



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held on
Thursday 26 June 2025
At 10:02 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide regional economic opportunity and lifestyle choices through provision of a quality water supply by innovative leadership showing environmental responsibility in cooperation with the community, constituent councils and governments.

VISION

To be innovative leaders in the supply and distribution of water through regional efficiency, technical excellence and customer service.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest.

COUNCILLORS



Councillor Alan White
Chairperson
Coolamon Shire Council



Councillor Graham Sinclair
Deputy Chairperson
Temora Shire Council



Councillor Matt Austin
Junee Shire Council



Councillor Rodney Crowe
Bland Shire Council



Councillor Les Cooper
Cootamundra-Gundagai
Regional Council



Councillor Joanne Mackay
Hilltops Council



Councillor Neil Langford
Hilltops Council



Councillor Cameron Rouse
Narrandera Shire Council

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**MINUTES OF GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GOLDENFIELDS WATER TEMORA OFFICE
ON THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025 AT 10:02 AM**

PRESENT: Cr A White, Cr G Sinclair, Cr C Rouse, Cr M Austin, Cr R Crowe, Cr N Langford, Cr J Mackay

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Drenovski (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Mr A Dahlenburg (Operations Manager), Miss S Jung (Engineering Manager), Ms K McCormack (Corporate Services Manager)

1 OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 10:02AM.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Nil

Apologies

APOLOGY
BOARD RESOLUTION 25/053 Moved: Cr M Austin Seconded: Cr C Rouse That the apology received from Cr L Cooper be accepted and leave of absence be granted. CARRIED

Application for Leave of Absence

Nil

4 ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

Councils Code of Meeting Practice permits Councillors to attend and participate in meetings of the council with the approval of the council or relevant committee.

Clauses 5.19 - 5.30 of the Code of Meeting Practice provides the parameters for eligibility and requirements for remote attendance.

5 WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attendees of this meeting are reminded that:

- a) The meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on Council's website, and
- b) Persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

6 PRESENTATIONS

No presentations are scheduled for this meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**BOARD RESOLUTION 25/054**

Moved: Cr N Langford

Seconded: Cr J Mackay

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 24 April 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

8 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Senior Staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matter listed before them.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reason in declaring any type of interest.

Cr G Sinclair disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to 20.2 – Water Billing Project Update and chose to remain in the meeting, participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and vote on the matter OR remain in the meeting, but not participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and not vote on the matter. The reason provided was:

“One of the mentioned account holders is his relative.”

9 BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE – URGENT

In accordance with clause 9.3 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, business may be transacted at a meeting without due notice only if:

- a) A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting, and
- b) The business to be considered is ruled by the chairperson to be of great urgency on the grounds that it requires a decision by the council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the council.

10 CHAIRPERSON MINUTES

Nil

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

13 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER**13.1 COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRPERSON FEES FOR 2025/2026****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/001****Moved: Cr J Mackay****Seconded: Cr C Rouse**

- 1. That Councillors and Chairpersons fees be increased by 3% for the 2025/2026 financial year as per the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination dated 17 April 2025.**
- 2. That the annual remuneration for 2025/2026 is: Councillor \$11,326.91 and Chairperson \$18,604.68**

CARRIED**13.2 COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - APRIL 2025****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/002****Moved: Cr N Langford****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That Council receive and note the Council Cash and Investment Report as at 30 April 2025.****CARRIED****13.3 COUNCIL CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - MAY 2025****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/003****Moved: Cr R Crowe****Seconded: Cr M Austin****That Council receive and note the Council Cash and Investment Report as at 31 May 2025.****CARRIED****13.4 PP045 - DATA BREACH POLICY****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/004****Moved: Cr C Rouse****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That Council review and adopt the new PP045 - Data Breach Policy.****CARRIED**

13.5 PP004 REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY

BOARD RESOLUTION 25/005

Moved: Cr M Austin

Seconded: Cr J Mackay

That Council receive and endorse the revised PP004 Investments Policy.

CARRIED

14 OPERATIONS MANAGER

Nil

15 PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER**15.1 WATER PRODUCTION REPORT****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/006****Moved: Cr M Austin****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That the Water Production Report be received and noted.****CARRIED****16 ENGINEERING MANAGER****16.1 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/007****Moved: Cr C Rouse****Seconded: Cr M Austin****That Council receive and note the Capital Works Progress Report as of 31 May 2025.****CARRIED****16.2 FIRE SERVICE CONNECTION CLARIFICATIONS****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/008****Moved: Cr C Rouse****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That Council approve the proposed changes to PP007 Water Service Connection Policy.****CARRIED****16.3 PP008 DEVELOPER CHARGES POLICY UPDATE****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/009****Moved: Cr J Mackay****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That Council adopt the draft PP008 Developer Charges Policy.****CARRIED**

17 GENERAL MANAGER**17.1 2025 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/010****Moved: Cr M Austin****Seconded: Cr N Langford****That Council receive and note the report detailing 2025 Staff Survey Results.****CARRIED****17.2 P019 PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/011****Moved: Cr M Austin****Seconded: Cr C Rouse****That Council adopt the P019 Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct.****CARRIED****17.3 TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE 24 JULY 2025****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/012****Moved: Cr R Crowe****Seconded: Cr C Rouse****That Council receive and endorse the temporary closure of the Temora office on 31 July 2025 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm for a staff event in support of strategic workforce development initiative.****CARRIED****17.4 ADOPTION OF 2025-2029 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2025-2026 OPERATIONAL PLAN****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/013****Moved: Cr J Mackay****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair**

- 1. That: Council adopts the 2025-2029 Delivery Program, as exhibited on public display, with the addition of a whole staff image on the front cover.**
- 2. Council adopts the 2025-2026 Operational Plan, as exhibited on public display.**
- 3. The fees and charges be made for the 2025-2026 financial year, as detailed in the adopted 2025-2026 Operational Plan Fees and Charges Schedule noting the removal of both the access and consumption charges relating to Trunk Main Consumers Transferred from RWCC.**

CARRIED

17.5 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT**BOARD RESOLUTION 25/014****Moved: Cr G Sinclair****Seconded: Cr J Mackay****That Council note the Council Resolutions Update Report.****CARRIED****17.6 PP017 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****BOARD RESOLUTION 25/015****Moved: Cr M Austin****Seconded: Cr G Sinclair****That Council adopt PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.****CARRIED****18 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE****19 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**BOARD RESOLUTION 25/070**

Moved: Cr M Austin

Seconded: Cr C Rouse

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 at 10:33AM:

20.1 Tender 01/2025 West Wyalong Terminal Reservoir Recoating Tender

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.

20.2 Water Billing Project Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (b) 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 discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

20.3 01/2024 Oura Pump Station and Dosing Design and Construction - Progress Report June 2025

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.

CARRIED

BOARD RESOLUTION 25/074**Moved:** Cr M Austin**Seconded:** Cr C Rouse**That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:15AM.****CARRIED****21 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS****20.1 TENDER 01/2025 WEST WYALONG TERMINAL RESERVOIR RECOATING TENDER****Author:** Engineering Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** Nil

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2) (d(i)) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:*

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

BOARD RESOLUTION 25/071**Moved:** Cr J Mackay**Seconded:** Cr G Sinclair**That Council approve to award the contract (Tender 01/2025) for the internal recoating and engineering works of West Wyalong Terminal reservoir to RMP Abrasive Blasting for \$847,878.00 excl GST.****CARRIED****20.2 WATER BILLING PROJECT UPDATE****Author:** Corporate Services Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager

- Attachments:**
- 1. Attachment One**
 - 2. Attachment Two**

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- b discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.*

BOARD RESOLUTION 25/072**Moved:** Cr J Mackay**Seconded:** Cr N Langford

1. That Council receive and note the Water Billing Project Update.
2. That Council approve the recommendation to waive the charges listed in Attachment One
3. That Council note the updates included in Attachment Two.

CARRIED**20.3 01/2024 OURA PUMP STATION AND DOSING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION -
PROGRESS REPORT JUNE 2025****Author:** Engineering Officer**Authoriser:** Production & Services Manager**Attachments:** Nil

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BOARD RESOLUTION 25/073**Moved:** Cr G Sinclair**Seconded:** Cr C Rouse**That Council:**

- A) note the information on the progress of the Oura projects provided within the body of this report, including updates on budget, timeline and general progress.
- B) note the engagement of subcontractors under the delegations of the General Manager to ensure that works continue and progress within a timely manner.

CARRIED**22 NEXT MEETING**

To be held at Goldenfields Water Temora office at 10:00 AM on Thursday 28 August 2025.

23 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 11:17AM.