



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD ON Tuesday 12 March 2024  
COMMENCING AT 9:00 am**

## **1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

*Please note:*

*In some instances, due to unforeseen circumstances, the sequence of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the meeting day may vary from the order of the agenda issued. The corresponding meeting minutes will follow the outline of the originally issued agenda, however the resolution numbers noted will be in accordance with the actual sequence of the meeting on the day.*

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.03 am.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

It has been noted that the Mayor has reminded all Councillors in regards to registration of interests and declaration of contact with or engagement of lobbyists.

## **2 Present**

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton  
Councillor Sam Beauchamp  
Councillor Tim Edgar  
Councillor Jack Neilson  
Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate & Financial Services)  
Mr Michael Pickering (Interim Director of Works and Operations)  
Miss Pearl Pocock (Administration Officer)

## **3 Apologies / Leave of Absence**

There were no apologies or leaves of absence for this meeting.

#### **4 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest relevant to reports at this meeting.

#### **5 Mayoral Minutes**

There were no Mayoral Minutes to be noted at this meeting.

#### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no notices of motions to be noted at this meeting.

#### **7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum**

There were no requests to address the Council.

#### **8 Petitions**

There were no petitions presented to Council.

#### **9 Deputations**

There were no deputations to Council.

#### **10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Moved:** *Cr Neilson*

**Seconded:** *Cr Beauchamp*

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd February 2024 be accepted.

**Resolution No.:** *2024/03.1*

**Carried**

#### **11 Reports**

##### **11.1 Works and Operations**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Director of Works and Operations February 2024 Report	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.1
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**PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works and Operations Department in line with all works and operations being undertaken for February 2024.

**Moved: Cr Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr Norton**

That Council receive the Director of Works and Operations February 2024 Report for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.2**

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Engineering Service Report – Newsbrief for February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.2
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**PURPOSE:**

To inform Council on the progress of various projects by George Bourne & Associates on behalf of Council through an information update.

**Moved: Cr Norton**

**Seconded: Cr Britton**

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for February 2024 be noted.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.3**

**Carried**

Mr Gordon Stumbris and Miss Jade Somerfield entered the meeting at 9.15 am. Mr Stumbris discussed with Council the recent works that have been completed as a result of the extensive flood damage that has recently occurred in the shire.

Mr Stumbris and Miss Somerfield left the meeting at 9.56 am.

<b>TITLE:</b>	Foreman Roads, Utilities and Services Report February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.3
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**PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department during the month of February 2024.

**Moved: Cr Norton**

**Seconded: Cr Neilson**

That Council receive the Foreman Roads, Utilities and Services February 2024 Report for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.5**

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Foreman Road Maintenance and Construction Report February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.4
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**PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Council works program for February 2024.

**Moved: Cr Britton**

**Seconded: Cr Edgar**

That Council receive the Foreman Roads, Construction and Maintenance February 2024 Report for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.6**

**Carried**

Mr Pickering left the meeting at 10.12 am.

<b>TITLE:</b>	QRA Flood Damage Works Department February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.5
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**PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program for February 2024.

**Moved:** Cr Beauchamp

**Seconded:** Cr Edgar

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department February 2024 Report be received for information.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.4

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Rural Lands Protection Officer February 2024 Report	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.1.6
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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of current activities relating to weed management, pest control, animal management and stock routes.

**Moved:** Cr Norton

**Seconded:** Cr Britton

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's Report for February 2024 be received for information.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.7

**Carried**

## **11.2 Office of the Chief Executive**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Chief Executives Report February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.2.1
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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the office of the CEO.

**Moved:** Cr Neilson

**Seconded:** Cr Britton

That the CEO Report for February 2024 be received for information.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.8

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.45 am.

Meeting resumed at 11.15 am.

<b>TITLE:</b>	Action List Update February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.2.2
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**PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an updated Action List.

**Moved: Cr Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr Britton**

That Council receive the Action List update for February 2024 for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.9**

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	2024 Boulia Camel Races Special Holiday - approval of date change	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.2.3
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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the Minister's approval for the change in date of the 2024 Boulia Camel Races special holiday.

**Moved: nil**

**Seconded: nil**

That Council receive the 2024 Boulia Camel Races Special Holiday - approval of date change report for information.

**No resolution made for this report due to being for information only.**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Roads of Regional Significance - Statement of Intent Review	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.2.4
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**PURPOSE:**

To present to Council a review the Statements of Intent (SOI) for Council's Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS).

**Moved: Cr Britton**

**Seconded: Cr Neilson**

1. That Council consider and endorse the Statements of Intent, attached to the Local Roads of Regional Significance - Statement of Intent Review Report.
2. That the new Statement of Intent be forwarded to the Outback Regional Road Transport Group

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.10**

**Carried**

## **11.3 Corporate Services**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Director of Corporate & Financial Services February 2024 Report	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.3.1
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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the activities of the Director of Corporate and Financial Services.

**Moved:** Cr Neilson

**Seconded:** Cr Norton

That the Director of Corporate & Financial Services February 2024 report be received for information purposes.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.11

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Boulia Golf Club Rates	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.3.2
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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the request to waiver the rates relating to the Boulia Golf Club.

**Moved:** Cr Britton

**Seconded:** Cr Beauchamp

1. That all rates payable (general rates plus all services and the Emergency Services Levy) by the Boulia Golf Club Inc (Assessment A244) for the 2024/25 financial year, be paid by Council as a donation on the basis that the association is a volunteer association responsible for providing a recreational facility.
2. That the DCS write to the Golf Club and advise them of the outcome.
3. Action to be completed by Finance to make the donation to the Golf Club to cover the 2024/2025 financial years. Notation to be made in the rates system for future records.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.12

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Policy Reviews - 112, 118, 131	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.3.3
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**PURPOSE:**

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

**Moved:** Cr Britton

**Seconded:** Cr Edgar

1. That policies 112 Email and Internet, 118 Asset Management and Services, 131 Council Credit Card Policies be endorsed as presented.
2. That a copy of the policies be loaded into the Councillor Hub.

**Resolution No.:** 2024/03.13

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 noon.  
Meeting resumed at 12.50 pm.

<b>TITLE:</b>	Financial Report for February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.3.4
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**PURPOSE:**

Financial Summary as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Moved: Cr Beauchamp**

**Seconded: Cr Neilson**

That the Finance Report for February 2024 be received for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.14**

**Carried**

## **11.4 Community Services**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.4.1
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**PURPOSE:**

To provide Council with an update of the activities associated with Councils' community development activities.

**Moved: Cr Norton**

**Seconded: Cr Neilson**

That the Community Services Report for February 2024 be received for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.15**

**Carried**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Centre Report – February 2024	<b>DOC REF:</b> 11.4.2
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**PURPOSE:**

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Min Min Encounter and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

**Moved: Cr Britton**

**Seconded: Cr Beauchamp**

That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Centre Report February 2024 be received for information.

**Resolution No.: 2024/03.16**

**Carried**

## **12 Late Reports**

There were no late reports presented to Council.

## **13 Closed Session**

There were no closed session reports presented to Council.

## **14 General Business**

**End of term for Councillor Edgar** - Councillor Edgar expressed his thanks and Mayor Britton thanked Councillor Edgar for his time as Councillor and acknowledged how the Councillors have worked as a team for the betterment of the community.

**New branding for Council** - CEO Lynn Moore gave the Councillors a preview of the possible new branding proposal Council has received. The new branding covers such things as font types and colours to be used in all Council documents to ensure consistency across the organisation.

## **15 Meeting Closure**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 1.37 pm.

## **16 Confirmed**

Minutes confirmed 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Resolution No.: 2024/04.4