



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 17 June 2026**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2026 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Keady, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler, Cr Karen Churchill, 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), Tony Payne (Director Sustainable Communities & Planning), Jenni Maundrell (Executive Manager Corporate Governance), Rebecca Payne (Executive Assistant)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9:04am, 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;
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- 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

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2026/85

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Adam Cohen declared a Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 7.3 - Notice Of Motion - Councillor Paul Wheelhouse-Capital Upgrades In 2025/26 And 2026/27 Financial Budget report as he is a part owner of the business managing the Coonamble Pool. He indicated he will leave the room for the discussion and for voting on the item.

Item 9.4 - Applications For Financial Assistance Under Council's Donations Policy report as he is a part of one of the clubs. He indicated he will stay in the meeting and not vote on the item.

Mayor Daniel Keady declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 9.4 - Applications For Financial Assistance Under Council's Donations Policy report as he is on the committee and vice president of one of the the clubs. He indicated he will leave the room for the discussion and for voting on the item.

Cr Paul Wheelhouse declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 11.3 – Establishment Of Automated Return And Earn Depot At Coonamble Waste Facility report as he supplies concrete. He indicated he will stay in the meeting to debate and vote on the item.

Cr Phillipa Goldsmith declared a Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 9.4 - Applications For Financial Assistance Under Council's Donations Policy report as she has been engaged to manage the event for one of the donation recipients. She indicated she will leave the room for the discussion and for voting on the item.

7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

7.1 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - RESCISSION OF 2025 CODE AND AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2026/86

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council:

- 1.Rescind Resolution 2025/237, relating to the adoption of the 2025 Code of Meeting Practice;**
- 2.Note that, as a consequence, Council's Code of Meeting Practice adopted on 12 February 2025 (Resolution 2025/11) is reinstated; and**
- 3.Amend clause 7.1 of the reinstated Code of Meeting Practice to provide that the general order of business for ordinary Council meetings is as follows:**
 - 1. Opening Meeting**
 - 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
 - 3. Community Consultation**
 - 4. Apologies/Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors**
 - 5. Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 6. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest**
 - 7. Notices of Motion/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions**
 - 8. Mayoral Minute**
 - 9. Finance**
 - 10.Governance and General Manager**
 - 11.Planning and Sustainability**
 - 12.Infrastructure**
 - 13.Confidential Matters**
 - 14.Conclusion of Meeting**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

7.2 NOTICE OF MOTION -COUNCILLOR AHMAD (AL) KRANOUH-COONAMBLE SHIRE MURAL ART TRAIL: PROPOSED MURAL AT SMITH PARK

RESOLUTION 2026/87

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council endorse the following:

- 1. The painting of a mural on the bore shed at Smith Park during the 2026/27 financial year.**
- 2. The mural depicts Nevelle Owen taking a photograph of children playing at the Warrana Creek Water Recreational Reserve near the weir.**
- 3. An information sign accompany the mural explaining the significance and history behind the artwork.**
- 4. The General Manager provide a report back to Council detailing:**
 - a. the proposed mural design;**
 - b. the wording and information to be included on the signage and**
 - c. estimated project costs**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 09:16 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR PAUL WHEELHOUSE-CAPITAL UPGRADES IN 2025/26 AND 2026/27 FINANCIAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2026/88

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That

- 1. Defer the Council Depot Upgrade projects currently budgeted in the 2025/26 Financial Year, comprising:**
 - a. Council Depot Security Fence Renewal – \$233,120; and**
 - b. Fuel Bowser Relocation and New Fuel System – \$248,500;**

and, subject to the availability of funds at the conclusion of the 2025/26 Financial Year, allocate any unexpended funds towards Stage 1 of the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths Project in the 2026/27 Financial Year.
- 2. Reallocate the proposed 2026/27 Financial Year budget allocation of \$300,000 for the construction and bitumen sealing of the rear car park**

servicing the Coonamble Swimming Pool and MacDonald Park towards Stage 1 of the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths Project.

In Favour: Paul Wheelhouse

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

LOST 1/7

At 9:31 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

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RESOLUTION 2026/89

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the Mayoral Minute for May 2026 be noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

9 FINANCE

9.1 ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/90

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

Receive and note the Adoption of Operational Plan 2026-27 report.

1. That Council adopt the following documents to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

(a) Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27

(b) Revenue Policy 2026-27

(c) Fees and Charges 2026-27

2. Note and endorse that four community submissions received during the public exhibition period to date.

3. Note that any statutory fees and charges that have not yet been updated for 2026-27 will be updated and implemented once notification is received.

4. Formally make rates and charges for the 2026-27 financial year as follows:

Rates

Rating Categories	Minimum p.a.	Cents in \$
Coonamble Residential Ordinary	\$590.00	1.36444
Gulargambone Residential Ordinary	\$590.00	0.95744
Village Residential Ordinary	\$580.00	1.21176
Farmland	\$470.00	0.20608
Small Rural Holdings	\$610.00	0.72596
Rural Residential Ordinary	\$580.00	0.59596
Business	\$640.00	1.80625

Water Supply Service Access Charge

Item	Coonamble	Gulargambone	Quambone
Access Charge (20mm)	\$510.00	\$570.00	\$570.0
Access Charge (25mm)	\$800.00	\$895.00	\$895.0
Access Charge (32mm)	\$1,306.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.0
Access Charge (40mm)	\$2,040.00	\$2,280.00	\$2,280.0
Access Charge (50mm)	\$3,188.00	\$3,565.00	\$3,565.0
Access Charge (65mm)	\$5,390.00	\$6,025.00	\$6,025.0
Access Charge (75mm)	\$7,171.00	\$8,015.00	\$8,015.0
Access Charge (80mm)	\$8,160.00	\$9,120.00	\$9,120.0
Access Charge (100mm)	\$12,750.00	\$14,250.00	\$14,250.0

Water Consumption Charge

Town/Village	Usage Charge – 1st Tier (c/kl)	2nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	190	450	290
Gulargambone	140	450	220
Quambone	170	430	280

Sewerage Access Charge

Description	Annual Charge
Coonamble Residential	\$940.00
Gulargambone Residential	\$940.00
Coonamble Flats	\$730.00
Gulargambone Flats	\$850.00
Non-Residential Sewer Charge	\$940.00 (min)

- ☐ **Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. The treatment charge to be applied is 410 cents per kilolitre.**

Waste Service Charges

Service	Charge per service
Coonamble Domestic	\$660.00
Coonamble Domestic – additional service	\$370.00

Gulargambone Domestic	\$660.00
Gulargambone Domestic – additional service	\$370.00
Quambone Domestic	\$660.00
Quambone Domestic – additional service	\$370.00
Coonamble Vacant Land	\$130.00
Gulargambone Vacant Land	\$130.00
Quambone Vacant Land	\$130.00
Coonamble Commercial	\$660.00
Gulargambone Commercial	\$660.00
Quambone Commercial	\$660.00
Coonamble Commercial – additional service	\$370.00
Gulargambone Commercial – additional service	\$370.00
Quambone Commercial – additional service	\$370.00
Coonamble Biweekly Service	\$1,030.00
Rural Waste Management Charge	\$50.00

5. That pursuant to Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Council set the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges determined by the Office of Local Government at **9.5% per annum**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

9.2 CORPORATE SERVICES - MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/91

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

1. That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Monthly Financial report.
2. The investments from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026 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, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

9.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION - COUNCILLORS FEES 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/92

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Receive and note the report.

1. That Council increases Councillor fees for the 2026-27 financial year by 3.70%, with effect from 1 July 2026, noting that the fees will be as follows:

- ☐ **Mayor: \$12,680 plus \$24,060 being a total of \$36,740 per annum.**
- ☐ **Councillor: \$12,680 each per annum.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 10:06 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith left the meeting.

At 10:06 am, Mayor Daniel Keady left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Steven Butler Chaired the meeting for item 9.4.

9.4 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER COUNCIL'S DONATIONS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2026/93

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Receive and note the report.

1. That Council provide financial assistance in accordance with the recommendations from the Donations Committee as follows:

(a) Gulargambone Tennis Club Inc	\$ 3,000.00
(b) Coonamble Cancer Survival Fund	\$ 5,000.00
(c) Marthaguy Picnic Races Club	\$ 5,000.00
(d) Coonamble Rams Rugby Club	\$ 1,580.00
(e) Coonamble Jockey Club	\$10,000.00
(f) Coonamble Public School	\$ 1,000.00
(g) Coonamble High School	\$ 1,000.00
(h) St Brigids Catholic School	\$ 1,000.00
(i) Gulargambone Central School	\$ 1,000.00

(j) Quambone Public School	\$ 1,000.00
<u>In Favour:</u>	Crs Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, , Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, and Ahmad Karanouh
<u>Against:</u>	Cr Paul Wheelhouse
CARRIED 5/1	

At 10:10 am, Mayor Daniel Keady returned to the meeting.

At 10:10 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith returned to the meeting.

9.5 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - TRANSPORT AND DRAINAGE

RESOLUTION 2026/94

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Receive and note the Draft Asset Management Plan - Transport and Drainage report.

- 1. That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Transport and Drainage Asset Management Plan**
- 2. That the draft Transport and Drainage Asset Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days.**
- 3. That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Transport and Drainage Asset Management Plan**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10 GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/95

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That the Correspondence Report for March 2026 be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/96

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council receive and note the Council Resolutions report and status.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.3 GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/97

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council note the Governance and People Monthly Report for June 2026.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.4 MONTHLY RECORDS SYSTEM TASK MANAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

RESOLUTION 2026/98

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council receive and note the Monthly Records System Task Management Snapshot for May 2026.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.5 MINUTES - ARIC MEETING 14 MAY 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/99**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council receive and note the Draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 14 May 2026.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

The Council Meeting paused recess at 10:17 am.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.6 MT MAGOMETON QUARRY OPERATIONS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2026/100**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the Mt Magometon Quarry Operations Update for May 2026.

A request to the General Manager to provide a report in August addressing the challenges discussed in the June Council meeting.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.7 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - WATER AND SEWER**RESOLUTION 2026/101**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That council adopt the Water and Sewer Asset Management with no changes.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.8 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2026/102

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That council adopt the Disposal of Assets Policy with no changes.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.9 DRAFT SALEYARD MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

RESOLUTION 2026/103

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council receive and note the Draft Saleyard Management Procedure report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10.10 COONAMBLE ARTESIAN BORE BATHS (COONAMBLE ARTESIAN AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE) - PROJECT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/104

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

Receive and note the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths (Coonamble Artesian

and Cultural Experience) - Project Update report.

- 1. That Council note the progress of the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths project, including land acquisition, Development Application lodgement, water purchasing, consultant engagement and bore construction planning.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

11.1 PLANNING, REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/105

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Department report be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11.2 WASTE RECYCLING EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/106

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the following report Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTOMATED RETURN AND EARN DEPOT AT COONAMBLE WASTE FACILITY

RESOLUTION 2026/107

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council:

- 1. Support the transition from the current over the counter (manual) container deposit facility to an automated depot.**
- 2. Approve the construction of a 20m x 20m concrete slab to support the initiative.**
- 3. Enter into an agreement with TOMRA Cleanaway to deliver the project.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH REPORT TO JUNE 2026 MEETING

RESOLUTION 2026/108

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receive and note the Economic Development and Growth report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11.5 BUSINESS ACTIVATION FUND - APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

RESOLUTION 2026/109

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Approve the application from 4Barrels Firearms & Outdoors under the 2025/26 Business Activation Fund allocation.**
- 2. Approve the application from Gulargambone Bowling Club under the**

2025/26 Business Activation Fund allocation.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11.6 SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL - PURCHASE ENQUIRIES**RESOLUTION 2026/110**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Commence a formal Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the future use and occupation of the Sons of the Soil Hotel building;**
- 2. Develop and publicly advertise EOI documentation outlining:**
 - ☐ Available information relating to the building;
 - ☐ Council objectives and priorities;
 - ☐ Assessment criteria; and
 - ☐ Submission requirements;
- 3. Establish assessment criteria that considers:**
 - ☐ Economic and community benefit;
 - ☐ Proposed use of the building;
 - ☐ Financial capacity;
 - ☐ Deliverability and proposed timelines; and
 - ☐ Alignment with Council's strategic objectives; and
- 4. Receive a further report following the completion of the EOI process outlining submissions received and recommendations for Council consideration.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

12 INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2026/111

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Receive and note the Infrastructure Services - Works in Progress report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 11:48 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting.

At 11:50 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

12.2 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/112

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Receive and note the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Monthly Status report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2026/113

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

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:

14.1 Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council - 13 May 2026

14.2 COONAMBLE ARTESIAN BORE BATHS (COONAMBLE ARTESIAN AND

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE) - Construction of Bore and replacement of Bore 5 (Wingadee Street).

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and d(ii) 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

14.3 Request for Concession on Non-Residential Sewer Charges

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).

14.4 Land Classification and Sale - 30 Bourbah St Gulargambone

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

14.5 Extension of Quarry Manager Engagement to 31 December 2026

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c, d(i) and d(ii) 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

CARRIED

14.1 CLOSED (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL - 13 MAY 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/114**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the minutes of the Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.2 COONAMBLE ARTESIAN BORE BATHS (COONAMBLE ARTESIAN AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE) - CONSTRUCTION OF BORE AND REPLACEMENT OF BORE 5 (WINGADEE STREET).****RESOLUTION 2026/115**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Receive and note the report.

- 1. Council endorse the awarding of the contract to The Impax Group for the construction of the following groundwater bores:**
 - a. Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths Bore (stainless steel construction)**
 - b. Replacement Bore 5, Wingadee Street (stainless steel construction), including decommissioning of the existing Bore 5.**
- 2. Note the total contract value for both projects is XXX.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.3 REQUEST FOR CONCESSION ON NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER CHARGES****RESOLUTION 2026/116**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council

- 1. Receive and note the Request for Concession on Non-Residential Sewer Charges report.**
- 2. Decline the request for a reduction in Non-Residential Sewerage charges.**
- 3. Advise the owner that Council would be prepared to consider an application for a payment plan.**
- 4. Waives interest accrued on sewer usage charges, subject to compliance with an approved payment plan.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.4 LAND CLASSIFICATION AND SALE - 30 BOURBAH ST GULARGAMBONE****RESOLUTION 2026/117**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the report.

- 1. That Council classify the land described as 30 Bourbah St Gulargambone NSW 2828 Lot 1 DP304778 as Operational Land.**
- 2. Approve the sale of the land described as 30 Bourbah St Gulargambone NSW 2828 Lot 1 DP304778**
- 3. Authorise the General Manager to**
 - (a) Undertake all necessary actions to facilitate the sale of the land in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993, including negotiation of sale terms within acceptable market parameters**
 - (b) Execute all associate documentation under Council's seal, where required.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0**14.5 EXTENSION OF QUARRY MANAGER ENGAGEMENT TO 31 DECEMBER 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/118**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Resolve, pursuant to section 55(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the provision of quarry manager services for Council's Mt Magometon Quarry.**
- 2. Approve an exemption from tendering requirements for the extension of the current quarry manager engagement for up to 6 months.**
- 3. Approve a variation to the existing contract with Saba Civil Management and Consultancy to extend the term up to 6 months.**
- 4. Note that Council will recommence recruitment activities for a permanent quarry manager during the extension period.**

5. Authorise the General Manager to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 12:28 pm, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 12:35 pm, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026/119

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

15 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12:36.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 8 July 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON