



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2019
COMMENCING AT 10 AM**

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Rebecka (Beck) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Brook McGlinchey
Councillor Jack Neilson

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Apologies: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton

Opening:

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting at 10.02 am.

Mr Stuart Bourne, Mr Harin Karra and Mr Gordon Stumbris entered the meeting at 10.02 am.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Deputy 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 Deputy Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

It has been noted that the Deputy Mayor has reminded all Councillors in regards to registration of interests.

**2019/3.1 PROCESSING OF COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –
MARCH 2019 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Neilson		<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Beauchamp	
Council acknowledged receipt of the following Councillor Declaration of Interests relevant to reports in the March 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council and resolved to handle each declaration as follows:			
Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Type of Declaration	How the interest will be handled
Beck Britton	CEO6 (Closed Session)	Material Personal Interest	Councillor Beck Britton has a real material personal interest in the matter and, accordingly, must leave the meeting room, including any

		place set aside for the public, and stay away while this matter is discussed and voted on.
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Carried

2019/3.2 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT - NEWSBRIEF

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the Engineering Services Report - Newsbrief information update be received for information.

Carried

2019/3.3 NDRRA FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS DEPARTMENT INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department report be received for information.

Carried

Mr Gordon Stumbris left the meeting at 10.38 am.

2019/3.4 GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the progress of projects being completed with the assistance of either funding provided by Council, State or Federal Grants.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Grants Work Status Summary on the progress of the funded projects be received for information.

Carried

2019/3.5 FOREMAN, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY SERVICES

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services report for information.

Carried

2019/3.6 FOREMAN ROADS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction report for information.

Carried

2019/3.7 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's report be received for information.

Carried

Mr Stuart Bourne left the meeting at 11.01 am.

2019/3.8 CLOSED MEETING AT 11.02 AM

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

Closed Session

Local Government Regulation 275

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it;

Carried

2019/3.9 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11.13 AM

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

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

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2019/3.10, 2019/3.11.

2019/3.10 APPLICATION FOR WORK CAMP ASSISTANCE – ONGOING LAWN MOWING SUPPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of a new application received for Work Camp assistance and to request Council's decision on whether or not the application is to be approved or denied.

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey**

That Council acknowledge the assistance for Work Camp as follows:

Applicant Number	Approved/Denied
1	Approved

Carried

2019/3.11 PLANT COMMITTEE – PLANT REPLACEMENT

PURPOSE:

The Council's budget provided for the replacement of plant and this report seeks endorsement of the Plant Committee Recommendation to amend the plant replacement.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey**

That Council approves the amended plant replacement schedule for 2018-19.

Carried

Harin Karra left the meeting at 11.14 am.

2019/3.12 CEO BRIEFING FOR FEBRUARY 2019

PURPOSE:

To summarise activities from the CEO office and progress future options for the shire.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

That the CEO report is received for information and consideration.

Carried

2019/3.13 ACTION LIST

PURPOSE:

To inform Council on the actions taken on the Action List report.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

Carried

2019/3.14 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18th February 2019 be accepted.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.03 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1.15 pm.

COUNCILLORS REMUNERATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

Council to consider remuneration for 2019-2020 financial year as required by Chapter 8, Administration, Part 1 Councillors, Division 1 Councillor remuneration, (s.244, 246, 247, 248) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

The Councillors chose to defer the above matter until the April Ordinary Meeting of Council.

2019/3.15 DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL COMMUNITY HUB COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PHASE

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the progress for the design of a Regional Community Hub incorporating the Post Office, Library, government service offices such as QGAP, cultural display area and registered offices for the Pitta Pitta. To enable this to proceed Council will need to identify land which would be suitable for this purpose and progress to acquiring the land if not already in Council's possession (a separate Closed report for this meeting).

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Council accept the Draft Consultation document for information for the suggestions on content, layout and suggested design of the Regional Community Hub.

Carried

Mr David Sinclair, Ms Barb Philips and Mr Mike Meuer from Queensland Health entered the meeting at 1.38 pm.

The Queensland Health guests provided Council with the current status of the new Wellbeing Centre/Boulia Primary Health Clinic progress.

Mr David Sinclair, Ms Barb Philips, Mr Mike Meuer and Ms Lynn Moore left the meeting at 1.52 pm.

2019/3.16 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER FEBRUARY 2019 REPORT

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: Councillor McGlinchey Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Min Min Encounter February 2019 Report be received for information.

Carried

2019/3.17 BOULIA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE (INFORMATION REPORT)

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the centre.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre report for information.

Carried

2019/3.18 LIBRARY

PURPOSE:

To update Council on the visitations and activities in the Library.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded:** Councillor McGlinchey

That Council receive the Library report for information.

Carried

2019/3.19 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of progressions and or issues of concern regarding Workplace Health and Safety.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded:** Councillor McGlinchey

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety report for information.

Carried

Ms Lynn Moore entered the meeting at 2.05 pm.

2019/3.20 CENTRAL WEST REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP SUPPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise Council on the recent meeting of the revised group – Central West Regional Pest Management Group with a request for seed funding by each of the partner Councils.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Beauchamp

- That the Council received this report from the meeting of the Central West Pest Management Group meeting in Longreach for information.
- That the Council budget in the 2019-2020 financial year for \$10,000 seed funding contribution to the Central West Pest Management Group of which we are a foundation member, on the provision the seed funding contribution is not spent on printing, signage or any other resources that are currently already available.

Carried

2019/3.21 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE:

To seek support from the Council for the application for a scholarship for the Chief Executive Officer to apply for the Australian Institute of Company Directors course which commences in May 2019.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded:** Councillor McGlinchey

- That the Council support the application by the CEO to the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD): Foundations of Directorship scholarship program.
- That the CEO complete the relevant documents for submission to Pamela.Cameron@dgrma.qld.gov.au by 30 April 2019.

Carried

2019/3.22 MANAGER CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 28th February 2019.

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That the Manager of Corporate & Financial Services Report be received for information.

Carried

Councillor Beck Britton left the meeting at 2.30 pm.

2019/3.23 BUDGET REVIEW DECEMBER 2018

PURPOSE:

Budget Review to 31st December 2018 based on trends to date.

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That the budget review as presented to Council be received and that the revised budget variations as shown be adopted.

Carried

2019/3.24 CLOSED MEETING AT 2.35 PM

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey

Seconded: Councillor Neilson

Closed Session

Local Government Regulation 275

(d) rating concessions;

(h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government

Carried

Councillor Beck Britton entered the meeting at 2.50 pm.

2019/3.25 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 2.54 PM

Moved: Councillor Neilson

Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

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

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2019/3.26, 2019/3.27.

Councillor Beck Britton declared a Material Personal Interest in the report item CEO6 Identification/Acquisition of Land for the Development of the Regional Community Hub due to being a related party to one of the land owners mentioned within this report. In accordance with the resolution made under 2019/3.1, Councillor Beck Britton left the meeting room, including any place set aside for the public, while this matter was discussed and voted on.

2019/3.26 IDENTIFICATION/ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY HUB

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the success of the community consultation phase of the Regional Community Hub project and to review the identification/acquisition of suitable land should the building proceed in the future. The consultation results and report is located in this month's agenda.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

- That the Council receive the report for information and discussion.
- That Council authorise the CEO to proceed with the purchase of suitable land adjacent to the existing Council office to enable the building to proceed in the future.

Carried 3-0

For: Cllr Beauchamp, Cllr McGlinchey, Cllr Neilson
Against: Nil

Abstained from and not present during voting: Cllr Beck Britton

2019/3.27 RATES CONCESSION TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH WITHIN THE TOWN OF BOULIA

PURPOSE:

To encourage small business and families to purchase land and build in Boulia by offering fixed concessions for rates for a maximum period of two years.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

- That the Council consider the following for adoption in the 2019-2020 Revenue Policy – Granting of rebates and concessions.

In accordance with Section 120 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council may grant a concession for the general rates component:

- For the construction of a new dwelling within the town of Boulia;
- For major building renovations to an existing dwelling within the town of Boulia;
- For the purchase of a dwelling by a first home buyer;
- For the construction of a new commercial building within the town of Boulia;
- For major building renovation to an existing commercial building within the town of Boulia;

For a **general rate concession** application to be considered the project must fulfil one of the following conditions:

RESIDENTIAL DWELLING:

- The new dwelling must have a value in excess of \$180,000 (excluding GST);
- Major building works renovation (dwelling) must be in excess of \$50,000 (excluding GST);

The construction of a new dwelling, the renovation of an existing dwelling or purchase of a dwelling by a first home buyer must have commenced after the 1st July 2019 and completed prior to an application being made for the **remission of general rates**. An application must be lodged within 12 months of the building works being completed and/or occupied.

FIRST HOME OWNER:

- The first home buyer must fulfil the requirements of the current Queensland State Government First Home Buyers Grant;

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

- The new commercial building must have a value of in excess of \$360,000 (excluding GST);
- Major building works renovation (commercial) must be in excess of \$100,000 (excluding GST).

The construction of a new commercial building and the major building works renovation of an existing commercial building must have commenced after the 1st July 2019 and completed prior to an application being made for the **remission of general rates**. An application must be lodged within 12 months of the building works being completed and/or occupied.

For the purpose of receiving this **general rates concession** the term commercial building is defined as a building that is used for commercial use.

Types include office, warehouses, retail and workshop types of buildings. It excludes buildings such as rental dwellings and rural grazing properties.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

For any application to be considered:

- the application meets the relevant criteria (dwelling/commercial),
- a building permit for the necessary works must have been approved and finalised,
- verification of the value of works.

The maximum period of granted **general rates remission** is two (2) years from the first due date after the approval.

- That the Revenue Policy be amended to include the concessions identified for the 2019-2020 period.

Carried

[Meeting Closure](#)

The Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 3.38 pm.

[Confirmed:](#)

Minutes confirmed 17th April 2019

Resolution No. 2019/4.2

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