



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
COMMENCING AT 9 AM**

**Attendance:**

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

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

**Opening:**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.01 am.

Mr Harin Karra and Mr Gordon Stumbris joined the meeting at 9.01 am.

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

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.

**2020/9.1 MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2020 ORDINARY MEETING**

<b><u>Moved:</u> Councillor Edgar</b>	<b><u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Beauchamp</b>
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 be accepted.	
<b><u>Carried</u></b>	

**2020/9.2 PROCESSING OF COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –  
SEPTEMBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

<b><u>Moved:</u> Councillor Beauchamp</b>	<b><u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Britton</b>
Council acknowledged receipt of the following Councillor Declaration of Interests relevant to reports in the September 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council and resolved to handle the declaration as follows:	



**Moved: Councillor Edgar**

**Seconded: Councillor Britton**

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department August 2020 Report be received for information.

**Carried**

Mr Stumbris left the meeting at 9.48 am.

#### **2020/9.6 SPELLING YARDS POLICY REVIEW**

**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 changes to an existing policy.**

**Moved: Councillor Britton**

**Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

1. That Policy 142 Spelling Yards Policy, be adopted as presented.
2. That a copy of the policy be forwarded to the Councillors electronically via email and loaded into the Councillor Hub.

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.19 am.

Meeting resumed at 10.40 am.

*Councillor Britton declared a Conflict of Interest in the Item DWO3 - Request for Grading of Access Roads due to his brother owing the lease on one of the properties being discussed in this report. In accordance with the resolution made under 2020/9.2, Councillor Britton was able to participate, discuss and vote upon the matter.*

#### **2020/9.7 REQUEST FOR GRADING OF ACCESS ROADS**

**PURPOSE:**

**Council has recently received two requests for the grading of access roads. The requests have been investigated and this report presents to Council the outcomes and seeks further instructions on how to proceed with the requests.**

**Moved: Councillor Neilson**

**Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp**

That the applicants be advised that due to the Nerida and Braeside homesteads being unoccupied, the access roads to these properties are unable to be classified (in accordance with Council Policy 136 Shire Roads Policy) as Category 4 Emergency Access Only roads, therefore, Council will not be completing any grading works on these roads.

**Carried**

#### **2020/9.8 RURAL PROPERTY NUMBERING**

**PURPOSE:**

**To present to Council a proposal to implement numbered rural property addresses to assist emergency responders locate rural properties located close to the Boulia Township.**

**Moved: Councillor Britton**

**Seconded: Councillor Edgar**

That Council implement the numbered rural property addressing system as presented in the Rural Property Numbering report.

**Carried**

**2020/9.9 FOREMAN ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY SERVICES AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

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

**Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Norton**

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services August 2020 report for information.

**Carried**

**2020/9.10 FOREMAN ROADS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

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

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

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction August 2020 Report for information.

**Carried**

**2020/9.11 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

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

*Councillors discussed a letter that was received from a community member regarding their concerns to do with nuisance dogs.*

**Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Norton**

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's August 2020 Report be received for information.

**Carried**

**2020/9.12 BOULIA WORK CAMP AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

**To advise of the activities of the Boulia Work Camp from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

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

That the Boulia Work Camp August 2020 report is received for information.

**Carried**

**2020/9.13 CLOSED MEETING AT 11.35 AM**

**Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp**

Closed Session - Local Government Regulation 275  
(e) contracts proposed to be made by it;

**Carried**



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

1. That Council acknowledge the assistance for Work Camp as follows:

Applicant	Approved/Denied
Applicant J	Approved
Applicant K	Approved
Applicant L	Approved
Applicant M	Approved
Applicant N	Denied
Applicant O	Denied
Applicant P	Denied
Applicant Q	Approved
Applicant R	Approved
Applicant S	Approved

2. That all future applications for Work Camp Assistance be assessed by the Director of Works and Operations and CEO in accordance with the eligibility criteria set by Council under resolution number 2020/5.13.

**Carried**

Mr Karra left the meeting at 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.03 pm.

Meeting resumed at 12.17 pm.

#### **2020/9.18    CEO AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

**To advise Council of the activities of the Chief Executive Office.**

**Moved: Councillor Britton                      Seconded: Councillor Edgar**

That the CEO August 2020 Report is received for information.

**Carried**

Mr Rahul Bhargava entered the meeting at 1.07 pm.

#### **2020/9.19    ACTION LIST**

**PURPOSE:**

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

**Moved: Councillor Norton                      Seconded: Councillor Edgar**

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **2020/9.20    DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AUGUST 2020 REPORT**

**PURPOSE:**

**Financial Summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.**

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

That the Director of Corporate Services August 2020 Report be received for information.

**Carried**

Mr Bhargava left the meeting at 1.37 pm.

## 2020/9.21 ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY POLICY REVIEW

### **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 changes to an existing policy.

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

1. That Policy 105 Entertainment and Hospitality, be adopted as presented.
2. That a copy of the policy be forwarded to the Councillors electronically via email and loaded into the Councillor Hub.

**Carried**

*Councillor Edgar declared a Conflict of Interest in the Item CEO4 - Boulia Golf Club Rates 2020/2021 due to being Vice Captain of the Boulia Golf Club. In accordance with the resolution made under 2020/9.2, Councillor Edgar was able to participate, discuss and vote upon the matter.*

*Councillor Neilson declared a Conflict of Interest in the Item CEO4 - Boulia Golf Club Rates 2020/2021 due to being Captain of the Boulia Golf Club. In accordance with the resolution made under 2020/9.2, Councillor Neilson was able to participate, discuss and vote upon the matter.*

## 2020/9.22 BOULIA GOLF CLUB RATES 2020/2021

### **PURPOSE:**

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

**Moved: Councillor Britton                      Seconded: Councillor Norton**

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 2020/2021 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 CEO 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 2020/2021 financial year. Notation to be made in the rates system for future records.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.23 BETTER HEALTH PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

### **PURPOSE:**

**The Chronic Disease Partnership Strategy for the Barcoo, Diamantina and Boulia Shires agreed to make real change through the provision of connected care through connecting with communities. Achieved by applying values such as supporting and delivering care that is respectful of and responsive to the individual patient journey within the context of their family and community.**

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

1. That Councillor Jan Norton be supported in representing Boulia on the Better Health Partnership Collaborative Committee.





## 2020/9.28 STREET SIGN REPORT

### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an update regarding street signage.

**Moved:** Councillor Edgar **Seconded:** Councillor Norton

That the Street Sign Report be received for information.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.29 BOOMERANG SIGNAGE REPORT

### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an alternative signage option that could be considered as a replacement for the current Boomerang sign.

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

That the Council consider changing the current sign design to something relevant to Boulia's attractions.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.30 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY JULY 2020 INFORMATION REPORT

### **PURPOSE:**

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

**Moved:** Councillor Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Edgar

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety August 2020 Report for information.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.31 POOL – AFTER HOURS ACCESS/USE

### **PURPOSE:**

Council has received enquiries with regards to the community having access and use of the pool after hours – outside of the normal Council supervised opening/operating times.

**Moved:** Councillor Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Norton

1. That the after hours access during daylight hours be granted under strict considerations to current gymnasium members for training purposes and the access be controlled via 'FOB' security token linked to their gym membership.
2. This access is granted strictly for 'training' purposes and not for general family use.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.32 MIN MIN ENCOUNTER AUGUST 2020 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 Neilson **Seconded:** Councillor Britton

That the Min Min Encounter August 2020 Report be received for information.

**Carried**

## 2020/9.33 LIBRARY AUGUST 2020 REPORT

**PURPOSE:**

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

**Moved:** Councillor Norton

**Seconded:** Councillor Neilson

That Council receive the Library August 2020 report for information.

**Carried**

### **Meeting Closure**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.52 pm.

### **Confirmed:**

Minutes confirmed 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Resolution No. 2020/10.1

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