



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON Friday 24 March 2023
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 9:45 am.

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 Services)
Ms Karen Haer (Executive Assistant)

Absent: Mr Ajay Agwan (Director of Works and Operations)

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

That the apology from Mr Ajay Agwan be accepted and he be granted leave of absence from the 24th March 2023 Council meeting.

4 Declaration of Interests

Cr Tim Edgar declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the report 14.1.1 Recommendation and Action Report - T2022-23.3 Pituri Street Duplex in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* section 1.1, due to Cr Edgar being the Electrician named within the Beep Beep Pty Ltd - Richardsons Building Service correspondence. In accordance with section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, it was agreed by all Councillors that Cr Edgar would be allowed to stay in the meeting while this matter was discussed.

Cr Tim Edgar declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the report 14.2.1 2024 Outback Queensland Masters in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* section 1.1, due to Cr Edgar being the President of the Boulia Golf Club. In accordance with section 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Edgar stayed in the 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

No petitions presented to Council.

9 Deputations

The following deputations were requested for this meeting:

Theresa Famularo, Executive Producer from Outback Masters requested to speak to Council regarding the possibility of the Outback Masters being held in Boulia in 2024 (via Teams)

CLOSED MEETING AT 9.15am

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 provisions:

(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals

(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.: 2023/3.1

Carried

Theresa Famularo addressed the Council regarding Outback Queensland Masters - Outback Masters program 2024 (via Teams).

Following this address, Council then initiated a Local Disaster Management Group discussion (via Teams) to discuss the current flooding event in Urandangi.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11:13 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.: 2023/3.2

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2023.3.3

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 Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

1. That Council consider the request to be a part of the Outback Masters program for 2024 and advise Golf Australia accordingly as soon as possible. If approved the amount of \$22k (Plus GST) and in-kind support be added to the Council's 2024 budget.
2. Council has requested to talk to Outback Masters regarding ensuring that Council be granted footage access for the 2024 program.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.3

Carried

10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th February 2023 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.4

Carried

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11.45am.

Meeting resumed at 12.08pm.

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.

11 Reports

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Director of Works and Operations February 2023 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 Edgar

Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council receive the Director of Works and Operations February 2023 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.5

Carried

TITLE:	Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction Report February 2023	DOC REF: 11.1.2
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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 Norton

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction February 2023 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.6

Carried

TITLE:	Foreman Road Maintenance and Utility Services Report for February 2023	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 February 2023.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services February 2023 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.7

Carried

TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Works Department February 2023 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.4
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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 February 2023 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.8

Carried

TITLE:	Engineering Service Report - Newsbrief for February 2023	DOC REF: 11.1.5
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for March 2023 be noted.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.9

Carried

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executives Report for February 2023	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 Beauchamp

That the CEO for February 2023 report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.10

Carried

TITLE:	Action List Update February 2023	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That Council receive the Action List update for February 2023 for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.11

Carried

TITLE:	Workplace Health and Safety - WHSA/RRTW Report for February 2023	DOC REF: 11.2.3
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Workplace Health and Safety for February 2023 report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.12

Carried

11.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Director of Corporate Services February 2023 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 Britton

That the Director of Corporate Services February 2023 report be received for information purposes.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.13

Carried

TITLE:	Financial Report for February 2023	DOC REF: 11.3.2
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PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 28th February 2023

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Finance Report for January 2023 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.14

Carried

TITLE:	Comparison of Local Government Asset Management Maturity	DOC REF: 11.3.3
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PURPOSE:

To report to Council on results of Queensland Audit Office report findings.

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Comparison of Local Government Asset Management Maturity report be received for information purposes.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.15

Carried

11.4 Community Services

TITLE:	Community Services Report for February 2023	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 Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That Community Services February 2023 report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.16

Carried

TITLE:	Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Centre Report – February 2023	DOC REF: 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 Norton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Centre Report – February 2023 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.17

Carried

12 Late Reports

No Late Reports were presented at this Council meeting.

13 Closed Session

CLOSED MEETING AT 1.31pm

Moved: Cr Edgar

Seconded: Cr Neilson

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

(b) industrial matters affecting employees

(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

(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967

Resolution No.: 2023/3.18

Carried

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 3PM.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

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

Resolution No.: 2023/3.19

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2023/3.20; 2023/3.21 and 2023/3.22

TITLE:	Recommendation and Action Report - T2022-23.3 Pituri Street Duplex Recommendation	DOC REF: 14.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To provide a summary and a recommendation for the award of T2022-23 58 Pituri Street Duplex.

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 Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That for T2022-23.3 58 Pituri Street Duplex, six (6) tenders were received, with one non-conforming submission. Beep Beep Pty Ltd have been assessed against the weighted criteria as the most suitable tenderer. It is Recommended that the contract be awarded to Beep Beep Pty Ltd.

For all 3 duplex's the price of the \$2.6m (inc GST) is over the currently allocated budget of \$2m. In order to meet budget, the front duplex (Unit 1 and 2) can be omitted from the scope which will reduce the construction cost.

A post-tender clarification meeting was held on the 13th of March with Beep Beep to discuss removing Units 1 and 2. Beep Beeps revised price came to \$1.994m. The reduced scope has been assessed and is in accordance with the original submitted rates and offers value for money. The resolution will be to adopt the reduced scope to be in accordance with the budget of \$2m.

The Mayor requested the CEO to investigate whether council would be in a position to borrow the extra funds from Queensland Treasury Corp (QTC) to include the two additional units.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.20

Carried

TITLE:	Update to council on current staffing issues	DOC REF: 14.2.2
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PURPOSE:

To advise council of two issues affecting council employees and the actions which have been taken so far.

*Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 (254J (3))
(b) industrial matters affecting employees;*

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Update to council on current staffing issues report be received and that the CEO will advise further on outcomes to the council for their information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.21

Carried

TITLE:	Compensation Claim - Pitta Pitta QUD327 of 2020	DOC REF: 14.2.3
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PURPOSE:

To advise council on the receipt of the compensation claim Pitta Pitta People QUD327 of 2020 requesting further information on specific land lots and associated assets within the shire.

*Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 (254J (3))
(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;*

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Edgar

That the council receive the report for information and authorise the CEO to do all things necessary to comply with the request for further information.

Resolution No.: 2023/3.22

Carried

14 General Business

1. Two staff from Ergon attended the council meeting in person, to answer some further questions raised by Council, from their initial presentation on 16th December 2022.
2. Discussion on the Flood Ready Booklet, previously used by the NSW Government, to create our own Boulia Flood Ready Booklet.
3. Cr Tim Edgar had a suggestion that council recycle the water from the Water Park and use this to water plants and grass at the football oval.

15 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 3pm.

16 Confirmed

Minutes confirmed: 21st April 2023

Resolution No.: 2023/4.1