



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 8 July 2026**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 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 **9:05am**, 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

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2026/120

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 17 June 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

Council received confirmation from the Office of Local Government that the maximum interest payable on overdue rates is to be 9.5%. Recommend updating the resolution 5 in item 9.1 to say -

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 ~~10~~9.5% per annum

Resolution 2026/88 – Updated to have Cr Wheelhouse as “in favour”.

6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Adam Cohen declared a Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 12.2 - Tooraweenah Road Upgrade - Monthly Status Update report as he has a cleaning contract. He indicated he will stay in the room for the discussion and for voting on the item.

Item 14.3 - Coonamble Swimming Pools management 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.

7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

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RESOLUTION 2026/121

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the Mayoral Minute for July 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 2026/122

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

- 1. That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Monthly Financial report.**
- 2. The investments from 1 June 2026 to 29 June 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

10 GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/123

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

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 2026/124

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

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 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/125

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council receive and note the Communications Update 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 GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/126

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council note the Governance and People Monthly Report for July 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 2025-2026 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE RETURNS****RESOLUTION 2026/127**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Receive and note the report.

- 1. That all Councillors and designated person provide the General Manager with their duly completed “Related Party Disclosure by Key Management Personnel” forms no later than 31 August 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 PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS****RESOLUTION 2026/128**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That all Councillors and designated persons provide completed disclosure of interest forms to the General Manager by 30 September 2026, for these returns to be publicly tabled at the next 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 COSTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS: PRINCIPLES PAPER****RESOLUTION 2026/129**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the submission to the NSW Electoral Commission on the draft *Costs for Local Government Elections: Principles Paper* (June 2026).**
- 2. Authorise the General Manager to finalise and lodge the submission by**

the closing date of 31 July 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

10.8 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT FRAMEWORK REFORMS**RESOLUTION 2026/130**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1.Note the NSW Office of Local Government's consultation on the *Councillor Conduct Framework Reform*, including the *Policy Statement* (June 2026) and draft *Model Code of Conduct for Councillors*.**
- 2.Endorse the submissions prepared for both documents.**
- 3.Authorise the General Manager to finalise and lodge the submissions by the nominated closing date.**

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 REVIEW OF AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) MEMBER REMUNERATION**RESOLUTION 2026/131**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council:

- 1.Approves an increase in remuneration for ARIC members to:**
 - ☐ **Chair: \$1,200 per meeting (plus travel costs);**
 - ☐ **Independent Members: \$1,000 per meeting (plus travel costs); and**
- 2.Applies the revised remuneration rates effective from the next scheduled ARIC 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

10.10 MT MAGOMETON QUARRY MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/132

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council:

- 1.Receive and note the Mt Magometon Quarry Monthly Report for July 2026.**
- 2.Note the quarry sales performance and trends over the past three financial years.**

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

10.11 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT-NSW RUGBY WORLD CUP LEGACY PROGRAM 2025/26- GULARGAMBONE SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING AND CHANGE ROOMS UPGRADE

RESOLUTION 2026/133

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

Receive and note the report.

- 1. Accept the funding of \$135,200 under the NSW Rugby World Cup Legacy Program 2025/26 for the Gulargambone Sportsground Lighting and Changeroom Upgrade.**
- 2. Endorse a Council cash contribution of \$25,000, funded from the Grant Reserve – Development Fund 2026/27.**
- 3. Note that the Gulargambone Rugby Club will contribute \$25,000 towards the required co-contribution.**
- 4. Endorse Council acting as the auspice organisation, with the grant funding and Council contribution being provided to the Gulargambone Rugby Club to deliver the project.**
- 5. Authorise the General Manager to execute all documentation associated with the funding agreement and project delivery.**

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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/134

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receive and note the Economic Development and Growth activity 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

11.2 2026 JUNE LONG WEEKEND RODEO - FEEDBACK

RESOLUTION 2026/135

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the following Rodeo feedback 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

11.3 COONAMBLE MUSEUM PRECINCT REACTIVATION

RESOLUTION 2026/136

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the following Museum Precinct Reactivation 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 WASTE RECYCLING EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/137

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council receive and note the Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives 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

11.5 PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/138

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the Planning 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 9/0Carried

11.6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/139

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Receive and note the report.

1. That the Community Development activity report for June 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

12 INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2026/140

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
 Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

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 2026/141

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
 Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

Receive and note the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Monthly Status report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:15 am, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler left the meeting.

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2026/142

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
 Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

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 - 17 June 2026

14.2 Contract for Sale-Yarran Street-Legal Advice

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - g 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 advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

14.3 Coonamble Swimming Pools management

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.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:17 am, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler returned to the meeting.

14.1 CLOSED (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL - 17 JUNE 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/143**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the minutes of the Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 17 June 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

At 10:47 am, Cr Karen Churchill left the meeting.

14.2 CONTRACT FOR SALE-YARRAN STREET-LEGAL ADVICE**RESOLUTION 2026/144**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the report.

1. Receive and note the report regarding the Contract for Sale of Lots 85 and

87 DP6393, 70–78 Yarran Street, Coonamble.

- 2. Note the outcome of negotiations undertaken with the Purchaser in accordance with Resolution 2026/1.**
- 3. Council request the General Manager to provide a project plan with a strategic relevance, timeline and costing back to 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 11:02 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

14.3 COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOLS MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/145

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Receive and note the report.

- 1. That Council endorse the proposal for Lee and Co to continue with the operation of the Coonamble pool until June 2029 utilising the one year plus one year option.**
- 2. That Council endorse the proposal from Lee and Co to also undertake the operation of the Gulargambone pool from this Summer 2026 until June 2029.**
- 3. That Council endorse the variation to the existing contract to include the operations of the Gulargambone pool until June 2029.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 11:07 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026/146

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

At 11:11 am, Cr Ahmad Karanouh left the meeting.

15 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11:14.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 12 August 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON

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