



MINUTES

**Special Council Meeting
Friday, 29 November 2024**

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
ON FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Frank Standfast, Cr Jacob Mutton, Cr Adrian Lenton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Bruce Davidson (Interim CEO) Kirby Reents (Minutes Secretary)

GALLERY: John Paynter, Jeff Close, Janice Evert, Kristi Minehan.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND SERVICES

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgement of Country and Services

2 APOLOGIES

24.11.43

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. That apologies of Cr Julie Dorries and Roger Naidoo (DOW) be accepted.

CARRIED 5-0

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr White invited Councillors to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

NIL

4 WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD LTD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jeff Close –



May I start my annual report by referring to the Board Members - voluntary workers with the Waltzing Matilda Centre in mind.

First and foremost may I acknowledge the long and very important contribution made to the Board by Sallyanne Atkinson. Sallyanne has seen centres come and go, management come and go, and boards come and go. Throughout all of this, Sallyanne has added stature, insight, knowledge and enthusiasm to Board proceedings. Thank you very much Sallyanne and we know that you will be a great ambassador for Winton and the Centre in the years to come and wish you a

very happy post-board retirement. I am sure that we will see you at various functions such as Vision Splendid over the years. Would you join with me a vote of acclamation.

We also saw Kim Stoter move on - I am sure that Roma will be a hotspot of Winton information. Best wishes and thanks to long time Centre employee Jenny Elliott - I see the Council also moved a motion of thanks.

Our Chief Executive Officer and hence our Company Secretary, Dirk Dowling, has left the Council. I thanked Dirk for his contribution.

And in between the start and the finish of our year we have had the Council elections. A thank you to Cr Gavin Baskett and Cr Shane Mann for their always positive input to proceedings and we welcome Cr Cathy White (Mayor) and Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor).

We have appreciated the updates given to us at meetings on the Regional Art Gallery, Visitor Information Centre, Store and Cafe. We Board members are also ambassadors for the centre and correct information goes a long way.

During the year we honed our skills at drafting recommendations to council, which, if passed by the Board, were sent to Council for further action as they felt appropriate. It certainly focussed our ideas as a Board. Another important part of Board meetings, since we are the community eyes and ears of the Centre, is the contributions to discussions by each and every board meeting when we have general business.

I suppose if there has been an enduring theme this year it has been marketing and promotion of this, the Shires premier attraction. It is a difficult environment in Australia and in western Queensland at the moment but we have had tough times before.

It was great how the Board worked with purpose to present the 2024 Waltzing Matilda Day. We have a programme for an 150 Years event in 2025 - the date tying in nicely in the lead up to the official Shire Celebrations in April. The board has also recommended that the Centre play an active part in the whole of year activities.

It is also to be remembered that the Board also has a function under Commonwealth Law to administer the Trust Funds. This requires each Board member and Secretary to be registered with ASIC. This process ensures that there is an independent-of-Council group able to receipt Tax Deductible donations which are then applied to various aspects of the centre.

In closing, I would like to once again acknowledge the important relationship we have with the Winton & District Historical Society. Their displays give our Centre a real point of difference for visitors. We welcome Janice Evert as a Director. Janice joins Robyn as representatives of that organisation.

We as a Board look forward to being of continuing service to the Winton Shire Council through our contributions. Thank you to all Board members and the support team.

I invite any questions and comments.

Jeff Close OAM

Chair of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board

24.11.44

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. That the Chair of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board be received.

CARRIED 5-0

5 DECISIONAL REPORTS

5.1 WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Review of the 'Waltzing Matilda Board of Directors' rotation schedule

24.11.45

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that the proposed rotation of the Directors of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd be endorsed subject to:

Waltzing Matilda Board of Directors Rotation Schedule

Director	2024	2025	2026	2027
Council Representative - Mayor	A	C	C	A
Invited: Mr Jeff Close	C	A	C	C
Council Rep: Cr Frank Standfast	C	C	A	C
WDHS&M Rep: Mrs Janice Evert	C	C	A	C
WDHS&M Rep: Mrs Robyn Stephens	A	C	C	A
Council Rep: Cr Tina Elliott	A	C	C	A
Arts Representative –Mrs Lyn Fraser	C	C	A	C
Community Representative – Mr John Paynter	A	C	C	A

A - Appointed C – Continuing

CARRIED 5-0

5.2 ELECTION / APPOINTMENT OF WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD LTD OFFICE BEARERS

24.11.46

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

- Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that the following be confirmed as continuing Directors on the Board of Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited:

- Jeff Close
- Cr Frank Standfast
- Mrs Janice Evert
- Mrs Lyn Fraser

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.47

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

- Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mayor Cathy White**, be reappointed as a Director of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.48

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

3. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mrs Robyn Stephens** (Winton District Historical Society & Museum Inc Representative), be reappointed as a Director of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.49

Moved: Cr J Mutton

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

4. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Cr Tina Elliott** be reappointed as a Director of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.50

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

5. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as a Director: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mr John Paynter (Community Representative)** be reappointed as a Director of the Board of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.51

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

6. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as the Chair: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that **Mr Jeff Close**, be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

CARRIED 5-0

24.11.52

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

7. Following confirmation, they would like to remain as the Company Secretary: THAT Council as the sole member of the Company resolves that the **Chief Executive Officer** – be appointed as Company Secretary of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited.

CARRIED 5-0

5.3 RECEIPT OF WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE BOARD LTD ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2023 / 2024

24.11.53

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. THAT the audited Annual Financial Statements for the Waltzing Matilda Centre Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024 be received.

CARRIED 5-0

5.4 APPOINTMENTS OF AUDITOR FOR THE WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE LTD

24.11.54

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

2. THAT Council appoint William Buck QLD, as auditors for the Waltzing Matilda Centre LTD for the year ended 30 June 2025.

CARRIED 5-0

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting 12 December 2024

The Meeting closed at 10.15am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Winton Shire Council held on 12 December 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON