



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON Friday 16 December 2022
COMMENCING AT 9:45 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 10.13 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: Mr Ajay Agwan (Director of Works and Operations)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

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

4 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Beauchamp declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the report 14.1.1 Australia Day Awards 2023 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* section 150EI (c)(i), due to being the applicant for approval. In accordance with section 150EM of

the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Beauchamp left the meeting while this matter was discussed and voted on.

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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

Ms Tanya Rice from the Pitta Pitta Aboriginal Corporation was to present to Council.

10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th November 2022 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.1

Carried

Ms Rice entered the meeting at 10.19 am.

11 Reports

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Director of Works and Operations November 2022 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the entire Works Department in line with all works and operations being undertaken each month.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Edgar

That Council receive the Director of Works and Operations November 2022 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.2

Carried

TITLE:	Engineering Service Report - Newsbrief for November 2022	DOC REF: 11.1.2
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council on the progress of various items through an information update.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for November 2022 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.3

Carried

Mr Agwan left the meeting at 10.27 am.

Ms Rice from the Pitta Pitta Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC) introduced herself and discussed with Council potential ways the PPAC could assist Council and possible avenues for the Council and PPAC to work together.

TITLE:	Foreman Road Maintenance and Utility Services Report November 2022	DOC REF: 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 November 2022.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services November 2022 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.4

Carried

TITLE:	Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction Report November 2022	DOC REF: 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 Boulia works program.

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction November 2022 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.5

Carried

TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Works Department November 2022 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.5
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department November 2022 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.6

Carried

Councillor Britton left the meeting at 10.51 am. Councillor Neilson resumed the chair.

TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer Report for November 2022	DOC REF: 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 Edgar

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's November 2022 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.7

Carried

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executives Report for November 2022	DOC REF: 11.2.1
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the CEO November 2022 report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.8

Carried

Councillor Britton returned to the meeting at 10.58 am and resumed the chair.

TITLE:	Action List Update November 2022	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Council receive the Action List update for November 2022 for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.9

Carried

Ms Rice left the meeting at 11 am.

TITLE:	Development Assessment	DOC REF: 11.2.3
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PURPOSE:

Information to Council in relation to a submission made through the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) ref: 2210-31299 SDA by A Wells and Sons. Lot 3872 on PH1148 Selwyn Rd, Warenda Boulia Shire.

As the Councillors requested further information regarding this matter, the decision on this report was deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

TITLE:	Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 - Local Housing Action Plan (Final draft)	DOC REF: 11.2.4
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PURPOSE:

For Council to endorse the revised draft Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 – Local Housing Action Plan and make any changes as required.

Moved: Cr Norton**Seconded: Cr Neilson**

1. That the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 - Local Housing Action Plan (Final) for Boulia Shire be endorsed.
2. That Council's endorsement be forwarded to the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.13**Carried**

TITLE:	Proposed Stock Route Mapping	DOC REF: 11.2.5
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PURPOSE:

The Department of Resources has sought Council feedback on the proposed Stock Route Network which is to be provided prior to the 23rd December 2022 for their consideration.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp**Seconded: Cr Britton**

That Council respond to the request for feedback to the Department of Resources before the 23rd Dec with the comments noted in the body of the report or other considerations from the meeting as noted.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.14**Carried**

Councillor Britton left the meeting at 11.37 am. Councillor Neilson resumed the chair.

TITLE:	Policy review - Council Housing Policy	DOC REF: 11.2.6
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PURPOSE:

Regular review of Council policies ensure that Council maintains an up to date guide for staff to refer to in the day to day management of Council. This report deals with reviews to the Council Housing Policy.

Moved: Cr Edgar**Seconded: Cr Beauchamp**

That Policy 138 Council Housing Policy as presented be adopted.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.15**Carried**

Councillor Britton returned to the meeting at 11.38 am and resumed the chair.

TITLE:	Workplace Health and Safety - WHSA / RRTW Report for November 2022	DOC REF: 11.2.7
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of progressions and or issues of concern regarding WH&S.

Moved: Cr Edgar**Seconded: Cr Britton**

That Council receive the Workplace Health and Safety November 2022 report for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.16

Carried

11.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Director of Corporate and Financial Services November 2022 Monthly Report	DOC REF: 11.3.1
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Director of Corporate and Financial Services report for November 2022 be received.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.17

Carried

TITLE:	Financial Report for November 2022	DOC REF: 11.3.2
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PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 30th November 2022.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Finance Report for November 2022 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.18

Carried

11.4 Community Services

TITLE:	Community Services Report for November 2022	DOC REF: 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 Edgar

That the Community Services November 2022 report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.19

Carried

12 Late Reports

There were no late reports presented to Council.

13 Closed Session

CLOSED MEETING AT 11.02 AM

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council move into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 section 254J (3) on the following provision:

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Resolution No.: 2022/12.10

Carried

Councillor Beauchamp left the meeting at 11.03 am.

Councillor Norton left the meeting at 11.12 am.

Councillor Norton returned to the meeting at 11.14 am.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11.16 AM

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

It was resolved Council move out of the closed meeting, and adopt the recommendations discussed in closed committee.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.11

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2022/12.12

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TITLE:	Australia Day Awards 2023	DOC REF: 14.1.1
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PURPOSE: To choose a recipient to receive an award in the category nominated in.
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Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 (254J (3))

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Council present a 2023 Australia Day Award to the selected nominees as discussed during the closed session of Council on 16th December 2022.

Resolution No.: 2022/12.12

Carried

14 General Business

The following items were discussed in general business at this meeting and are to be noted on the monthly Action List:

Continued untidy state of the Waverly Toilets on the Mount Isa Road - Councillors discussed the ongoing issue of the toilets at the Waverly rest stop on the Mount Isa Road still being unclean (including broken door, blockages). As this is a TMR controlled rest stop, it was suggested that Council approach TMR to suggest that a local contractor be considered to be appointed to ensure the cleanliness of these toilets is maintained. As the Dajarra rest stop toilets would be passed when going to Waverly, it was further suggested that Council could also approach Cloncurry Shire about the same cleaning subcontractor servicing the Dajarra rest stop on the same run to take advantage of potential costs savings. It is to be noted that Councillor Edgar declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest should this suggestion be carried out as he is engaged as a local cleaning contractor.

Min Min Encounter Entrance - the concrete entrance to the Encounter is showing noticeable signs of cracking which is a presentation issue for the tourist attraction. Council to consider applying a cover and making allowances in the budget for this.

Solar Energy - Council to conduct a survey regarding their solar energy - what buildings do we have working panels on now, which buildings could we add solar panels onto?

Purchase of a stabilizer machine - Given the pending road works schedule and the potential for further rehab works on the Boulia to Winton Road, Council to put together a business case on purchasing a stabilizer for road works.

15 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.57 am.

16 Confirmed

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.