketing efforts and Council's decision making on Freedom camping.4. That Council write to the industry participants, confirming Council's current position in relation to freedom camping.5. That Council work with the owners of the Tooraweenah Caravan Park to facilitate the installation of a publicly accessible caravan dump point that is managed by the Caravan park operators on an ongoing basis.6. That Council continue to monitor visitation levels in both commercial paid camping facilities and freedom camping sites and adjust the conditions of the freedom camping trial based on feedback from all stakeholders.	

At its September 2020 meeting Council's Economic Development Committee considered an Overnight Parking Trial report, with the following discussed in the meeting, and recommended to commence the trial.

Committee members discussed the matter in detail and raised the following points:

- Welcome pack similar to the new residents pack great – and businesses each week can input
- Suggestion for RV friendly signs
- All members in agreeance with a trial
- Communication with our caravan parks and other businesses – plus promotions
- Social media use to combat negative feelings on there currently

In the September Council meeting 2020, Council adopted the minutes of the Economic Development Committee, along with their subsequent recommendation.

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION	
<u>SUMMARY</u>	
To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for consideration and adoption.	
Economic Development Committee	8 September 2020
<u>Proceedings in Brief</u>	
The Director Corporate Services pointed out two significant recommendations from the Economic Development Committee, being:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proceeding with the Grow Gilgandra campaign – 3 tiers of funding; and• A two year trial an overnight rest area for fully self-contained recreational vehicles at Cooee Oval	
RESOLVED 186/20	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

Consultation with Caravan Parks in the Gilgandra Region commenced in late 2020, and again in 2022.

The owners of Tooraweenah Caravan Park, have particular concerns around the challenges associated with successfully managing the trial and met with Council's Director Growth & Liveability and Activations & Communications Manager to address these concerns. It was confirmed that progress with, and feedback from the Trial will be discussed with the Tooraweenah Caravan Park, and all local operators as a priority of the Trial.

Self-Contained Recreational Vehicle

As part of the permit system established, and to be eligible to utilise the parking area, all vehicles must be a fully self-contained recreational vehicle as defined by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia:

“A vehicle specifically built for the purpose that along with built in sink, on-board cooking and sleeping facilities, carries a supply of fresh water and can retain all grey and black waste water”.

Measures of Success

Over the trial period, Council will closely monitor the impacts of the actively promoted overnight parking area, and establish processes to measure the social and economic benefits to the Gilgandra region.

Should a trial result in a positive outcome, with supportive community feedback being received, a trial could be implemented on a more permanent basis or further expanded. Should the trial receive negative feedback from the community, or prove to be a burden on Council resources, the trial can be reviewed, reduced or concluded.

The success of the trial will be measured against the following key objectives:

- Our community positively embraces, advocates and promotes the trial
- Gilgandra Region profile as a place to visit and stay is lifted
- There is no negative impact to local residents
- There is a direct benefit to Gilgandra businesses through increased visitor numbers and associated spend
- Visitors who utilise the overnight parking area become advocates for the Gilgandra region
- Gilgandra becomes recognised as an RV friendly town
- There is minimal impact on Councils resources to implement and maintain the overnight parking area

Community Consultation

Consultation with the community and key stakeholders before, during and after the trial is important to ensure the community understands the project and to gain their advocacy and support.

A number of key stakeholders have been identified for the Trial. It is important that expectations are managed and clear and communication continues throughout the duration of the Trial with each of the differing stakeholder's interests.

The following is a tailored approach to this consultation:

Stakeholder	Key Interests	Actions and Communications
Mayor & Councillors	Achieving outcomes and supporting strategic direction with recommendations	Workshop updates, Council reports, email updates

GSC Staff	Support and collaboration, assistance in achieving goals	Internal email, newsletters, team meetings
Manex	Achieving outcomes and supporting strategic direction, undertaking research	Reports, emails, team meetings, analysis
Residents and community	Achieving outcomes, support and collaboration, performance updates	Digital and traditional media targeted channels, website and block ad
Local caravan parks	Support and collaboration for marketing purposes particular – Camping Options Gilgandra Region + Gilgandra Region Welcome Packs	Face to face meetings, emails, traditional and digital media, promotional campaigns and advertising
Local businesses with camping options	Support and collaboration, achieving connections – Camping Options Gilgandra Region + Gilgandra Region Welcome Packs, Local economic impact of trial	Meetings, emails, traditional and digital media, promotional campaigns and advertising
Local businesses	Support and collaboration, achieving connections + Gilgandra Region Welcome Packs. Local economic impact of trial	Meetings, emails, traditional and digital media, advertising
Users of overnight rest areas	Achieving outcomes, support trial and locations, visit Gilgandra Region	Emails, traditional and digital media, promotional campaigns and advertising – Camping Options Gilgandra Region + Gilgandra Region Welcome Packs + Signage + Parking Permits
Industry & Government Associations such as CMCA and Destination NSW	Achieving outcomes, support and collaborate, performance updates	Reports, emails, meetings, analysis

Implementation

The steps, ahead of the parking Trial commencing in April, include:

- T&Cs and upload to website
- Separate webpage developed on gilgandraregion.com.au

- Research online bookability options and training for local providers
- Booking system and permit processes through online calendars and CHC collection
- Gilgandra Region promotion packs collated with local businesses and CHC Officers
- Gilgandra Region Camping/Accommodation options collateral developed
- Permitted parking signs, no-parking signs designed and installed
- Parking map created, including traffic flow and access
- Feedback form and call to action developed for data collection
- Community consultation plan – including feedback through the Economic Development Committee
- Regular reviews of the Trial

Principal Activity Enjoy

Policy Implications Nil

Budget Implications Minimal upfront costs to be met from existing operational budgets. Allocation for maintenance to be included in 2023/24 budget

Delivery Program Actions 2.3.1.3 Establish and monitor a trial overnight parking area for fully self-contained recreational vehicles*
1.1 Implement the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct Strategic Plan to increase visitation benefitting the regional and economic development of the Gilgandra Region*
2.3.1.2 Implement the Gilgandra Activation Blueprint to connect the CBD tourist anchor and revitalised river corridor - including the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct transformation project*
2.3.1.4 Work with tourism providers, retail and accommodation to increase online presence, including online bookability, itinerary, purchases and communications

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the progress of the Coo-ee RV Overnight Parking Trial and support the steps to implementation as outlined in the report.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth & Liveability

PERMANENT ACQUISITION OF SECTIONS OF COUNCIL ROADS FOR INLAND RAIL

SUMMARY

To seek a resolution of Council to facilitate execution deed agreements with ARTC/TfNSW for the acquisition of part of various Council Public Roads for the Inland Rail Project.

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The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) was appointed by the Australian Government to deliver Inland Rail under the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications portfolio.

In NSW, ARTC is acquiring land on behalf of Transport for NSW (TfNSW), who will subsequently lease the land/rail infrastructure back to ARTC to operate the Inland Rail.

Small sections of the following road have been identified as being permanently required for the Inland Rail:

- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0105 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0119 – Old Mill Road – Gilmours Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0121 – Gilmours Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0128 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0132 – Kickabil Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0139 – Milpulling Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0145 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0148 – Leeches Access Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0151 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0152 – Nancarrow Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0166 – Oxley Highway
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0179 – Berida Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0182 – Forans Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0194 – Castlereagh Highway
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0200 – Brooks Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0203 – East Coonamble Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0209 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0221 – Nalders Access Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0230 – Yarrandale Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0235 – Back Memsie Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0237 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0239 – Unformed Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0255 – Seven Mile Road
- 2-0000-250-PLA-00-PN-0262 – Box Ridge Road, Gilgandra NSW

The mechanism to undertake the acquisition of these parcels is through a Deed of Compulsory acquisition by agreement - Section 29 *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW).

The Section 29 Deed is an agreement between Council and TfNSW to compulsorily acquire the road by agreement. This mechanism automatically 'closes' the sections of Public Road, so that a subsequent road closure process does not need to occur.

Council Staff are seeking the approval of Council to finalise and execute the deed including seeking external legal advice if required. Any reasonable legal costs are reimbursable under existing agreements with ARTC Inland Rail.

Council has the option to refuse ARTC's proposal. However, various legislation exists which could be utilised to achieve the same outcome:

- Section 5.24(1)(f) of *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* states that an s138 application cannot be refused if it is necessary for carrying out State Significant Infrastructure works.
- Section 29 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* provides an authority of the State (in this case TfNSW) the powers to compulsorily acquire land from the Crown (in this case Council), without agreement.

It should be noted that the compensation to be paid to Council under each agreement is nominal. Council's entitlement to compensation for the acquisition is restricted by the Roads Act to monies that the Council:

- paid for the acquisition of the land in the first instance; and
- initially spent on the construction of the road (or other supporting structures).

It does not extend to any money spent on maintenance, replacement or repair of the road (or structures within the road corridor), since construction.

Council's costs associated with negotiating, executing, and operating the deeds are eligible for reimbursement.

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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Grow
<u>Policy Implications</u>	NIL
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Cost incurred are reimbursable Possible small amount of income from the sale of parcels of land currently not budgeted
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	3.3.2 Leverage Inland Rail construction and operations and new regional opportunities to create legacies for Gilgandra Region

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the General Manager to finalise and execute the Deed of Compulsory acquisition by agreement under Section 29 *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (NSW) with TfNSW via an Authorised Delegate of ARTC Inland Rail.

Neil Alchin
Director Growth & Liveability

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 21 MARCH 2023

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

14 March 2023

PRESENT

Mr M McLaughlin, USU Staff Representative
Mr B Dixon, USU Outdoor Staff Representative
Mr D Colwell, Management Representative
Mr N Alchin, Management Representative
Mrs A Wieland, USU Carlinda Staff Representative
Mrs M Welsh, Executive Leader Transformational Change
Mrs Donna Dobson, Director Aged Care and Disabilities
Mr C Marchant, USU Outdoor Staff Representative

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs J Eason, People and Culture Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 9.32am.

APOLOGIES

Mr A Woolley, Indoor Staff representative
Mr G McAnally-Elwin, Indoor Staff Representative

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 1/23	M McLaughlin/B Dixon
That the apologies submitted be accepted.	

ABSENT

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 2/23	M McLaughlin/B Dixon
That the Minutes of the meeting held 13 December 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.	

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AMENDMENTS

SUMMARY

To provide information on amendments to the organisational structure presented to and for consultation with staff.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 3/23	B Dixon/D Colwell
That the revised Organisational Structure be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

D Dobson entered chambers at 9:35am

M McLaughlin – questioned whether the position for the Ranger still included all the responsibility to issue penalty infringement notices. Neil and Melissa advised that the new position does include all the same job descriptions they are just included elsewhere within the position description.

NEW POSITIONS – POSITION DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

To present the position descriptions for new positions.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 4/23	M McLaughlin/M Welsh
Position descriptions for the following new positions are presented for notation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cadet Building Surveyor• Cadet Town Planner	

REVISED POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

SUMMARY

To present the revised position description of Project Manager Infrastructure and Ranger.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 4/23	M McLaughlin/A Wieland
That the report be noted	

RECRUITMENT

SUMMARY

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To provide information on recruitment.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 5/23	M McLaughlin/D Colwell
That the report be noted	

C Marchant requested why Council includes in their job requirements that a class C Driver's Licence is a requirement then Council hires individuals without them. D Neeves advised that a Driver's Licence is ideal but due to the current employment market, Council is willing to offer individuals without a Driver's Licence positions if they are willing to obtain one. M Welsh advised that Council has Policy in place to assist individuals obtain a Driver's Licence. The position in question was a casual labourer. The essential criteria for a Driver's Licence for entry level roles like casual labourers will be reviewed.

TRAINING

SUMMARY

To provide information on training.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 6/23	M McLaughlin/D Dobson
That the report be noted	

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will take place on 6 June 2023. D Neeves noted that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss another position following the March Council Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.54AM.

N Alchin
Acting Chair

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 21 MARCH 2023

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE

23 February 2023

PRESENT

Royal Flying Doctor Service - Ursula Ryan (Chair)
Mission Australia (NDIS) – Chloe Anderson and Nikki Wall
Gilgandra Public School – Michael Darcy
Gilgandra High School – Michelle Archer
Gilgandra Shire Council Youth / Fitness & Homelessness – Monica Mudford,
Gilgandra Housing & Homelessness Services - Tracey Stevenson
Gilgandra Shire Council Youth Services – Nunka Pearce
Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program-WACHS – Tjanara Talbot
and Tracey Campbell
Uniting- FCS – Jade West
Gilgandra Lifestyles – Helen Kildey
Gilgandra Shire Council – Donna Dobson
Community Corrections – Keeley Watt
National Emergency Management Agency – Tammy Greer
Disability Advocacy NSW – Jenny Bevan and Carley Lowcock
Gilgandra Community Garden – Jennie White
Gilgandra Community Care – Emma Meyers
Barnardos – Lisa Fairey
Gilgandra Shire Library - Liz McCutcheon

IN ATTENDANCE

Nil

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 12.05pm

APOLOGIES

Gilgandra Shire Council (Mayor) - Doug Batten
Gilgandra Preschool – Kristy Hyndes
Standby- Social Futures – Mandi Smart

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Wellways – Trish Henry
Salvation Army Moneycare – Kelly Salisbury
Gilgandra High School – Megan Townsend
Services Australia – Jordan Ross
Rural Adversity Mental Health Program – Camilla Herbig
Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Medical Service – Buddie Knight
Yindyamarra Ladies – Lois Towney
Transport for NSW – Jayne Huty
Barnardos – Gina Johnson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/23	T.Stevenson / M.Mudford
That the proceedings of the previous Interagency meeting held on 24 November 2022 be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Ursula Ryan noted that an AA meeting will be held at St Vincent de Paul, Gilgandra, at 7pm on Thursday 16/3/23. The meeting will be held weekly.

SERVICE UPDATES

Gilgandra Housing and Homelessness

Tracey Stevenson spoke about her work assisting clients to make rental applications, noting the huge housing issue in Gilgandra. Tracey has 68 people currently looking for housing. About 30% of the 68 are not currently local residents; looking from elsewhere. All rentals are currently full. Tracey noted that on the coming weekend, as there is a major event on in Dubbo, motels and caravan parks in Dubbo and Gilgandra had evicted their long term guests, there will be no temporary accommodation available over the weekend. Email: gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Gilgandra Youth Services

Nunka Pearce spoke about his work providing targeted early intervention, and the breakfast club. There is a 7.30am bus run to pick up children to take them to breakfast

club, then at 8.30am, Nunka walks the children to school. Email:
gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Mission Australia

Chloe Anderson and Nikki Wall spoke about Mission Australia's Early Childhood team for the NDIS. They provide "Early Childhood Early Intervention"; a program that supports children aged 0-7 years who have a developmental delay or disability, and their families/ carers. To refer to the Early Childhood team, there is a form to email to Mission Australia. Chloe and Nikki are located in Dubbo but outreach to Gilgandra on a needs basis. Email:
CentralAndFarWestNSW@missionaustralia.com.au

National Emergency Management Agency

Tammy Greer spoke about the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and her role as Recovery Support Officer for this region, which includes 14 LGA's. Tammy can advise about what Commonwealth assistance is available, some of which is co-funded with the State, such as disaster recovery funding and the Disaster Ready Fund. Tammy also has capacity to support local community events. There was further discussion at this point about the housing problems in Gilgandra. Email:
tammy.greer@nema.gov.au

Dubbo/ Coonamble Community Corrections

Keeley Watt spoke about her role as an Aboriginal Community Engagement Cultural Officer. Keeley attends Gilgandra weekly, working from the Gilgandra CWA Rooms on Mondays. Community Corrections supervises people on orders, who have generally pled guilty, or people on parole. They provide pre and post-sentencing assessment reports to courts and releasing authorities, as to how people might be managed in the community, and work with other agencies and community groups to make this possible, through activities e.g. mowing teams etc. Email: keeley.watt@justice.nsw.gov.au

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

Tracey Campbell and Tjanara Talbot spoke about the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) in Gilgandra. They support first-time mums of babies identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or such mums who haven't had an opportunity to parent their babies before. The primary focus is to empower and support mothers. They can help with anything: form filling, returning to school or TAFE, the development of the baby, attachment and bonding. They also partner with places like Kmart to help provide the things needed for babies. Referrals would be very welcome; they need more referrals to keep the service operating in Gilgandra. The mums are supported through pregnancy up to when the child reaches 2 years of age. WACHS ANFPP have a new phone number: (02) 5816 9010 or 0408 970 972. Email:
anfpp@wachs.net.au

Barnardos

Lisa Fairey spoke about the Reconnect Program, which Lisa runs, at the Gilgandra High School Wellbeing Hub. This is a community based early intervention program for young people aged 12 to 18 years who are at risk of homelessness or are homeless, and their families. Lisa also spoke about the Brighter Futures program, which is currently supporting seven families, and the Children and Parenting Support program and the playgroups they offer. Email: lfairey@barnardos.org.au

Gilgandra High School

Michelle Archer, Principal, Gilgandra High School spoke about how the high school needs and uses other community services, to support children and families at the school. Email: gilgandra-h.School@det.nsw.edu.au

Gilgandra Public School

Michael Darcy, Principal, Gilgandra Public School spoke about the school's strong community executive, and recent strategic decisions. The school is focussing on explicit teaching; an external coach is coming in to help staff with this, and all staff will have an extra one hour of release time to work on it. The school has a community engagement program, seeking genuine input into the school. There will be an open evening once a term, and every child will have a personalised learning plan, with parental input. The first open evening is at the start of Term 2. Parents and any agencies who would like to run a stall at the evening are very welcome. Each class will show an example of explicit teaching at the open evening. Email: gilgandra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Michael and Michelle spoke about how Gilgandra Public School and Gilgandra High School are linking closely. GHS students are coming to GPS to volunteer, and they are also doing an Active Volunteering Support Certificate course. While they are at the Public School, they are regarded as learning support officers, and treated as employees. They are building up rapport with junior students, and the school hopes to identify some students who might like to do a gap year working at GPS.

There was discussion around staff shortages. There are currently 10 vacancies for teachers at Gilgandra High School. The group discussed Gilgandra employment vacancies in general, and overseas recruitment.

Disability Advocacy NSW

Jenny Bevan and Carley Lowcock from Disability Advocacy NSW, Dubbo office, spoke. Disability Advocacy supports people with disability to stand up for their rights when they are being treated unfairly, and supports them to navigate service systems. They do not

provide ongoing case management, but assist in the short to medium term, one matter at a time. They are funded to support people who are challenging a decision made by the National Disability Insurance Agency, for example: access criteria not met, or decision not to fund a support. They support people to lodge a request for an internal review and at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. They can also support individuals who have a limited capacity to navigate the NDIS. This can include an NDIS access request, contacting the NDIS for information and help to understand how the NDIS works. Advocacy Law Alliance have recently employed a disability specialist Lawyer. For more information about this, please contact Jenny or Carley. They would also like to reach out to schools and families to support positive relationships for families with children with a disability and schools. They can also assist with guardianship issues, for students transitioning from school or people living with ageing parents, for example. They can advocate for a person needing to transition to guardianship and ensure their wishes are observed. They are available to talk to parent groups or staff. For referrals, please see www.da.org.au. If you would be not sure if your referral is appropriate or would like general information and advice, please email: Jennifer.bevan@da.org.au

Gilgandra Shire Council Youth and Fitness/ Homelessness Support

Monica Mudford spoke about two projects she would like to work on. In relation to raising awareness about homelessness, there is a plan to organise a sleep-out in June. This would be an overnight sleep-out, and services would be welcome to attend.

Monica also spoke about Youth Week 2023, the idea of which is to celebrate and reconnect young people. This year, Youth Week is from 20-30 April, so there is a survey being developed to find out what community action would be appropriate. GHS Principal Michelle Archer offered to raise this question with the GHS SRC.

Monica also noted the proposal to put together a community calendar for activities for youth.

Uniting- Family Connect and Support

Jade West spoke about Uniting- Family Connect and Support (FCS). FCS provides case management for up to 4 months, for Aboriginal children, young people and their families and community, vulnerable, young children aged 0–5, or children and young people affected by mental illness.

The aim of FCS is to help families at risk, with problems such as budgeting and financial issues, alcohol, drug, gambling problems, mental health issues, and housing issues. They create case plans with families and community service providers, to help keep everyone safe at home.

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There are five staff in the Dubbo office, covering an area from Dubbo to Goodooga. They are Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) funded. Referrals are done through a triage hub, with voluntary referrals and referrals from services and DCJ. For community events, they have movie equipment and a fairy floss machine. Email: ask@uniting.org

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Ursula Ryan advised she had moved into a clinical role from the end of 2022. Ursula spoke about the RFDS Drug and Alcohol Outreach to Gilgandra, where two Clinicians (Ursula and Karen Manning) are visiting on Thursdays at the former Brenshaw Medical Centre. People can self-refer. In addition to the previously described SMART Recovery Program, Positive Lifestyle sessions and Take-home Naloxone Information sessions, they can provide Foetal Alcohol Syndrome information for parents and help young parents. Matthew March is the GROW program lead, and it is planned that this program will kick off again at Gilgandra High School this year, with aquaponics. There will also be early intervention and harm minimisation programs offered. Email: aodoutreach@rfdse.org.au

Gilgandra Shire Library

Liz McCutcheon noted that the construction of the new GIL Library Hub is progressing, and the Library Hub will include separate bookable space for agencies to meet with clients or hold group sessions/ training. Email: library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 25 May 2023

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.05 PM.

U Ryan
Chair

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28 February 2023

PRESENT

Mr D Neeves (Gilgandra Shire Council) - Chair
Mr D Colwell (Gilgandra Shire Council - LEMO)
Sgt N Campbell (NSW Police – LEOCON)
LSC J Tebbenhoff (NSW Police)
Ms A Watson (REMO)
Cr D Batten (Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council)
Mr S Basham (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr G Kiehne (Gilgandra SES)
Mr L Torr (NSW SES – Western Zone)
Ms K Cho (NSW SES – Western Zone)
Mr D Dickey (Transport for NSW)
Mr K Faraway (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr S Basham (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mrs M Basham (LLS)
Ms T Greer (National Emergency Management Agency – NEMA)
Mr A Hazelton (Essential Energy)
Mr S Beaton (NSW Ambulance)
Ms S Masonwells (NSW Reconstruction Authority)

IN ATTENDANCE

Rebekah Berryman (Gilgandra Shire Council)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.02pm
at 15 Warren Road, Gilgandra Shire Council, Gilgandra

APOLOGIES

Ms D White (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr A Powell (NSW Rural Fire Service)
Mr T Cameron (LLS)
Mr J Connolly (NSW Police)
Mr L Mathieson (F&R)
Ms E Tudor (Inland Rail)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 1/23	N Campbell/S Beaton
That the apologies submitted be accepted.	

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted Ms B Bignell, NSW Health's representative has resigned her position on the LEMC and that the NSW Health's representative has become vacant.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 2/23	G Kiehne/S Basham
That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	

BUSINESS ARISING.

- SES flood exercises: has been deferred to the next meeting
- CMG's and establishment of EOC: a working group to be arranged
- Asset protection Zone at the Gilgandra Aerodrome: Daryl Colwell advised that regrowth within that zone is an ongoing issue and Council is in the process of arranging a clearing out of the area for safety purposes.
- Review of Biosecurity Animal Emergency EMPlan: to be reviewed during the EMPlan review

AGENDA ITEMS

REMO'S REPORT

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 3/23	A Watson/S Basham
1. That the REMO's report be noted. 2. That a working group made up of the LLS, REMO, Health, LEOCON and LEMO conduct an Evacuation Centre Audit prior to 30 April 2023.	

REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

SES REPORT

Lukas Torr provided an update on SES Zone activities and referred to the NSW SES Gilgandra Report.

LEMC REPORT

Sarah Masonwells provided an update on NSW Reconstruction Authority activities while referring to the LEMC Report and Pre-Event Recovery Plan. Sarah also advised that the NSWRA would like Councils to establish a 'Donated Goods Coordinator' to assist with the spontaneous donations and volunteers during the resilience phase of emergencies.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DISCUSSION

Nil

EVENTS

- 25 April 2023 - ANZAC Day
- 28 and 29 April 2023 - Gilgandra Show
- 20 May 2023 – Fly Around Rally

UPDATE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Contact details were provided and circulated for updating.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Temporary Workforce Accommodation Project

David Neeves advised that Council has received approval for the Temporary Workforce Accommodation Project.

Asset Protection Zone at the Gilgandra Aerodrome

David Neeves advised a new asset protection site is being established on the Eastern side of the Aerodrome between Aero Park Subdivision and the Aerodrome.

LLS

Marita Basham provided an update on LLS activities.

LEMC Minutes

Annabelle requested that Council give permission for her as REMO to distribute LEMC Minutes to Central West Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) meetings.

At the meeting consent was granted.

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Gilgandra SES Vehicle

G Kiehne advised that the Gilgandra SES Vehicle is currently not fit for purpose. Therefore, the SES will be using the Walgett SES Vehicle until such time as the Gilgandra SES Vehicle is repaired.

Essential Energy

A Hazleton provided an update on Essential Energy's activities. A Hazleton to provide a report to the next meeting in relation to underground power.

NEXT MEETING

23 May 2023 – SES Head Quarters, Warren Road

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.53PM.

David Neeves
Chairman

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

22 February 2023

PRESENT

Mr Daryl Colwell (Chairman & Council Representative)
Mr Richard Drooger (TfNSW Representative)
Sgt Nicholas Campbell (NSW Police)
Cr Doug Batten (Local Member's Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Langlands (Customer Service Officer)

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 11:36am

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 01/23	Cr Batten/Sgt Campbell
That the previous minutes be confirmed.	

BUSINESS ARISING

Railway Street Line Marking

In response to Richard Drooger's enquiry about Railway Street line marking, Daryl Colwell advised that it was assessed Railway Street needed resealing and then fresh line marking. Works are scheduled to commence on Wednesday, 1 March and be completed by Thursday, 2 March 2023.

Under the Gums

It was noted that Under the Gums event had been rescheduled to September 2023.

REPORTS

ANZAC DAY 2023

SUMMARY

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To advise of preparations for Anzac Day 2023 and gain Local Traffic Committee endorsement for the event and Council's approval.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 02/23	Cr Batten/R Drooger
That the Local Traffic Committee endorse the Anzac Day events to be held on 25 April 2023 in Gilgandra for Council approval.	

MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To advise the status of outstanding matters

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 03/23	Cr Batten/R Drooger
That progress with the matters outstanding from previous meetings be noted.	

GENERAL BUSINESS

No Parking In Front of the Gilgandra Sporting Club

Council received a request to install No Parking sign on the Newell Highway in front of the Gilgandra Sporting Club.

Discussion ensued on the best steps to address the concerns raised and it was determined that Council monitor the activity in this area over the next quarter and report findings to the Committee's next meeting.

Bus Stop Signs

Council received requests for school bus signs to be installed in multiple locations with Gilgandra Shire. Following discussion, it was determined that the Director Infrastructure formulate a policy for Council's consideration.

Shared Zones

Richard Drooger noted the trial period for a shared zone at the rear of the CBD has finished and queried whether this is to be formalised. It was also noted that the IGA car parking area has not been formalised as a shared zone as yet. Sgt Campbell queried whether Eura Street is a shared zone and Richard Drooger agreed to follow up.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION – 04/23	Cr Batten/R Drooger
The Director Infrastructure to present a report to Council to formalise the shared zone at the rear of the CBD and IGA car parking area.	

NEXT MEETING

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
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Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 11.00am

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.16PM.

D Colwell

Chairman

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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 January 2023.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation - Month of February 2023.
3. Details of investments as at 28 February 2023 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19).

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-23	\$2,394,856.29
Plus: Receipts		\$6,220,520.42
Less: Payments		\$4,049,064.65
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	28-Feb-23	<u>\$4,566,312.06</u>

STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Jan-23	\$2,387,922.48
Plus: Receipts		\$6,162,979.67
Less: Payments		\$3,803,073.53
STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	28-Feb-23	<u>\$4,747,828.62</u>

Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$34,288.66
Less: Unpresented Payments		\$214,980.22
RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT	28-Feb-23	<u>\$4,567,137.06</u>

Cashbook balance as at 28 February 2023:	\$4,566,312.06
Investments held as at 28 February 2023:	\$30,000,013.70
Total Cash & Investments Held as at 28 February 2023:	<u>\$34,566,325.76</u>

The bank balances in each of the funds as at 28 February 2023 are:

General Fund	\$14,861,749.50
Water Fund	\$3,161,641.87
Sewer Fund	\$3,011,904.48
Orana Living	\$5,138,400.30
Carlinda Enterprises	\$738,311.51
Cocee Villa Units	\$2,346,337.83
Cocee Lodge	\$3,767,007.60
Jack Towney Hostel	\$1,222,457.26
Trust Fund	\$318,515.41

Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$34,566,325.76

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(a)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days	4.90%	Due 08-Mar-24	With Defence	
(b)	\$1,000,013.70	For 274 days	3.14%	Due 04-Sep-23	With Bendigo	
(c)	\$1,500,000.00	For 365 days	4.30%	Due 04-Mar-24	With Bendigo	
(d)	\$1,000,000.00	For 182 days	3.97%	Due 12-Apr-23	With Macquarie	
(e)	\$1,000,000.00	For 272 days	4.00%	Due 11-Sep-23	With Macquarie	
(f)	\$1,000,000.00	For 364 days	3.54%	Due 25-Aug-23	With Macquarie	
(g)	\$1,000,000.00	For 273 days	4.24%	Due 28-Jul-23	With Macquarie	
(h)	\$1,000,000.00	For 181 days	3.93%	Due 08-May-23	With Macquarie	
(i)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days	1.80%	Due 14-April-23	With Bank of Qld	
(j)	\$2,500,000.00	For 240 days	4.21%	Due 10-Jul-23	With Suncorp	
(k)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days	4.05%	Due 30-May-23	With NAB	
(l)	\$2,000,000.00	For 270 days	4.05%	Due 14-Jul-23	With NAB	
(m)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days	4.30%	Due 26-Jun-23	With NAB	
(n)	\$2,000,000.00	For 150 days	4.11%	Due 18-May-23	With NAB	
(o)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days	3.45%	Due 28-Feb-23	With NAB	
(p)	\$3,000,000.00	For 150 days	3.46%	Due 09-Feb-23	With NAB	
(q)	\$2,000,000.00	For 242 days	3.88%	Due 15-May-23	With NAB	
(r)	\$2,000,000.00	For 181 days	4.60%	Due 28-Aug-23	With NAB	
(s)	\$2,000,000.00	For 365 days	3.15%	Due 01-Jun-23	With Bank of Qld	
Total						\$30,000,013.70
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>September 2020</u>		
175/20	Graincorp Industrial Precinct	Report to this meeting
<u>July 2021</u>		
124/21	Industrial Land – Purchase Offer	Report to this meeting
<u>May 2022</u>		
106/22	Gilgandra District Cricket Association	Reported to February 2023 meeting
<u>June 2022</u>		
115/22	Development application – Temporary Workforce Accommodation Facility	DA documentation progressing
<u>July 2022</u>		
141/22	Compulsory Acquisition by Agreement of Road Reserves and Licence Agreement	Report to future meeting
<u>November 2022</u>		
221/22	Creation of a New Rate Sub Category	to be developed in line with 2023/2024 rating
228/22	Social Housing Availability	Letter sent to Deputy Premier response pending
231/22	ARTC Housing Design	to be included in Tenders in 2023
233/22	Betterment Fund Application	Application lodged and announcement is pending

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227/22 240/22	Audit Risk Improvement Committee Chair	Commencement pending
241/22	Community Plaza Upgrade – Streets, Beats & Eats Project	Construction is underway, variations pending
242/22	Netwaste Regional Organics Chipping	Contract commenced
246/22	Regional Housing Delivery Plans	Letter sent and response Pending
247/22	Subdivision of 6324 Newell Highway, Gilgandra	Stage 1 Subdivision completed
248/22	Castlereagh River Restoration and Beautification Project – Sears and EOI/Tender	No progress since last meeting
250/22	Orana Living Advisory Board of Management	Report to future meeting

February 2023

7/23	Consideration of Lease Brenshaw Medical	Report to this meeting
10/23	Organisational Review Update	Report to future meeting re daycare options for Council Staff
12/23	Administration of 2024 Local Government Elections	Contracts to be entered into in due course
17/23	Council Related Development – Conflict of Interest Policy	Currently on exhibition closing 3 April 2023
21/23	Stronger Country Communities Round 5 and Local Government Recovery Grant	Submissions back to relevant funding body have been sent, awaiting confirmation
22/23	Gilgandra Film Festival	Formal notice given to GFF Committee, meeting with GFF to progress. Requested updated detailed income and expenditure budget and following the event a detailed

profit and loss statement.

27/23 Housing Support

Letters are currently being
drafted

MEETING OF: GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON: 21 MARCH 2023

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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December 2022

Upgrade of National Park Road
and Baronne Creek

Applications have been
submitted, report to later
meeting

Landscaping of the fire tanks at Cooee Lodge

To be completed by 30 June

Gravel Pits

Report to later meeting

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following development applications were approved during February 2023:

DA Number	Applicant's Name	Application	Property Address	Development Value
2022/462	Ahrens Group Pty Ltd	Silo manufacturing workshop and offices	7 Pines Drive, Gilgandra NSW 2827	\$4,766,500
2023/478	Jacob Adams	New in-ground pool	21 Walker Drive, Gilgandra NSW 2827	\$56,325
				February
				Total 2023

Applications under assessment

- DA 2022/434 – Service Station
 - DA 2022/441 – Sand Quarry
 - DA 2022/477 – Service station
 - DA 2023/479 – Transportable dwelling
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FEBRUARY 2023

DA Number	Actual Days	Stopped Days	Total Days	Working Days	Stopped Work Days	Total Work Days
2023/478	18	0	18	12	0	12
2022/462	212	0	212	152	0	152

Summary Statistics	
No of Applications	2
Total Actual Days	230.00
Mean Actual Days	115.00
Mean Stopped Days	0.00
Mean Total Days	115.00
Mean Work Days	82.00
Mean Work Stop Days	0.00
Mean Total Work Days	82.00
Median Actual Days	115.00

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

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Documents mentioned are available upon request for any interested Councillors.

1. **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DONATION**

St Joseph's School have sent a thank you letter for Council's generous donation and support for their 2022 End of Year Awards.

2. **LETTER TO MRS G WOOD RE GUNDY CK AND BEARBONG ROADS**

Council has received a letter from Mrs G Wood outlining complaints in relation to Gundy Creek and Bearbong Roads. We confirm that Council has sent a letter in response to Mrs G Wood addressing her complaints.

3. **LETTER FROM THE HON SAM FARRAWAY MLC**

The Hon. Sam Farrow has sent a letter to Council to advise that the Nationals will commit \$1 Billion to upgrade regional roads and rail if re-elected. The letter also advises that the Nationals will invest a further \$400 million into the Fixing Local Roads Program, a further \$300 million in the road and retail network through a new Fast Tracking Freight program, and \$300 million for a build Back Better program.

4. **LETTER FROM TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES**

Council has received a letter from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) advising that the transfer of part of Eumungerie Road in the Gilgandra Shire Council area as a result of the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review will shortly be completed.

4. **CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager
