



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 12 March 2025**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL, YALCOGRIN STREET,
GULARGAMBONE
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025 AT 10:05 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Keady, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler, Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Paul Fisher, Cr Margaret Garnsey, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Paul Wheelhouse

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Gallagher (General Manager), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), Barry Broe (Director Community, Planning, Development & Environment), Jennifer Maundrell (Executive Manager Corporate Governance), Deborah Tatton (Manager Finance and minute taker)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.05 am, advising the attendees of the following:

- The meeting is being livestreamed and/or recorded for on-demand viewing via Council's website and a person's image and/or voice may be broadcast;
- Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and /or voice being webcast (time will be allowed by the Chairperson for people to leave the meeting before it starts);
- All speakers should refrain from making any defamatory comments or releasing any personal information about another individual without their consent;
- Council accepts no liability for any damage that may result from defamatory comments made by persons attending the meetings – all liability will rest with the individual who made the comments;
- The recording will be available on Council's website for a minimum of 12 months and retained as a Council record;
- Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the Council's Code of Meeting Practice;
- The meeting must not be recorded by others without the prior written consent of the Council in accordance with the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLUTION 2025/39

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receive the apologies of Cr Adam Cohen and Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services)

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2025/40

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

CARRIED 7/1

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on item 10.06 – Core and Cluster Project – as a contractor that supplies concrete.

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on Item 10.11 – NOM Yarran St Housing Development – as a contractor that supplies concrete and is a neighbour adjacent to the development.

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on Item 10.20 – NOM Tooraweenah Road project – as a contractor that supplies concrete.

CR M. GARNSEY – Declared a non-pecuniary standing declaration – Item 10.19 – Infrastructure Services Works in Progress Report – being a committee Member of Quambone Resources.

CR P. GOLDSMITH – Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.12 – Merchandise to be Sold at Coonamble District Store – as a current supplier of goods sold through the store.

CR D. KEADY – Declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 10.23 – Effluent Reuse Utilisation Status Report – being a committee member of the Coonamble Jockey Club.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE

RESOLUTION 2025/41

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the report be noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 CASTLEREGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL (CMCC) FEBRUARY 2025 UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/42

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That the report and minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council held on 24 February 2025 be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 26 NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION 2025/43

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/44

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the report be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/45

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council notes the information.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN QUAMBONE - CR M. GARNSEY**RESOLUTION 2025/46**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council resolves:

1. That resolution 2025/033 titled Community Programs and Events in Quambone that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.
2. That Council resolves to direct the General Manager to ensure that when planning of future community programs / activities across Coonamble Shire that Quambone must be included as part of these programs

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMPLETION OF BRIGIDINE SISTERS GARDENS - CR M. GARNSEY**RESOLUTION 2025/47**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council resolves:

1. The resolution 2025/34 titled Completion of Brigidine Sisters Garden that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.
2. That the Brigidine Sisters garden beds be filled with established plants prior to the Sister's forthcoming visit.
3. That the funding for the works at the Brigidine Sisters garden beds be sourced from Council's Urban Services Operational Budget.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - PRESENTATION OF COONAMBLE TOWNSHIP - CR M. GARNSEY**RESOLUTION 2025/48**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council resolves:

- 1. The resolution 2025/35 titled Presentation of Coonamble township that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.**
- 2. That public garden beds and open spaces within the Coonamble CBD precinct, be given substantial care and attention as a priority to improve the presentation of these areas to a suitable standard to help promote the town in a positive image for the community and visitors to our community.**

CIn Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:29 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting due to a declared interest in item 10.6

10.6 CORE AND CLUSTER PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2025/49**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

- 1. That Council notes the status of the project and Council's role in providing access to suitable land for the project.**
- 2. That Council agrees to contribute the identified land on Calga Street to the project (Lot 11 on DP238281) for a cost of \$100,000 to Orana Support Service on the basis that the land and assets would be returned to Council should the development not occur within a defined time period.**
- 3. That a report be brought back to Council in April 2025 on the costs regarding provision of water and sewage to the boundary**
- 4. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with the developer (Orana Support Service) and seek legal advice on the conditions which should be placed in the contract of sale regarding ownership should the development fail.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 10:36 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

10.7 PLANNING PROPOSAL - RECLASSIFICATION OF COMMUNITY LAND

Motion

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council

1. Endorse Planning Proposal PP001/2025 for the reclassification of land known as 20-40 Calga Street, Coonamble and forward it to the Minister for Planning seeking an amendment to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and request that a Gateway Determination be issued, excluding the delegation Plan making powers, to enable public exhibition of the Planning Proposal Pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination for PP001/2025 under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 2025/50

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

A motion was moved at 10:41am that Council suspend standing orders to allow Tina Reynolds from Orana Support Services to discuss the Core and Cluster Project.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 2025/51

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders at 10:46am.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Planning Proposal - Reclassification of Community Land

RESOLUTION 2025/52

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council

- 1. Endorse Planning Proposal PP001/2025 for the reclassification of land known as 20-40 Calga Street, Coonamble and forward it to the Minister for Planning seeking an amendment to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and request that a Gateway Determination be issued, excluding the delegation Plan making powers, to enable public exhibition of the Planning Proposal Pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**
- 2. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination for PP001/2025 under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/53

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council notes the information in the Community Development report.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.9 ADOPTION OF DRAFT POLICY - OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/54**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council adopt the Outstanding Community Member Recognition Policy.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/55**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Economic Development and Growth report.**
- 2. Agrees to submit an application under the Open Streets Program to fund events in Coonamble's main street, continuing the Vision Splendid theme.**
- 3. Agrees to submit applications under the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements program for the Quambone waste facility upgrade and the Coonamble Waste facility upgrade.**
- 4. Commits \$105,000 in the FY25-26 Budget as a cash co-contribution for the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvement, should the application be successful.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

DEFER ITEM 10.11 NOTICE OF MOTION - YARRAN STREET HOUSING ESTATE - CR S. BUTLER TO CLOSED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION 2025/56**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Resolved that Item 10.11 Notice of Motion – Yarran Street Housing Estate be

deferred to closed section of Council to allow discussion on contractual obligations.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:59 pm, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith left the meeting due to a declared interest in Item 10.12.

10.12 FORMALISING CRITERIA FOR MERCHANDISE SOLD THROUGH THE COONAMBLE DISTRICT STORE

RESOLUTION 2025/57

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms that include the suitability criteria for new merchandise.**
- 2. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms for a period of 28 days, providing interested stakeholders at least 42 days in which to comment on the forms.**
- 3. Receive a further report, following the exhibition and submission period, including any submissions made on the draft forms, and a recommendation that addresses any concerns raised within the submissions received.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 11:00am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith returned to the meeting.

10.13 SIGNAGE UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/58

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the information in the signage update report.**
- 2. Rationalise and remove redundant signage across the Local Government**

Area.

- 3. Commission a wayfinding and interpretation audit and develop a package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities, as identified by the Coonamble Shire Masterplan, to be funded in the 2025-26 budget.**
- 4. Continue in the interim to improve the Shire Local boundary signs and clean up the town entry signs.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 11:02am, Cr Paul Fisher left the meeting.

At 11:04am, Cr Paul Fisher returned to the meeting prior to voting on item 10.13

The meeting was suspended for morning tea at 11.05am and resumed at 11:28am.

10.14 NICKNAME HALL OF FAME REVITALISATION**RESOLUTION 2025/59**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council endorse the action to renew the Nickname Hall of Fame posters and highway billboards, and the production of a commemorative tea towel, funded from the current 2024/25 budget.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.15 PLANNING, REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/60

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Progress Report be noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.16 STATUS OF BORE BATH PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2025/61

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Notes the status of the Bore Bath Project and work done to date.**
- 2. Notes the likely implications on the Grant of the recent Council decision not to rezone the land and not to continue project development on the current project site.**
- 3. Note the expenditure to date and the possible funds remaining for planning.**
- 4. Agrees to adopt the recommended staged approach to developing a new project, starting with scoping and a project plan.**
- 5. Receives regular briefings from Council staff on the status of the project.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.17 NOTICE OF MOTION - LAND ACQUISITION FOR BORE BATH PROJECT - CR S. BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/62

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That:

1. Council resolves to start a new project on the golf course site.
2. The process recommended in the related Council report be adopted, starting with a project plan that includes defining the objectives, scope and budget for the project.
3. Subject to funding being available, preliminary site investigations start, to input into the REF, project planning, land acquisition and bore license application.
4. The land requirements for the project be identified based on the project definition and scope.
5. Council begin the process of land acquisition and become Crown Land Manager of this site.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.18 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT MARCH 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/63**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the monthly report on waste management activities be noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS**RESOLUTION 2025/64**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That:

1. The information be received and noted on the works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Directorate.
2. A report be brought back to Council on the option of installing lighting at

the Gulargambone Sportsground which is to include the feasibility of reusing the decommissioned lights from the Coonamble Showground and determine a source of funding for the project.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 12:12 pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting due to a declared interest in Item 10.20.

At 12.17pm, Cr Ahmad Karanough left the meeting and returned at 12:21pm.

At 12:33pm Cr Karen Churchill left the meeting and returned at 12:38pm.

10.20 NOTICE OF MOTION - TOORAWEEAH ROAD PROJECT - CR S.BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/65

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That:

- 1. Council notes and receives the information provided in response to the notice of motion on Tooraweenah Road Project.**
- 2. A detailed report be brought back to a Council meeting once the construction methodology has been finalised with a project timeline with details of different stages and key milestones.**
- 3. The Tooraweenah Road monthly update report be reinstated as part of the regular suite of reports to Council.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 12:40pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

10.21 MT MAGOMETON QUARRY UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/66

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
 Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That the information in the report Mt Magometon Quarry Update be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 12:49pm, Cr Ahmad Karanouh left the meeting and did not return.

10.22 WASTE FACILITY MACHINERY SHED PROCUREMENT PROCESS

RESOLUTION 2025/67

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
 Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the information contained in the Waste Facility Machinery Shed Procurement Process report be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.23 EFFLUENT REUSE UTILISATION/OPTIMISATION STATUS REPORT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS - COONAMBLE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

RESOLUTION 2025/68

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
 Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the information in the report regarding Effluent Reuse Utilisation/Optimisation Status Report for Current and Future considerations be noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN - 016 - BOGAN, WARREN, AND COONAMBLE**RESOLUTION 2025/69**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. Establish a governance framework around the tri-party (Bogan, Warren and Coonamble) arrangement and three Councils establish a project steering committee for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.
2. That Cr M. Garnsey and the General Manager be appointed to the project steering committee and other Coonamble Shire staff as required.
3. Endorses the Regional Drought Resilience Plan 016 (2024 edition) and note that the document is a living document and can be changed and updated to reflect environmental changes.
4. Advise the Far North West Joint Organisation (FNWJO) that the \$300k under RDPR016 for Bogan, Warren and Coonamble is to be used in a collaborative approach to establish the region as a premier nature- based tourism destination.
5. Defer the FNWJO's recommendation to undertake the following implementation projects as part of the Regional Drought Resilience Funding
 - (a) Project 1 – Water Security Baseline Project
 - (b) Project 2 – Drought Preparedness – Education and Social Revitalisation
6. Advise the Executive Officer of the Far North West Joint Organisation that Council wishes to amend the project deliverables to coincide with the project identified by Bogan, Warren and Coonamble Councils.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.25 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/70**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council notes

1. The information contained in the Community Strategic Plan Update report.
2. That community engagement sessions in relation to the Community Strategic Plan will be held at:

- ☐ **Quambone, Tuesday 18 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**
- ☐ **Coonamble, Wednesday 19 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**
- ☐ **Coonamble Bowling Club, Wednesday 19 March 2025, 5:30-7:30pm**
- ☐ **Gulargambone, Thursday 20 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**

With these sessions being advertised on radio and through social media.

3. That Councillors will receive a presentation on the community survey conducted by Taverner Research.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 1:03 pm, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler left the meeting.

10.26 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/71

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the rates and charges collections report.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

10.27 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/72**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receives and notes the list of investments from 1 February 2025 to 26 February 2025 and that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

At 1:04pm, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler returned to the meeting.

10.28 REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/73**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Notes the information in this report.**
- 2. Places the draft Investment Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.**
- 3. Requests the Director Corporate Services to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Investment Policy (with or without changes) at its May 2025 Ordinary Meeting.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.29 UPDATED DONATIONS POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/74**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information in this report and adopts the Donation

Policy with the minor amendment to call for submissions three (3) times per year and report to Council during the February, June and October meeting.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2025/75

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council go into closed session to consider item 10.11 NOM Yarran Street Housing Estate in accordance with section 10A(2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 1:13 pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting and did not return.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Deferred Item 10.11 Notice of Motion – Yarran Street Housing Estate – Cr S. Butler

At 1:29pm, Cr Karen Churchill left the meeting and did not return.

10.11 NOTICE OF MOTION - YARRAN STREET HOUSING ESTATE - CR S. BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/76

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That:

1. **The workshop on the housing project, as per the resolution from the February meeting, be scheduled by the end of March 2025.**
2. **Council seek legal advice on the terms of the contract and options for the future direction of the works and to quantify the commitment from Council.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Phillipa Goldsmith

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

RESOLUTION 2025/77

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Phillipa Goldsmith

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1:51pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 9 April 2025.

.....
CHAIRPERSON