



MINUTES
OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON
21 MARCH 2024

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)

G Babbage

A Bunter

I Freeth

B Mockler

N Mudford (Late)

G Peart

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Dobson
Director Aged Care & Disabilities

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

M Kouroulis
Acting Activation and Communications
Manager

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:06pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr P Mann

Cr A Walker

RESOLVED 15/24	Cr Peart/Cr Babbage
That the apology submitted be accepted and leave of absence granted.	

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Peart – *Gilgandra Film Festival 2024*. Cr Peart's family member has submitted the request for the support from Council.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 16/24	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20 February 2024, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

MOTION	Cr Freeth/Cr Babbage
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed report to after the open reports of the meeting.	

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLVED 17/24	Cr Freeth/Cr Babbage
That Council amend the Order of Business, moving the closed report to after the open reports of the meeting.	

(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE – 4/24
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities since the 20 February 2024 meeting.

RESOLVED 18/24	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(GO.AU.1)

DELEGATIONS TO MAYOR AND GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY

To confirm certain delegations to the Mayor and to advise a review of current Delegations to the General Manager is required in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act.

RESOLVED 19/24	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
1. That the delegations to the Mayor, as presented, be confirmed for the term up until the next Mayoral election. 2. That Council authorise the Schedule of Delegations to the General Manager, to be reviewed in March 2026.	

(CM.PL.1)

CASTLEREAGH COUNTRY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

SUMMARY

To consider the DRAFT documents prepared for the Castlereagh Country Regional Drought Resilience Plan developed in collaboration Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Councils.

RESOLVED 20/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Freeth
That Council endorse the DRAFT Castlereagh Country Drought Plan documentation as outlined in this report for public exhibition through April 2024.	

(RD.MT.1)

REGIONAL EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR FUND

SUMMARY

To provide a recommendation relating to the use of the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund.

RESOLVED 21/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
1. That Council allocate \$3,335,458 towards road widening of the sealed sections of Armatree Road (Castlereagh High to Armatree Village), Leeches Creek Road and Milpulling Road to be funded from the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	
2. That the works be planned for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years	

(RD.MT.1)

**LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
ROUND 3**

SUMMARY

To provide a recommendation relating to the use of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3.

RESOLVED 22/24	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That Council allocate \$1,756,888 towards the extension of Marshall Street, Gilgandra in reference to the Aero Park subdivision to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3.	

(RC.EM.1)

UNDER THE GUMS FESTIVAL 2024

SUMMARY

To determine Council's financial commitment by way of contribution as a sponsor to the Under the Gums Festival 2024.

RESOLVED 23/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Babbage
That Council allocate \$50,000 of the \$100,000 allocation in the 2024/25 budget towards sponsorship and the further \$50,000 towards underwriting the Under the Gums Festival 2024 in order for planning to continue.	

(CM.PL.1)

GILGANDRA REGION DIGITAL SIGNAGE PROJECT

SUMMARY

To obtain Council approval for the digital signage locations.

RESOLVED 24/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Bunter
1. That Council proceed with the Digital Town Entry Sign at Apex Park on the Newell Highway 2. That the digital community notice board (Pedestrian Sign) be located in the Gilgandra Community Plaza	

(RC.SP.1)

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

SUMMARY

To confirm support for an application under the Federal Governments Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program Stream Two for the delivery of Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre

RESOLVED 25/24	Cr Bunter /Cr Peart
That Council confirm support for an application under the Federal Government Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program Stream 2 to the amount of \$14,000,000 for the Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Peart declared an interest and left the meeting at 4:24pm.

GILGANDRA FILM FESTIVAL 2024

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Gilgandra Film Festival group for a Council contribution towards the Gilgandra Film Festival to be held in May 2024.

RESOLVED 26/24	Cr Babbage /Cr Bunter
That Council provide a \$10,000 contribution to the 2024 Gilgandra Film Festival on the understanding that any profits will be put towards the running of the 2025 Festival.	

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Peart returned to the meeting at 4.26 having taken no part in the discussion or voting.

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION

SUMMARY

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

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<u>Audit Risk Improvement Committee</u>	22 February 2024
<u>Economic Development Committee</u>	27 February 2024

RESOLVED 27/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Freeth
That the above listed Committees minutes be adopted.	

MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

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<u>Local Emergency Management Committee</u>	27 February 2024
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RESOLVED 28/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Babbage
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 29/24	Cr Babbage/Cr Peart
That the reports be noted.	

(CS.PL.1)

PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – HOUSING SUPPORT

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from Minister Rose Jackson in response to Council's correspondence regarding housing support.

RESOLVED 30/24	Cr Mockler/Cr Freeth
1. That the correspondence be noted. 2. Noting the unsatisfactory response, Council make further representation to the Minister in relation to the need for further Housing Support in Gilgandra.	

(ES.SP.1)

PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – PARLIARMENTARY INQUIRY INTO CRIME, LAW, AND ORDER IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from Minister Rose Jackson in response to Country Mayor Association New South Wales' (CMA) request for an inquiry into Crime, Law, and Order in Regional New South Wales.

RESOLVED 31/24	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
That the correspondence be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 32/24	Cr Bunter /Cr Babbage
That the correspondence be noted.	

**COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF NON-FLUORIDATION OF TOWN
WATER SUPPLY – LATE REPORT**

SUMMARY

To inform Council of a request by NSW Health that the community be advised that fluoridation of Gilgandra's water supply has been interrupted and that assistance is offered to bring the fluoridation back online.

RESOLVED 33/24	Cr Babbage/Cr Freeth
That Council note the request by NSW Health that the community be advised that fluoridation of Gilgandra's water supply has been interrupted and that assistance is offered to bring the fluoridation back online.	

**LISTING OF MATTERS
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

RESOLVED 34/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aero Park Sales Strategy (d)• Neighbour Consultation – Lummis Industrial Subdivision (d)	

RESOLVED 35/24	Cr Bunter/Cr Mockler
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the matters to be considered in line with the confidentiality policy of Council and Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> , relating to financial matters, staff matters, industrial matters, acceptance of tenders, personal affairs of private individuals, possible or pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4:47pm.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.30PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor