



MINUTES

**Extraordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 19 March 2026**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026 AT 9:00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Keady via Video Link, 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 9.03am, 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);
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- 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

NIL

5 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2026/29**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

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:

6.1 Contract for Sale-Yarran Street Land-Legal Advice

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.

6.2 Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths (Coonamble Artesian and Cultural Experience)

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.

CARRIED

At 9:04 am, Cr Margaret Garnsey arrived to the meeting.

At 9:11 am, Cr Adam Cohen arrived to the meeting.

6.1 CONTRACT FOR SALE-YARRAN STREET LAND-LEGAL ADVICE**RESOLUTION 2026/30**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the legal advice from BAL Lawyers regarding the Contract for Sale for Lots 85 and 87 DP3693, 70–78 Yarran Street, Coonamble.**
- 2. Authorise the General Manager to enter into discussions with the Purchaser to negotiate a variation of the Contract; and**
- 3. Receive a further report outlining the outcome of those discussions and**

any proposed variation.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 9:46 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 9:47 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

At 10:20 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 10:23 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

At 10:24 am, Mayor Daniel Keady left the meeting.

6.2 COONAMBLE ARTESIAN BORE BATHS (COONAMBLE ARTESIAN AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE)

RESOLUTION 2026/31

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1. Note the Quantity Surveyor cost estimates for the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths project and the revised staging approach for delivery of the project.**
- 2. Endorse the revised Stage 1 construction scope, focusing on the delivery of the core artesian bore baths facility, including site access, baths and amenities, constructed wetland, water storage, accommodation and associated service infrastructure.**
- 3. Note that the delivery of the full masterplan exceeds the currently available funding allocation and that the project will be delivered through staged development.**
- 4. Authorise the General Manager to continue engagement with GHD Group Pty Ltd to progress detailed design, statutory approvals and procurement associated with Stage 1 works.**
- 5. Note that Council will actively pursue additional State and Federal funding opportunities to secure the funding required to commence Stage 1 construction and to support the delivery of future project stages.**
- 6. Note that future project stages (Stages 2 and 3), including tourism accommodation, visitor infrastructure and landscaping works, will be subject to additional funding being secured.**
- 7. Request further reports be presented to Council as design, cost planning and funding opportunities progress.**

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Daniel Keady

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:30 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026/32

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 10:35.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 15 April 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON