

COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 13 May 2026**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 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 9.06am, 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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- 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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION 2026/57**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 15 April 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 9/0Carried

6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS**7.1 CR AHMAD KARANOUH- NOTICE OF MOTION -RELOCATION OF HORSE TROUGH AND COBB & CO CARRIAGE****RESOLUTION 2026/58**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the General Manager investigate

- 1. The relocation of the Old Horse Trough in the roundabout at the intersection of Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets, Coonamble, to a more central location in the main street precinct.**
- 2. The relocation of the replica Cobb & Co Carriage, currently housed at the Coonamble Museum to Smith Park, adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre**
- 3. A report to be presented to Council following the investigations on:**
 - a) Preferred location of both assets**
 - b) Cost to relocate both assets to their new location**
 - c) Cost to provide suitable, safe and secure housing for both assets**

d) Any perceived risks with the relocation of both assets

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

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**MAYORAL MINUTE****RESOLUTION 2026/59**

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 CORPORATE SERVICES - MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/60**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

- 1. That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Monthly Financial report.**
- 2. The investments from 1 April 2026 to 30 April 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

9.2 DRAFT OPERATIONAL BUDGET 2026-27 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

RESOLUTION 2026/61

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

Receive and note the report.

1. That Council places the following Draft documents for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
 - (a) Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27
 - (b) Draft Revenue Policy 2026-27
 - (c) Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27
2. Note that the public exhibition period will run for 28 days from Thursday 14th May 2026 with submissions closing at 5pm Thursday 11th June 2026.
3. Note following the exhibition period, a report be presented to Council which outlines community submissions received for Council's consideration and adoption of the final Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27 at its Ordinary Meeting in 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

9.3 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/62

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council.

1. Receive and note the report.
2. That Adopt the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents distributed under separate cover.
3. Note that in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer based on the information as presented in the September Budget review, that Council will be in a satisfactory financial position as at 30 June 2026.
4. Note the classification and position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds as at 31 March 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

9.4 ASSETS PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/63

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Receive and note the Asset 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

10 GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/64

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

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 2026/65

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

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 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

RESOLUTION 2026/66

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the Regional Drought Resilience Plan 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

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

RESOLUTION 2026/67

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Receive and note the report.

- 1. That Council note the progress of the Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths project, including land acquisition, Development Application lodgement, and water purchasing.**
- 2. That Council note that a further report will be presented to the June Ordinary Council Meeting regarding bore construction, total project cost to date, cost estimates for future expenditure and procurement options.**

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 GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/68

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the Governance and People Monthly Report 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

10.6 VALUES AND PURPOSE UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/69

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1.Note the outcomes of the Purpose and Values Review undertaken with Council staff; and

2.Endorse the Draft Purpose and Values Statement as presented.

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 MONTHLY RECORDS SYSTEM TASK MANAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

RESOLUTION 2026/70

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receive and note the snapshot report on the records system task management 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

11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

11.1 PLANNING, REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/71

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, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:06 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 10:08 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

11.2 ADOPTION OF COONAMBLE SHIRE URBAN HOUSING STRATEGY**RESOLUTION 2026/72**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the report.

- 1. That Council adopt the Coonamble Shire Urban Housing Strategy 2026 as presented.**
- 2. Note that comments from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) will be incorporated prior to endorsement by DPHI and publication of the Strategy.**
- 3. Authorise the General Manager to implement the Strategy and commence priority actions.**

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 WASTE RECYCLING EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/73**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives 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

11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/74

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receive and note the Community Development 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/75

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

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

11.6 REGIONAL ART TRAIL PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/76

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the Regional Art Trail Progress 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

12 INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2026/77

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

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

12.2 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/78

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

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

The Council Meeting paused for recess at 11:07am.

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 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2026/79

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

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:

13.1 Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council - 15 April 2026**13.2 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 competitor of the council.

13.3 Tender T442526OROC - Consultancy - Building Services Engineering and Civil Engineering Services

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.

13.4 Tender T452526OROC - Consultancy - Provision of Professional Services (Environmental Engineering)

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.

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

13.1 CLOSED (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL - 15 APRIL 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/80**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 15 April 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

13.2 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES**RESOLUTION 2026/81**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates report.**
- 2. Sell each of the Designated Properties by public auction according to the terms and conditions of the Contract**
- 3. Authorise the General Manager to insert the name of the successful bidder (“the purchaser”) and the price in the Contract upon completion of the public auction pursuant to s335(b) of the Local Government Act**

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**13.3 TENDER T442526OROC - CONSULTANCY - BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES****RESOLUTION 2026/82**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Tender T442526OROC - Consultancy - Building Services Engineering and Civil Engineering Services report.**
- 2. Accepts all Tenderers and be awarded this contract as Panel Source Suppliers to Coonamble Shire Council for a 36-month period, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029; and**
- 3. Provision be allowed for 2 x 12 - month extensions based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 June 2031.**

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

13.4 TENDER T452526OROC - CONSULTANCY - PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING)

RESOLUTION 2026/83

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Tender T452526OROC – Consultancy – Provision of Professional Services (Environmental Engineering) report.**
- 2. Accepts all Tenderers and be awarded this contract as Panel Source Suppliers to Coonamble Shire Council for a 36-month period, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029; and**
- 3. Provision be allowed for 2 x 12-month extensions based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 June 2031.**

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

RESOLUTION 2026/84

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

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

144 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.55am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 17 June 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON