



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 13 August 2025**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, QUAMBONE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

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: 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 9.04 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

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION 2025/204**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 9 July 2025 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

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Margaret Garnsey declared a non-pecuniary declaration with:

Item 2.1 – Request to be a Crown Land Manager – Bore Bath Project, as she is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Land Manager (CRRLM).

Cr Phillipa Goldsmith declared a pecuniary declaration with:

Item 10.8 – Economic Development and Growth – as she is a part owner of a business engaged to manage an event that is sponsored by Council.

Cr Ahmad Karanouh declared a pecuniary declaration with:

Item 12.3 – Confidential Supplementary Report - Intention to serve Offer of Compromise.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**MAYORAL MINUTE****RESOLUTION 2025/205**

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

That the Mayoral Minute for August 2025 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

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

At 9.12 am, Cr Margaret Garnsey left the meeting.

2.1 REQUEST TO BE CROWN LAND MANAGER - BORE BATH PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2025/206**

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Request written confirmation from the Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Land Manager they relinquish management over the identified project site of Reserve 520089.**
- 2. Council applies to be appointed as the Crown Land Manager for the identified project site of Reserve 5820089.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 9.14 am, Cr Margaret Garnsey returned to the meeting.

3.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLUTION 2025/207

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council adopts:

- 1. The reviewed Code of Conduct for Councillors.**
- 2. The reviewed Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct.**

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

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

4.3 FREE SPEECH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NSW

RESOLUTION 2025/208

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note the *Free Speech in Local Government in NSW* guideline.

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

5.4 GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES RECEIVABLE UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/209

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receive and note the information contained in the July 2025 Government grants and receivables update.

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

6.5 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JULY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/210

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

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

7.6 ELECTORAL COMMISSION DISCLOSURES

RESOLUTION 2025/211

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council note the obligations of Councillors under the *Electoral Funding Act 2018 (NSW)* to report political donations and electoral expenditure.

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

8.7 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT JULY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/212

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the monthly report on waste management activities 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

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 CASTLEREGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL (CMCC) JUNE 2025 UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/213

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report from the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held 23 June 2025.**
- 2. That Coonamble Shire Council note the Quarterly Biosecurity report notified an infestation of Green Cestrum and Hudson's Pear on the Quambone Common.**

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 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/214

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the Correspondence Report July 2025 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 LGNSW 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/215

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. As a minimum, be represented by the Mayor and General Manager at the Local Government NSW Conference**
- 2. Nominate Cr Karanouh to attend the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference with the Mayor and General Manager, to be held at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025.**
- 3. Nominate the Mayor as its voting delegate for purposes of electing the LGNSW President and Executive Board Members, as well as for voting on motions discussed at annual conferences.**

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 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/216**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council note the Council resolutions and actions update.

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 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY ADOPTION**RESOLUTION 2025/217**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council adopt the Public Interest Disclosure 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

10.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/218**

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council note the July 2025 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

10.6 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - JULY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/219**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note the report of investments from 1 July 2025 to 31 July 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, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0d

10.7 PROPOSED ROAD ASSETS HIERARCHY REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/220**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council

- 1. Place the draft road hierarchy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community and if any submissions are received, a report be prepared for Councils further consideration and adoption of the road hierarchy (with or without change)**
- 2. Adopt the road hierarchy without any changes, if no submissions are received.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

At 9:40 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith left the meeting.

10.8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH**RESOLUTION 2025/221**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

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, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 9:46 am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith returned to the meeting.

10.9 COMPLETION REPORT - COONAMBLE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 2025/222**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council:

- 1. Note the Completion Report of the Coonamble Youth Empowerment Program, and**
- 2. Recognise the significant achievements in the Program's Completion 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 PLANNING, REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/223**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Progress Report for July 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

10.11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS**RESOLUTION 2025/224**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

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

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

10.12 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/225**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

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, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2025/226**

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:

12.1 Tender 2001948 Construction of Levee Bank Stage 4A (Riverbank Stabilisation and Restoration Works)

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.

12.2 Request for Concession Towards Water User 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).

12.3 Intention to serve Offer of Compromise

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.

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 meeting paused for morning tea at 10:20 am.

The meeting resumed at 10.45am.

RESOLUTION 2025/227

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

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 and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 11.16 am, Cr Ahmad Karanouh left the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2025/228

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council adopt the following recommendations of the Confidential Committee:

12.1 Tender 2001948 Construction of Levee Bank Stage 4A (Riverbank Stabilisation and Restoration Works)

That Council accept the tender submitted from TRX Civil Solutions Pty Limited in the recommended tender amount of \$216,729.56 (Inclusive GST) for Tender 2001948 for Coonamble Levee Stage 4A (Riverbank Stabilisation and Restoration Works).

12.2 Request for Concession Towards Water User Charges

That Council

- 1. Note the report.**
- 2. Enter into a suitable payment arrangement with the property owner.**
- 3. Subject to an approved payment plan, waive the interest.**

12.3 SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS - Intention to serve Offer of Compromise

That Council

- 1. Receive and note the information contained in the report.**
- 2. Agree to the serving of an Offer of compromise with no reduction in Council's clean-up costs.**
- 3. Delegate the authority to negotiate on behalf of Council to the Mayor and General Manager if any further negotiations are required.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 11:17 am, Cr Ahmad Karanouh returned to the meeting.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.18am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 10 September 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON