



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

18 JULY 2023

PRESENT

Councillors

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

Employees

D Neeves
General Manager

N Alchin
Director Growth and Liveability

D Colwell
Director Infrastructure

M Welsh
Executive Leader Transformational
Change

R Berryman
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 4:02pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

ADJOURNMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 129/23	Cr Mudford/Cr Bunter
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 27 June 2023, 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 130/23	Cr Babbage/Cr Mann
That Council note the following matters to be listed as specified under Section 10(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> :	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender 27/23 Cleaning Council Offices and Facilities |
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RESOLVED 131/23	Cr Babbage/Cr Mann
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<p>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 4:09pm.</p>
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(GO.CO.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 10/23
MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 134/23	Cr Batten
That the report be noted.	

(PE.1071.1)

MAYORAL MINUTE - 11/23
GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

SUMMARY

To enable Councillors to have input into the General Manager's annual Performance Review.

RESOLVED 135/23	Cr Batten
1. That Councillors note the proposed review and provide written advice of any issues they wish raised at the General Manager's yearly performance review.	
2. That in this instance Council not go to the expense of engaging Local Government New South Wales to assist with the review.	

(LP.PL.1)

COREM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the initial Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors (CoREM) request for a financial contribution.

RESOLVED 136/23	Cr Walker/Cr Mann
1. That Council arrange a meeting with Energy Co to obtain further information.	
2. That Council defer a decision in relation to the proposal subject to the results of the meeting with Energy Co.	

(CM.CF.1)

2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

To advise of the 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference and determine attendance and motions.

RESOLVED 137/23	Cr Walker/Cr Babbage
1. That Council put forward the following motions:	
a. That Local Government NSW lobby the NSW Government's Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) regarding their lack of investment of new additional social housing in rural and regional NSW and their disinterest and underfunding towards repairing vacant public houses in disrepair.	
b. That Local Government NSW lobby the NSW Government to produce detailed planning guidelines to mitigate the impacts the development of renewable energy will have in pristine rural communities and such mitigation measures be thoroughly communicated to Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) communities.	
c. That Local Government NSW pursue designated funding from the NSW Government for the urgent replacement of first generation public swimming pools reaching end of life in Regional NSW.	
2. That the Mayor and General Manager (or their substitutes) plus one other Councillor be authorised to attend the Conference.	

(RD.MT.1)

FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE

SUMMARY

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

RESOLVED 138/23	Cr Walker/Cr Bunter
That the update on flood damage repairs to Council's road network be noted.	

(RD.MT.1)

BIDDON CREEK EROSION BUDGET SHORTFALL

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a projected budget shortfall regarding the Biddon Creek Scouring Rectification project.

RESOLVED 139/23	Cr Mudford/Cr Mockler
That Council revise the budget for the Biddon Creek Scouring Rectification to \$206,000 by reallocating \$89,000 from the unsealed roads budget.	

**NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
CONGRESS (LATE)**

SUMMARY

To advise of the 2023 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress in Canberra, ACT.

RESOLVED 140/23	Cr Walker/Cr Babbage
That the report be noted and interested Councillors may come back to Mrs. R Berryman.	

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

RESOLVED 141/23	Cr Mudford/Cr Bunter
That the reports be noted. In particular action in relation to gravel pits.	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – RESPONSE FROM THE
CHAIR OF IPART IN RELATION TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY**

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from the Chair of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), Carmel Donnelly, in relation to the Emergency Services Levy.

RESOLVED 142/23	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That the correspondence be noted.	

**PRECIS OF CATEGORY A CORRESPONDENCE – RESPONSE FROM
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO THE EMERGENCY
SERVICES LEVY**

SUMMARY

To consider correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoeng in relation to the Emergency Services Levy.

RESOLVED 143/23	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That the correspondence be noted.	

PRECIS OF CATEGORY B CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY

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To pass on relevant information from correspondence received.

RESOLVED 144/23	Cr Peart/Cr Babbage
That receipt of the Category B Correspondence be noted.	

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:45PM.

Cr D Batten
Mayor