



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 8 October 2025**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025 AT 9.00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Phillip Perram (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), Lesley Duncan (Acting Director Community Development, Planning & Environment), Jennifer Maundrell (Executive Manager Corporate Governance), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.02 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;
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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

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2025/272

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the apology from Cr Karen Churchill be noted and leave be granted.

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 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2025/273

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 10 September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meetings, predicated on:

- **The deletion of Cr Adam Cohen from Resolution 2025/35 – “In Favour” as he was not in the room.**
- **The notation that resolution 2025/257 and 2025/258 were adopted unanimously.**

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 2025/274

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 1 October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meetings

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 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Phillipa Goldsmith declared a Significant Non-pecuniary declaration with:

Item 8.7 – Economic Development and Growth – as she has an interest in and will not participate the discussion or decision in the Country Heartline – Regional Drought Resilience Program grant consortium project.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

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RESOLUTION 2025/275

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

That the Mayoral Minute for October 2025 be noted, and also highlighted the forthcoming Gold Cup racing day as well as expressing appreciation for all involved in the highly successful Vision Splendid.

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

MOTION

RESOLUTION 2025/276

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the General Manager write to Roy Butler MP, to seek advice of grant funding opportunities for the ageing infrastructure at the Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone swimming pools.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST BY COUNILLORS AND DESIGNATED STAFF

The General Manager tabled the completed Disclosures of Interest forms for both Councillors and designated staff.

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

2.1 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER COUNCIL'S DONATIONS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2025/277

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. Notes the information in this report.
2. Provide financial assistance in accordance with the recommendations from the Donations Committee as follows:

(a) Coonamble-Castlereagh Landcare	\$ 3,000.00
(b) Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre – Hosting of luncheon for people with disabilities	\$ 4,000.00
(c) Gulargambone Working Dogs	\$ 3,000.00
(d) St Barnabas Anglican Parish	\$ 2,000.00
(e) 2829 Gathering	\$ 1,000.00
(f) Coonamble Local Aboriginal Lands Council	\$ 1,000.00

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 B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**3.2 CORRESPONDENCE****RESOLUTION 2025/278**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the Correspondence Report September 2025 be received and 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

4.3 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/279**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council note the Council resolutions report and status.

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

5.4 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/280**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note the report of investments from 1 September 2025 to 30 September 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, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

6.5 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/281**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council receive and note the information provided in the rates and charges collections report.

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

7.6 PLANNING, REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/282**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Progress Report for September be received and 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

At 9:22 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith left the meeting.

8.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH**RESOLUTION 2025/283**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

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

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 9:30 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith returned to the meeting.

9.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/284**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note the September 2025 Community Development Report.

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

10.9 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/285**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council note the report on waste management activities.

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

11.10 FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS MANDATES**RESOLUTION 2025/286**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council note the information on Food and Garden Organics Mandate Exemptions.

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

12.11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2025/287

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note the report on the works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Directorate.

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

AERODROME – OPERATIONAL MATTER

RESOLUTION 2025/288

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council install two additional plain wires on the new boundary fence at the Aerodrome.

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

13.12 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/289

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council note the report and the progress on the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Project.

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 QUARRY COMMITTEE - MINUTES/REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/290

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the Minutes of the Quarry Committee meeting of 24 September 2025 be adopted as a true and accurate record and the Scope of Works be distributed.

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

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 AGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE

RESOLUTION 2025/291

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council adopt the draft Agency Information Guide 2025-2026.

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

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2025/292

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:

12.2 Request for quotation - Proposed Artesian Bore Baths & Facilities - Design and Specifications

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.

CARRIED

Cr Margaret Garnsey declared a Significant Non-pecuniary declaration with:

Item 12.2 – Request for Quotation – Proposed Artesian Bore Baths & Facilities – Design and Specifications – as she has an interest in as she is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Coonamble Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Trust and will not participate the discussion or decision.

At 9:49 am, Cr Margaret Garnsey left the meeting.

12.2 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - PROPOSED ARTESIAN BORE BATHS & FACILITIES - DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 2025/293

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council note the appointment of GHD PTY LTD to provide the design and specifications for the Artesian Bore Baths and Facilities.

- 1. Endorse the process for selection and engaging GHD PTY LTD Pty Ltd as the Designer for the Artesian Bore Baths and Facilities Project**
- 2. Update the contracts register showing GHD PTY LTD Pty Ltd as the consultant engaged for the Design and Specification of the Artesian Bore Baths and Facilities Project for a Lump Sum of \$426,124.38**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 10:03 am, Cr Margaret Garnsey returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2025/294

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

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

At 10:09 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 10.11am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 12 November 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON