

# Minutes

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI**

**6:00PM, TUESDAY 26th March, 2024**

**Administration Centres: 1300 459 689**

**MINUTES OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI  
ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024 AT 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Charlie Sheahan (Mayor), Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr Les Boyd, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Trevor Glover, Cr David Graham, Cr Abb McAlister, Cr Penny Nicholson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve McGrath (Interim General Manager), Paul Woods (Interim Deputy General Manager - CCD), Matt Stubbs (Deputy General Manager - Operations), Linda Wiles (Manager Business), Zac Mahon (Manager Finance), Michael Mason (Interim Manager Sustainable Development), Wayne Bennett (Manager Regional Services Cootamundra), Greg Ewings (Acting Manager Regional Services Gundagai)

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

**2 OPEN FORUM**

Nil

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**3.1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION 052/2024**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**Apology from Cr Gil Kelly (Deputy Mayor), be received and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

**3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024**

**RESOLUTION 053/2024**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**6 MAYORAL MINUTES**

**6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT**

**RESOLUTION 054/2024**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**The information in the Councillor Engagements Mayoral Minute be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**6.2 LATE MAYORAL MINUTE - COOTAMUNDRA YOUTH HUB OPENING**

**RESOLUTION 055/2024**

Moved: Cr Charlie Sheahan

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The Cootamundra Youth Hub Opening Mayoral Minute be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Logan Collins recited the late Mayoral Minute.

**7 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

**8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT****8.1 GENERAL MANAGER OFFICE****8.1.1 RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (REROC) MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 056/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The Minutes of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Board Meeting held on 23 February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.2 RURAL AND REGIONAL SUMMIT 2024****RESOLUTION 057/2024**

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The attendance of the Mayor, Interim General Manager, Cr Bowden, Cr McAlister and Cr Glover at the Rural and Regional Summit in May 2024, be endorsed.**

**CARRIED**

**8.1.3 NSW LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS 2024****RESOLUTION 058/2024**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr Trevor Glover

**Council endorse the attendance of the Deputy General Manager-Operations or his representative, and Cr Collins to the 2024 NSW Local Roads Congress in June 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 BUSINESS****8.2.1 THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 059/2024**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

**The Minutes of The Arts Centre Cootamundra s.355 Committee Meeting held 15 February 2024 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2.2 STOCKINBINGAL ELLWOOD'S HALL S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 060/2024**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr Trevor Glover

**The Minutes of the Stockinbingal Ellwood's Hall s.355 Committee Ordinary Meeting held on 22 February 2024 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2.3 COOTAMUNDRA SHOWGROUND USERS S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 061/2024**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**The Minutes of the Cootamundra Showground User s.355 Committee Ordinary Meeting held on 15 February 2024 attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.2.4 MUTTAMA HALL MANAGEMENT S.355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION 062/2024**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The Minutes of the Muttama Hall Management s.355 Committee Ordinary Meeting held, 21 February 2024, attached to the report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3 FINANCE**

**8.3.1 FINANCE UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2024**

**RESOLUTION 063/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The Finance Update report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3.2 RESTRICTED CASH RECONCILIATION - FEBRUARY 2024**

**RESOLUTION 064/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The Restricted Cash Reconciliation report, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.3.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024**

**RESOLUTION 065/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

**The report detailing Council Cash and Investments as at 29 February 2024, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **8.4.1 DOTT DEVELOPMENT - OWNERS CONSENT FOR USE OF THE ROAD RESERVE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION 066/2024**

Moved: Cr Abb McAlister

Seconded: Cr David Graham

- 1. That the request for owners' consent for works within a section of Annie Pyers Drive Road Reserve in association with DA2023/116, be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council provide owners' consent for the proposed works within Annie Pyers Drive Road Reserve in association with and for the purpose of Development Application DA2023/116.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 ENGINEERING COOTAMUNDRA**

### **8.5.1 COOTAMUNDRA ENGINEERING REPORT - MARCH 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION 067/2024**

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

**The Cootamundra Engineering Report for the month of March 2024 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 ENGINEERING GUNDAGAI**

### **8.6.1 GUNDAGAI ENGINEERING REPORT - MARCH 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION 068/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Penny Nicholson

**The Gundagai Engineering Report for the month of March 2024 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.7 REGIONAL SERVICES GUNDAGAI****8.7.1 GUNDAGAI REGIONAL SERVICES WORKS REPORT****RESOLUTION 069/2024**

Moved: Cr David Graham

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**The Gundagai Regional Services Department, Monthly works report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.8 REGIONAL SERVICES COOTAMUNDRA****8.8.1 REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY WORKS REPORT COOTAMUNDRA****RESOLUTION 070/2024**

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr David Graham

**The Cootamundra Regional Services Department, Monthly Works Report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**8.8.2 COOTAMUNDRA ARTS CENTRE BUILDING SAFETY COMPLIANCE (SCCF2-0879)****RESOLUTION 071/2024**

Moved: Cr Logan Collins

Seconded: Cr Leigh Bowden

- 1. Council formally approves the conversion of the laneway located between Wallendoon and Mackay Streets into a one-way through road.**
- 2. All costs associated with this conversion should be allocated from the SCCF2 Funding Program.**
- 3. The recommended traffic flow should run from Wallendoon Street to Mackay Street.**
- 4. Council formally informs the Traffic Committee of its decision.**

**CARRIED**



### 8.8.3 COOTAMUNDRA DRIVER REVIVER SITE UPGRADE GRANT

#### RESOLUTION 072/2024

Moved: Cr Leigh Bowden

Seconded: Cr Abb McAlister

**1. Grant Program SCCF2-ID No. DRSU235:**

- The recommendation states that this grant program should not proceed.
- Additionally, it suggests that any unexpended funds related to this grant program be returned to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Communications.

**2. Refund Grant Allocation:**

- Council authorise the refund of \$138,989.98 to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Communications.
- This refund is proposed to be sourced from the Building & Property Management budget.

**3. Quarterly Financial Adjustments:**

- The recommendation emphasises the importance of making appropriate quarterly financial adjustments.
- These adjustments likely pertain to financial matters within the council.

**4. Communication to Cootamundra Heritage Committee:**

- Council is advised to inform members of the Cootamundra Heritage Committee about the decision made by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure, and Communication as well as the CGRC (Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council).

**CARRIED**

### 8.8.4 REVIEW AND UPDATE KEEPING OF ANIMALS POLICY

#### RESOLUTION 073/2024

Moved: Cr Penny Nicholson

Seconded: Cr Logan Collins

**The draft keeping of Animals Policy be deferred to a future Council Meeting after adequate consultation is conducted at a Council Workshop.**

**CARRIED**

### 8.8.5 COOTAMUNDRA SALEYARDS REPORT

#### RESOLUTION 074/2024

Moved: Cr Trevor Glover

Seconded: Cr Les Boyd

##### 1. Ownership of Allotments:

- Council authorises the Mayor and Interim General Manager to engage in discussions with the Minister of NSW Crown Lands, Stephen Kamper, MP, or his representative. The intent is to seek ownership of the following allotments from the Crown Lands Department:

- Allotment 481-753601
- Allotment 504-753601
- Allotment 547-431153
- Allotment 485-753601

##### 2. Exploring Alternatives:

- If full ownership of the related allotments cannot be obtained, Council will explore other options for the use of these allotments. These discussions will be held in conjunction with the NSW Crown Lands Department.

##### 3. Closure of Cootamundra Saleyards:

- Council permanently closes the Cootamundra Saleyards operations.
- Approval in principle is granted for the removal of all stockyards, base materials, and associated ramps and infrastructure.
- This decision is pending the outcome of discussions with the Department of NSW Crown Lands.

##### 4. Expression of Interest (EOI):

- Council calls for an Expression of Interest to remove all existing stockyards, base materials, and associated ramps.

##### 5. Removal of Unwanted Infrastructure:

- Council invites expressions of interest for the removal of any other associated unwanted infrastructure linked to the Cootamundra Saleyards.

##### 6. Cost Assessment and Rehabilitation:

- A comprehensive report will be presented to Council in the near future. This report will outline the true costs involved in closing and rehabilitating the old Cootamundra Saleyards site.

##### 7. Infrastructure Removal and Site clean-up:

- Once final Council approval and appropriate funding are secured, all associated infrastructure will be removed from the site.

- The site will then be cleaned to ensure it presents a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment.
8. Retention of Truckwash Area:
- The area containing the Truckwash will be retained and continue to operate as before.
9. Sheep Scanners Installation Decision:
- Council not to proceed with the installation of the proposed Sheep Scanners and all associated infrastructure.
  - The Department of Primary Industry (DPI) will be informed accordingly before the 30th of June 2024 of Council decision.
10. Relocation of the lights at the saleyards to a council owned facility be supported in principle subject to assessment of suitability of their fit for purpose nature.

**CARRIED**

**9 MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 April 2024.



**CHAIRPERSON**



**GENERAL MANAGER**