



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

15 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Councillors

D Batten (Mayor)  
A Walker (Deputy Mayor)  
S Baker  
B Mockler  
N Mudford  
D Naden  
G Peart  
N Wrigley

Employees

D J Neeves  
General Manager  
N Alchin  
Director Corporate Services  
J Manion  
Director Community Services  
D Colwell  
Director Infrastructure  
L Mathieson  
Director Planning & Environment  
J Prout  
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4.00pm  
with the General Manager assuming the role of Chair

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**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

SUMMARY

To elect Council's Mayor for the forthcoming period.

Proceedings in Brief

Nominations were called and only one nomination, that of Cr Batten, was received. The General Manager/ Returning Officer declared Cr Batten duly elected to the position of Mayor for the ensuing one year term.

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

SUMMARY

To consider election of a Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming period.

<b>RESOLVED 161/20</b>	Cr Batten/Cr Mockler
That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing one year Mayoral term.	

Proceedings in Brief

Nominations were called and only one nomination, that of Cr Walker was received. The General Manager/ Returning Officer declared Cr Walker duly elected.

Proceedings in Brief

Cr Batten assumed the Chair.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ADJOURNMENTS

Afternoon tea - 5.11pm- 5.25pm

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Baker, *Gravel Pit Agreements* (pecuniary interest).  
Cr Baker's husband provides earthmoving services to Council.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

<b>RESOLVED 162/20</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Naden
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18 August 2020, 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

<b>RESOLVED 163/20</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mockler
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"><li>• Gravel Pit Agreements (c)</li><li>• Request to Write Off Rates and Water (c)</li><li>• Town signage (c) – late report</li></ul>	

<b>RESOLVED 164/20</b>	Cr Peart/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 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 pending litigation and such other matters considered appropriate at 4.05pm	

<b>RESOLVED 171/20</b>	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.	

Proceedings in Brief

- The Mayor adjourned the meeting for afternoon tea and the meeting resumed at 5.25pm
- Mr Brian Irvin and Mr Randall Medd both joined the meeting at this stage
- Mr Mathieson did not return due to prior commitments.

(GO.CO.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 12/20**  
**MAYORAL COMMITMENTS**

SUMMARY

To advise of the Mayor's activities during the preceding month.

<b>RESOLVED 172/20</b>	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(CM.PL.1)

**MAYORAL MINUTE - 13/20**  
**GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

SUMMARY

To report on the General Manager's annual performance review.

<b>RESOLVED 173/20</b>	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

**STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND PROJECT PRIORITIES**

**SUMMARY**

To consider the remaining projects under the Stronger Country Communities Fund (Rounds 2 and 3) and set priorities for the remaining works for the McGrane Oval and Shire Park Programs.

<b>RESOLVED 174/20</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That Council endorse the priority projects under the Stronger Country Communities Program for McGrane Oval Master Plan and the Shire Parks Programs as listed in the report.	

**Proceedings in Brief**

Mr Irvin left the meeting at 5.26pm.

**GRAINCORP INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT**

**SUMMARY**

To seek the direction of Council on key design elements of the GrainCorp Industrial Precinct.

**Proceedings in Brief**

The Mayor advised he had written to the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW, the Premier and Deputy Premier in relation to this issue.

<b>RESOLVED 175/20</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Mockler
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Council develop two options, with Option A including the realignment of Balladoran Railway Road through the subdivision and Option B not including Balladoran Railway in the design and that the subdivision design only include access utilising the current intersection in the GrainCorp South.</li><li>2. That community feedback regarding road realignment of Balladoran Rail Road realignment be sought.</li><li>3. That Council investigate the establishment of a Bio Diversity Stewardship site not only for this development but also for future activities.</li><li>4. Council support the additional investigations of the site with the aim of clearing the Koala habitat SEPP coverage of the entire development site.</li><li>5. That Council note the design principles for the subdivision as outlined in the report.</li></ol>	

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**INLAND RAIL WATER PROJECT**

**SUMMARY**

To seek Council resolution to progress the signing of a funding agreement with ARTC Inland Rail to undertake the Inland Rail Water Infrastructure Legacy Project

<b>RESOLVED 176/20</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
1. That Council provide "in principle" support for the project.	
2. That the General Manager be authorised to sign a funding agreement with ARTC Inland Rail to proceed with the Inland Rail Water Infrastructure Legacy program.	
3. That further reports be submitted to Council as this project progresses.	

(GS.PG.1)

**INLAND RAIL INTERFACE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND 2**

**SUMMARY**

To advise about applications for Round 2 of the Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program.

<b>RESOLVED 177/20</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Peart
That Council support the two applications to the Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program) for a Rail Infrastructure Maintenance Facility and Multi-User Rail Access Facilities at Gilgandra and Curban.	

**Proceedings in Brief**

Mr Medd left the meeting at 5.40pm.

(GO.CO.1)

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and associated procedures.

<b>RESOLVED 178/20</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That amendments 1-4 as outlined in the report be adopted.	

(PE.GN.1)

**OUTDOOR STAFF PICNIC**

**SUMMARY**

To advise of a request from the Outdoor Staff Picnic Committee to hold the annual picnic on Friday, 2 October 2020.

<b>RESOLVED 179/20</b>	Cr Baker/Cr Mockler
1. That Friday, 2 October 2020 be approved as Council's picnic day and Council declare a general shutdown.	
2. That Council make a donation of \$200 towards the picnic to be funded from the Contributions and Donations allocation.	

(FM.FR.1)

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020**

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of the completion of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 and, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1993), obtain the necessary resolution to refer same to the auditor.

<b>RESOLVED 180/20</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Mudford
That the financial statements be accepted by the Council and referred for audit.	

(PM.LO.1)

**GILGANDRA CULTURAL PRECINCT – COMMERCIAL LEASE OPTION**

**SUMMARY**

To consider a commercial lease opportunity, café/coffee shop/commercial kitchen at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC) as part of the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct (GCP) Upgrades project and associated strategic plan.

<b>RESOLVED 181/20</b>	Cr Wrigley/Cr Naden
1. That Council support the inclusion of café/coffee shop/commercial kitchen area into the designs at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC).	
2. That Council proceed with calling local Expressions of Interest for establishing a café/coffee shop/commercial presence at the CHC, ensuring those already operating this type of business in Gilgandra are clearly notified of the opportunity.	

**ORANA LIVING AND JACK TOWNEY HOSTEL RESERVES**

**SUMMARY**

To provide an update on development of a long term approach to identification of priorities and investment of funds in reserve for Jack Towney Hostel (JTH) and Orana Living.

<b>RESOLVED 182/20</b>	Cr Baker/Cr Wrigley
That actions listed in the report be noted.	

**MOTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (LGNSW)**

**SUMMARY**

To consider the following three motions for submission to the LGNSW Conference.

<b>RESOLVED 183/20</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Peart
That Council support and submit the abovementioned motions to the LGNSW 2020 Annual Conference.	

**SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER USE IN GILGANDRA LGA**

**SUMMARY**

To provide a summary of Council's water license historical usage and the development of a regional water use strategy regarding access to groundwater and implications for the Castlereagh River.

<b>RESOLVED 184/20</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That the report be noted.	

**TOORAWEEAH CWA – LOCAL ACTIVITY APPROVAL FEES**

**SUMMARY**

To consider a request from the Tooraweenah CWA for Council to waive Local Activity Approval fees.

<b>RESOLVED 185/20</b>	Cr Mockler/Cr Baker
That Council waive the Local Activity Approval fee of \$100 for the Tooraweenah CWA.	



**MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION**

**SUMMARY**

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

Economic Development Committee

8 September 2020

**Proceedings in Brief**

The Director Corporate Services pointed out two significant recommendations from the Economic Development Committee, being:

- 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

<b>RESOLVED 186/20</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Baker
That the above listed Committee minutes be adopted.	

**MINUTES – COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present the following minutes of Committee meetings for notation.

Consultative Committee

1 September 2020

Local Emergency Management Committee

25 August 2020

Traffic Committee

26 August 2020

<b>RESOLVED 187/20</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Naden
That the above listed Committee minutes be noted	

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

**SUMMARY**

To present reports for information and notation.

<b>RESOLVED 188/20</b>	Cr Naden/Cr Baker
That the reports be noted.	

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**PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE**

**SUMMARY**

To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

<b>RESOLVED 189/20</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Wrigley
That receipt of the Category B correspondence be noted.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.50PM.

Cr D Batten  
Mayor