



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 10 November 2021**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), Cr Bill Fisher (Deputy Mayor), Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans

IN ATTENDANCE: Hein Basson (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Executive Leader - Corporate and Sustainability), Daniel Noble (Executive Leader Infrastructure), Noreen Vu (Executive Leader - Environment, Strategic Planning & Community), Pip Goldsmith (Manager of Economic Development & Growth), Marina Colwell (Executive Support Officer)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.05 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;
- 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

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2021/226

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That the apologies received from Cr Karen Churchill and Cr Robert Thomas be noted and approved.

CARRIED

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/227

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Deans informed the meeting that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest regarding Item 10.5 Economic Development & Growth – Progress Report regarding the Inland Rail Project and a potential farm-stay operation and Item 10.9 Environment and Strategic Planning Progress Report, as she had lodged submissions for both the Ralston Quarry and Single Quarry Development Applications. Cr Deans further stated that her farming business is involved with grain production, her property is potentially affected by the proposed route of the Inland Rail Project and is in the vicinity of the proposed quarry developments. Cr Deans also stated that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest regarding item 10.16 Draft Gates and Stock Grids Policy, stating she has gates and stock grids on her property and shares grids with neighbouring property owners.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE**MAYORAL MINUTE****RESOLUTION 2021/228**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the contents of the Mayoral Minute.

CARRIED

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL**SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1 STATUS REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES****RESOLUTION 2021/229**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

10.2 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**RESOLUTION 2021/230**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council closes its administrative office, libraries, Service NSW agency, the Visitor Information & Exhibition Centre, Council depots and quarry at close of business on Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.**
- 2. That Council staff avail themselves of leave provisions for the annual festive period closedown on days not covered by public holiday provisions, namely the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 29, 30 and 31 December 2021.**

CARRIED

10.3 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - ANNUAL STATISTICS

RESOLUTION 2021/231

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the annual statistics in relation to Code of Conduct Complaints received relating to a Councillor or the General Manager for the reporting period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 contained in this report.

CARRIED

10.4 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/232

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the contents of the October 2021 Murray Darling Association Delegate's Report, as attached to this report.

CARRIED

10.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/233

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.6 UPDATED DRAFT PUBLIC ART POLICY**RESOLUTION 2021/234**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

1. That Council places the draft Public Art Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.
2. That, in the event of any submissions being received, the Manager Economic Development & Growth presents a further report, together with the contents of those submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Public Art Policy (with or without changes) at its February 2022 Ordinary Meeting.
3. That, in the event of no submissions being received within the prescribed number of days, Council formally adopts the Public Art Policy without any changes as a policy of Council.

CARRIED**10.7 END OF TERM REPORT - STATE OF OUR SHIRE****RESOLUTION 2021/235**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

1. That Council endorses the contents of the End of Term Report: State of Our Shire.
2. That the Council notes that the End of Term Report: State of Our Shire will be formally presented at the second meeting of the newly elected Council.

CARRIED**10.8 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2021/236**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council notes the information contained in this report.**CARRIED**

10.9 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/237**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.10 SALEYARDS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/238**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen
Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

10.11 PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/239**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the tabling of the presentation and tabling of its Auditors Report and Financial Reports for the year ended 30th June 2021.

CARRIED

10.12 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/240**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council approves the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents distributed under separate cover.**
- 2. That Council notes, 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 2022.**
- 3. That Council notes the position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds as at 30 September 2021.**

CARRIED

10.13 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - OCTOBER 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/241

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the list of investments as at 31 October 2021 and that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.

CARRIED

10.14 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - OCTOBER 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/242

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED

10.15 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2021/243

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

10.16 DRAFT GATES AND STOCK GRIDS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2021/244

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council places the draft Gates and Stock Grids on Public Roads Policy as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.
- 2. That, in the event of any submissions being received, the Executive Leader Infrastructure presents a further report, together with the contents of those submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council’s further consideration and adoption of the Gates and Stock Grids on Public Roads Policy (with or without changes) at its February 2022 Ordinary Meeting.
- 3. That, in the event of no submissions being received within the prescribed number of 42 days, Council formally adopts the Gates and Stock Grids on Public Roads Policy without any changes as a policy of Council.

CARRIED

10.17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2021/245

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.45am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 11 January 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON