



# **MINUTES**

**Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Thursday, 22 January 2026**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE  
ON THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Daniel Keady, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler via teams link, Cr Adam Cohen, Cr Paul Fisher, Cr Margaret Garnsey, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Paul Wheelhouse

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Hill (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer)

## **1 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.00 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

##### APOLOGY

##### RESOLUTION 2026/1

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

**That the apology from Cr Karen Churchill be noted and approved.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

#### 5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Margaret Garnsey declared a Pecuniary declaration with:

Item 7.1 Expression of Interest – Reuse 100ml plus up to 50ml non-guaranteed water from the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths as she is the secretary / treasurer for the Coonamble Racecourse Recreation Land Manager, she indicated she will stay in the room for the discussion and voting on the item.

Cr Wheelhouse declared a Pecuniary declaration with:

Item 7.2 tender 20251107km Tooraweenah Road upgrade stage 2, as he owns the business sub-contracting to supplying concrete for the project. He indicated he will stay in the room for the discussion and leave the room for voting on the item.

##### MOTION

##### RESOLUTION 2026/2

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

**That council will move into closed session.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL****1.1 COUNCILLOR AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 2026/3**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the delivery of a joint training program for councillors and the Executive Leadership Team to support positive interactions and communication.**
- 2. Approve councillor participation in the program, noting the cost of approximately \$1,500 is within the adopted professional development budget.**
- 3. Commit to formally adopting the Charter developed through the program.**
- 4. Note that the proposed date for the training is either 24 or 25 February 2026, to be negotiated by the Mayor and General Manager.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 6.1 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL

#### RESOLUTION 2026/4

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

#### That Council:

1. **Appoint Mayor Keady, Councillors Butler, Churchill, Cohen, Fisher, Garnsey, Goldsmith, Karanouh and Wheelhouse, to constitute the General Manager Performance Review Panel in accordance with Section 441A of the *Local Government Act 1993*;**
2. **Note that, following the employment of the General Manager, the Performance Review Panel is required to develop and agree on the General Manager's Performance Plan within three (3) months of commencement, consistent with Office of Local Government guidelines;**
3. **Note that Mr Mark Anderson from NSW Local Government Management Solutions has been engaged to independently facilitate the Performance Review Panel;**
4. **Endorse that the General Manager's Annual Performance Review be undertaken following the Wednesday 11 February Council meeting; and**
5. **Note that the outcomes of the performance review will be reported to Council, with confidential matters dealt with in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

#### 7.1 Expression of Interest - Reuse 100ML plus up to 50ML non-guaranteed water from the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with

commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

## **7.2 TENDER 20251107KM TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 2**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

## **7.3 Request for additional resources to delivery Statutory Planning Documents.**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

## **7.4 Australia Day Award Recipients 2026**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

## **7.1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - REUSE 100ML PLUS UP TO 50ML NON GUARANTEED WATER FROM THE COONAMBLE ARTESIAN BORE BATHS**

### **RESOLUTION 2026/5**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

**That Council.**

- 1. Notes the process undertaken for the Expression of Interest process.**
- 2. Place AM & GD Hall trading as Lilydale Partnership on the short list to receive reuse water.**
- 3. Receive a future report once water reuse volumes are quantified.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

Both Margret Szanto - Independent Probitry Advisor and Jacob Tuxford - Project Manager joined the meeting for the discussion on Item 7.2 Tender 20251107KM Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Stage 2

**7.2 TENDER 20251107KM TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 2****RESOLUTION 2026/6**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

**That Council award Tender 20251107KM Tooraweenah Road Upgrade to MAAS Civil Pty Limited for their Schedule of Rates.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

At 9:26 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting.

At 9:50 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

**7.3 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO DELIVERY STATUTORY PLANNING DOCUMENTS.****RESOLUTION 2026/7**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

- 1. That Council notes the information contained within this report.**
- 2. That Council endorse management decision to appoint LGIQ for the development and delivery of statutory planning Documents.**
- 3. That Council resolve to allocate the costs associated with the delivery of this project, with this allocation to funded from savings within the Corporate Services and Economic Development salaries budget.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**7.4 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2026/8**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey  
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

**That the information in this report be noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**RESOLUTION 2026/9**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

**That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**8 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

**The Meeting closed at 10.03am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 11 February 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**