



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting Thursday, 20 March 2025

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025 AT 8:00**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Davidson (Interim CEO), Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager of Community Services), Brenton Hall (Acting Director of Works), Adam Seiler (Interim Finance Manager), Christine Parker (Manager Corporate Services), Lacey Arthur (Minutes Secretary).

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND SERVICES

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgement of Country and Services and paid respects to the family and friends of Gary Isles and Jenny Elliott.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited Councillors to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

- Cr Adrian Lenton advised the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.3 Lions Club Bursary. I have a business relationship with the parents of the Lions Club Bursary recipient Tyler Godfrey. I will leave the meeting and not participate in discussion or vote thereon.

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

25.03.01

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

1. THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to the amendment of resolution 25.02.17 to read; a surplus of \$973,000.00 with the deletion of the allowance for plant replacement Toyota Rav 4 for \$53,000.00.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.02

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

2. THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 7 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED 6-0

5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- In response to a question from Mayor Cr White, the Interim CEO to confirm that the Town Common Policy has been updated & published.
- Interim CEO informed Council that the amendments to the Terms of Reference and membership of Council's Advisory Committees had yet to be implemented due to staff absences but all required information was now at hand and the amendments would be made next week.
- At the Mayor's request Cr Dorries briefed Council in regard the Desert Channel Queensland meeting she had attended.
- In response to a question by Mayor Cr White the Acting Director of Works advised that the construction of the footing for the Ray Herman Statue should commence next week.

6 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Mayor Meeting & Inspections 20 February 2025- 20 March 2025			
DATE	TYPE	PARTIES	PURPOSE
20/02/2025	Meeting	Walking Network Plan Public Workshop and Sausage Sizzle	Community Meeting
21/02/2025	Meeting	Corfield Community Engagement Session EDS Action Plan	Community Meeting
24/02/2025-26/02/2025	Meeting	RAPAD	Face To Face Meeting Windorah
27/02/2025	Meeting	Mayor / Jeff Close	General Catch up
	Meeting	Mayor / Desert Champions Way	Councils Catch up
	Meeting	Telstra	General Meeting
28/02/2025	Committee	Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board Meeting	Advisory Meeting
4/03/2025	Meeting	Mayor /Events Society Mayor / Deputy Mayor / John Elliott /Events & Economic Development Coordinator / Interim CEO	Winton 150 Years Meeting
5/03/2025	Meeting	Mayor / Marketing & Communications Officer/Jeff Close	Winton 150 Years Meeting
	Meeting	Mayor / A/Waltzing Matilda Centre Manager	Ray Hermann Statue
6/03/2025	Meeting	Mayor / Naomie Miles AAOD / Events & Economic Development Coordinator / Interim CEO	Review of Dark Sky Application before submission -
7/03/2025	Meeting	Councillors / Senior Leadership Team	Special Council Meeting
	Workshop	Councillors / Senior Leadership Team	Monthly Workshop
	Meeting	Outback Highway Development Council Monthly Meeting	Monthly Meeting
7-9/03/2025	Event	International Women's Event	Community Event
11-13/03/2025	Conference	2025 Civic Leader Summit LGAQ - Mayor / CEO Louise Knol	Conference
11/03/2025	Meeting	McKinlay & Winton Shire Mayors / Dale	Native Title Land

		Last MP - Native Title Land Parcels	Parcels
13/03/2025	Meeting	Winton Shire Mayor / CEO Boulia Shire Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Hon Brent Mickelberg	TOPIC funding for the Hughenden Road project.
15/03/2025	Event	2025 John Villiers Outback Art Prize Exhibition Opening & Awards Night	Community Event
17/03/2025	Meeting	Grow Your Own - CWQ Arts - Workforce Advisory Group	General Meeting
		Mayor / Deputy Mayor / EMC / A/DOW / CEO / Welfare Manager - Damian Lang Associate Producer Pictures in Paradise	Potential Filming in Winton Shire
	Meeting	Mayor / Deputy Mayor / Events & Economic Development Coordinator / Interim CEO – QLD Music Trails	Queensland Music Trails EOI and planning for 2026 Trails
18/03/2025	Event	Central West Care Expo 2025	Expo Longreach
19/03/2025	Meeting	Mayor / Acting DOW / Rural Services Manager / Manager of Regulatory Services Longreach / Interim CEO	Town common grazing assessment Meeting
	Meeting	Griffith Film School - Winton 2025	General Meeting

25.03.03

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. THAT the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

7 MAYOR'S BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT NOTICE

The Mayor advised that the Outback Highway Development Council was seeking suggestions for the wording of signage leading up to the Outback Highway. The OHDC has circularised 12 taglines as suggestions and is seeking Council's preference.

The tagline were provided to each Councillor who was requested to advise the Mayor on their preferences.

8 QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE: JULIE DORRIES

Question directed to Chief Executive Officer

Background Objective

- Budget deliberations
- WHS Requirements
- Clarification of current Motor Vehicle policy

QUESTION

Can Council be supplied with a report outlining the vehicles ascertained under the vehicle management policy in the current portfolios:

- Private Use

- Commuter use
- Use of Private vehicles

RESPONSE BY INTERIM CEO:

Council's Motor Vehicle Policy provides guidelines and criteria relating to:-

- the private use of Council vehicles,
- the commuter use of Council vehicles and
- the use of private vehicles for work purposes.

Private use of Council vehicles

The granting of private use of a Council vehicle is not operationally driven but is a benefit provided as part of an employee's total remuneration package.

For Council to be able to attract and retain quality staff it must offer competitive remuneration packages. Private use of a vehicle is a common component of Local Government competitive remuneration packages especially for executive staff.

As it is a component of an employee's Contract of Employment the granting of the benefit rests with the CEO.

For Winton Shire, 5 employees enjoy some form of private use rights.

Commuter use of Council vehicles

Commuter use is defined as use of a Council vehicle to travel to and from the employee's principal residence to work.

Whilst commuter use offers some benefit to the employee, its application is solely operational efficiency. Commuter use is granted primarily to employees who are required to work weekends or outside of normal office and depot hours or to be on call or to respond to out of hours incidents. It provides for a timelier response and avoids having to respond via a trip to the depot to collect required equipment and materials.

Commuter use is granted to 8 Winton Shire employees.

The use of private vehicles for work purposes

Notwithstanding that Council's Motor vehicle policy discourages the use of employee's private vehicles, it recognizes that in some instances it is more efficient to pay a travel allowance of 88cents per kilometre than increase the size of the vehicle fleet.

Whilst using private vehicles may be acceptable on occasions, it should not become a regular occurrence.

For the period from 1st July 2024 until 23rd February 2025 there was only 3 employee claims for travel reimbursement totally \$343.40.

Anecdotally the incidence of staff using their own vehicles for work purposes is greater than what has been claimed.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE: JULIE DORRIES

Question directed to Chief Executive Officer

BACKGROUND OBJECTIVE

- Budget review
- Plant and Machinery Purchase
- Both TMR and NHVR infringement reporting

QUESTION:

Do our current practices following the:

- Motor Vehicle Policy,
- Animals in the workplace policy and
- Plant and Equipment Policy

Meet the requirement to uphold our insurance obligations and termed conditions to ensure Council's integrity is being met?

RESPONSE BY INTERIM CEO:

I have reviewed Council's obligations under our vehicles insurance policy and against the Council policies listed in Cr Dorries.

The policy of most relevance is our Motor Vehicle Policy.

Both our Insurance Policy and our Motor Vehicle Policy stipulate similar obligations in regard to: -

- the safe operation of vehicle
- its care and maintenance
- compliance with all relevant laws

The Motor Vehicle Policy is more detailed than the Insurance Policy in most areas except four areas where the insurance policy is quite specific.

Council's Motor Vehicle states "The vehicle must be driven in a safe and responsible way with due regard to the road conditions."

Whereas our Insurance Policy provides specific examples namely: -

- Move your vehicle away from rising waters including tides
- Don't drive into waters greater than it is designed for
- Don't leave your keys in the vehicle when unattended
- Load your vehicle in accordance with legal and safety requirements

As Council's Motor Vehicle Policy is due for review these four specific areas could be considered in the reviewed policy.

9 QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN**Cr Tina Elliott:**

1. Can Council be advised if the proposed new Administrative Vehicle will be garaged nightly at the Council Administration Carport, or will it be assigned to a position and utilised as a private and/or commuter use vehicle?
2. Can Council be advised if the Wild Dog Working Group has been advised of the changes to the Terms of Reference to the Group and that is now the Wild Dog and Pest Management Advisory Group?

3. Can Council be advised if there will be a Stores Stocktake prior to 30.06.2025, as mentioned as a deficiency within the Queensland Audit Office Closing Report in October 2024?
4. Is Council confident that the significant deficiencies within the Accounting System that was experienced during the 2024 stocktake have been rectified enough to enable a hard copy of the stocktake be kept? As per the Management Response in the Queensland Audit Office Closing Report October 2024?
5. How many Deed of Settlement and Release documents have been signed and returned prior to the 20th March 2025 deadline, in relation to the Underpayment of Wages at the Neighbourhood Centre?

Cr Julie Dorries:

1. Can Council be advised at what stage in the process we are at regarding the tendered sale for the Youth Centre?
2. Can Council be advised under Council's current Organisational Structure how many interim positions are yet to be advertised?
3. Can Council be advised where Council is at concerning the water quality audits that were conducted?
4. Can Council be advised how the Showgrounds Caretaker tendered position has been restricted to one horse?
5. Can Council be advised if the Memorandum of Understanding has been written for the land holders of the Middleton Hotel.

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS



NOTICE OF MOTION

WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

PRIVACY NOTICE: Winton Shire Council is collecting the personal information you supply on this form for the purpose of processing your application. Some of this information may be given to relevant Council Officers. Your personal information is handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

Enquiries: Phone - 4657 2666
Fax - 4657 1342
Address: PO Box 288
Winton Qld 4735
Email: CEO@winton.qld.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 20th March 2025

TOPIC:

Policy review of Motor Vehicle Policy and Animals in the workplace Policy

BACKGROUND:

Refer:
WSC Motor Vehicle Policy - WSC-ADM-POL-007 V2.1 Feb 2022
Animals in the Workplace Policy - WSC-WHS-POL-008- V1.0 May 2022
Any other associated policies

Ordinary Council Meeting Thursday, 16 June 2022
13.10 ANIMALS IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY - ADOPTION SUMMARY This 'Animals in the Workplace Policy' has been drafted by the Workplace Health and Safety section to provide underlying principles and guidelines for Councilors and staff when bringing animals into the workplace. 22.06.27 Moved: Cr S Mann Seconded: Cr F Standfast 1. THAT the report be received. CARRIED 6-0
22.06.28 Moved: Cr T Elliott Seconded: Cr F Standfast 2. THAT the WSC-WHS-POL-001 'Animals in the Workplace Policy' be adopted with amendments. CARRIED 5-1 Cr White voted against the Motion

OBJECTIVE:

To review policies, and update with cross referencing the above-mentioned policies.

Policies are due for renewal as they are to be reviewed bi annually.

Our objective is to eliminate negative community misconception of WSC motor vehicle usage and uphold council integrity.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Council review the Motor Vehicle Policy and the Animals in the Workplace Policy, and as part of the reviews, cross reference all related clauses in each document.

Print Name: Julie Dorries

Signature:

Date: 28/02/2025

NOTE: NOTICES OF MOTION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 7 CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE MOTION IS TO BE MOVED.

NOTICE OF MOTION**25.03.04**

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT Council review the Motor Vehicle Policy and the Animals in the Workplace Policy, and as part of the reviews, cross reference all related clauses in each document.

CARRIED 6-0

13 DECISIONAL REPORTS**13.1 POLICY REVIEW - PROCUREMENT POLICY****SUMMARY**

This report seeks to amend Council's Procurement Policy by incorporating amendments to and alignment of purchasing thresholds below \$15,000 to meet contemporary business practices.

25.03.05

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Departure: Cr J Dorries departed the chamber at 9:27am

Attendance: Cr J Dorries returned to the chamber at 9:28am.

Departure: Cr A Lenton departed the chamber at 9:30am

Attendance: Cr A Lenton returned to the chamber at 9:31am.

25.03.06

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

2. THAT Council adopt the amended Procurement Policy WIN-FIN-POL-007 as presented.

MOTION UNSUPPORTED

25.03.07

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

3. THAT the Chief Executive Officer develop a quarterly report to Council that highlights compliance or otherwise to the local preference provisions in the Procurement Policy.

CARRIED 6-0

13.2 NADJAYAMBA BURSARY

SUMMARY

The Winton Shire Council (WSC) Nadjayamba Bursary Program aims to encourage the academic progress of students from the Winton Shire with the eligible criteria. This bursary aims to provide students with monetary assistance for costs associated with studying.

25.03.08

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Delared Conflict of Interest

Cr Adrian Lenton advised the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.3 Lions Club Bursary. I have a business relationship with the parents of the Lions Club Bursary recipient Tyler Godfrey. Cr Lenton left the meeting at 9.44am and did not participate in discussion or vote thereon.

13.3 LIONS CLUB BURSARY

SUMMARY

The Winton Shire Council (WSC) Loins Club Bursary Program aims to encourage the academic progress of students from the Winton Shire with the eligible criteria. This bursary aims to provide students with monetary assistance for costs associated with studying.

25.03.09

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance: Cr A Lenton returned to the chamber at 9.45am.

Delared Conflict of Interest

I Shannon Van Bael, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest, due to 13.4 Reconstruction of Two Floodways on the Cork Mail Road due to being related to the applicant.

As a result of this presribed conflict of interest, I will now leave the room.

Departure: Shannon Van Bael departed the chamber at 9.46am.

13.4 RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO FLOODWAYS ON THE CORK MAIL ROAD**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to award the Tender for the reconstruction of two floodways on the Cork Mail Road.

25.03.10

Moved: Cr T Elliott
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0**25.03.11**

Moved: Cr F Standfast
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

2. THAT Council award Tender WSCT-2425-10 for the reconstruction of two floodway's on the Cork Mail Road to Stockham Building Services Pty Ltd for the amount of \$260,000.00 (Ex GST).

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance: Shannon Van Bael returned to the chamber 9:54am.

13.5 DA - MCU - 1 BRIGHTON DOWNS STREET - (WSC 24-04)**SUMMARY**

On 5 December 2024, Council received a properly made development application on land located at 1 Brighton Downs Street, Winton, seeking a development permit for Material Change of Use: "Transport Depot" and "Caretaker's Accommodation".

25.03.12

Moved: Cr T Elliott
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0**25.03.13**

Moved: Cr F Standfast
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

2. For the reasons as set out in the attachment, the development application for material change of use for "Transport Depot" and "Caretaker's Accommodation" be approved, subject to reasonable and relevant planning conditions, as set out in Attachment A, which reflect and accord generally with the application as made.

CARRIED 6-0

13.6 PURCHASE OF UNALLOCATED STATE LAND-OPALTON BUSH PARK**SUMMARY**

This report addresses the purchase of 270Ha of Unallocated State Land at Opalton to support the Queensland Border Opal Association's (QBOA) objectives to establish a Bush Park and Exhibition and Visitors Centre.

25.03.14

Moved: Cr J Mutton

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. THAT the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.15

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

2. THAT Council accept the offer from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional Development for the purchase of Lot 11 on USL 37898 , at Opalton for \$13,500 plus GST plus costs.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.16

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

3. THAT the CEO be authorized to complete the transaction including payment of the required deposit of \$10,728.08 by the due date of 28 March 2025, completion of the required survey plan, statutory declaration on future use, and addressing any native title rights and interests.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.17

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

4. THAT the purchase be funded from Council's Land Development Reserve.

CARRIED 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00am for morning team and resumed at 10:20am.

13.7 PURCHASE OF UNALLOCATED STATE LAND-SEWERAGE PONDS**SUMMARY**

Winton's Sewerage ponds are constructed on a 2.6Ha site not in Council's tenure. This report addresses the steps required to excise this site from the lease held by the Winton Golf Club and for the ownership of the land to transfer to Council.

25.03.18

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr.A Lenton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.19

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

2. THAT Council accept the offer from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, , Manufacturing and Regional Development for the purchase of part Lot 3 on Plan SP 293556, (shown as Part B on Drawing LAAGIS-257) for \$15,000 plus GST plus costs.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.20

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

3. THAT the CEO be authorized to complete the transaction including payment of the required deposit of \$10,286.22 by the due date of 28th March 2025, completion of the required survey plan and statutory declaration on future use.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.21

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

4. THAT the purchase be funded from Council's Land Development Reserve.

CARRIED 6-0

13.8 PURCHASE OF UNALLOCATED STATE LAND-SITE OF WAY OUT WEST SIGN**SUMMARY**

This Report addresses the process for Council obtaining ownership of the 4.1 Ha parcel of Unallocated State Land adjacent to the Eric Lenton Memorial Recreation Reserve and upon which the Winton Way out West sign is located.

25.03.22

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.23

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

2. THAT Council accept the offer from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional Development for the purchase of Lot 7 on plan SP293557, shown as Part A on Drawing LAAGIS-257 for \$25,000 plus GST plus costs.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.24

Moved: Cr J Mutton

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

3. THAT the CEO be authorized to complete the transaction including payment of the required deposit of \$10,917.08 by the due date of 28 March 2025, completion of the required survey plan, statutory declaration on future use, and addressing any native title rights and interests.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.25

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

4. THAT the purchase be funded from Council's Land Development Reserve.

CARRIED 6-0

13.9 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST REPORT**SUMMARY**

Council is committed to supporting not-for-profit community organisations that support the needs and liveability of the Winton community. This report is a reflection of the expenses during the 2024-2025 financial year thus far.

25.03.26

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.27

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

2. THAT Council accept the request from Tower Hill Picnic Amateur Race Club for the monetary donation and in-kind assistance totalling \$5651.00.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.28

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

3. THAT Council accept the request from The North Gregory Turf Club for the in-kind assistance for the amount \$750.00.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.29

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

4. THAT Council accept the request from Winton State School for the monetary donation of \$7000.00

MOTION UNSUPPORTED

25.03.30

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

5. THAT Council contribute the monetary amount of \$5000.00 to Winton State School for the purpose of funding the Year 5/6 Leadership Camp.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.31

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

6. THAT Council accept the request from Winton Junior Rugby League Club for the in-kind

assistance of the Eric Lenton Memorial Sports and Recreational Grounds hire valued at \$1,200.00 per annum.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.32

Moved: Cr T Elliott
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

7. THAT Council accept the request from Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive for the in-kind assistance for the amount of \$150.00.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.33

Moved: Cr J Dorries
Seconded: Cr F Standfast

8. THAT Council review the Community Grants Policy.

CARRIED 6-0

13.10 NOMINATION OF IMPOUNDMENT LOCATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK AND COMPANION ANIMALS

SUMMARY

Winton Shire Council's Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2024, Part 4, Section 16 specifies impounded animals will be at a place nominated by a resolution of Council.

Council has not formally nominated impoundment locations for cattle, horses, dogs and cats. Without these designated locations, enforcement of compliance measures, including musters and animal seizures, remains administratively challenging.

25.03.34

Moved: Cr F Standfast
Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.35

Moved: Cr J Mutton
Seconded: Cr A Lenton

2. The Winton Shire Council Showgrounds be nominated the impoundment site for horses.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.36

Moved: Cr T Elliott
Seconded: Cr J Dorries

3. The Winton Shire Council Saleyards be nominated the impoundment site for cattle.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.37

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

4. The Winton Shire Council Pound Facility be nominated as the impoundment site for dogs and cats.

CARRIED 6-0

13.11 COUNTRY ROADS CONNECT PROGRAM**SUMMARY**

The Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program is a \$100 million Queensland Government funding initiative aimed at supporting local infrastructure that will deliver targeted investment to boost the safety of regional roads. The CRC Program will provide funding to local governments to pave regional unsealed roads which would otherwise become impassable during weather events.

The CRC Program is part of the Right Plan for Queensland's Future to ease pressure on transport and insurance costs by investing money into regional roads, and boost safety and reduce transport costs by upgrading regional roads. The Program will work hand-in-glove with the Safer Roads, Better Transport plan which will deliver congestion-busting and safety upgrades across Queensland.

25.03.38

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.39

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

2. THAT Council lodge an application through the Country Roads Program to complete the sealing of the Winton – Richmond road.

CARRIED 6-0

13.12 BUDGET TIMETABLE**SUMMARY**

Consideration of the Budget Timetable for development of the 2026 Annual Budget proposed to be adopted 30 June 2025.

25.03.40

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.41

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

2. THAT the Budget Timetable as presented but subject to the commencement date being amended to the 4 April 2025 PM be adopted as a draft and subject to review by the incoming CEO and Council.

CARRIED 6-0

LATE REPORT**13.13 SALE OF LOT 1 ON SP335297 LANDSBOROUGH HIGHWAY, IRBS 4****SUMMARY**

This report addresses Council's options in regard to the Contract of Sale for Lot 1 on SP 335297 and the Buyers inability to complete their obligations under the contract.

25.03.42

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr J Dorries.

1. THAT the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.43

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

2. THAT Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to take such steps as the CEO considers are necessary to negotiate the termination of the contract on the basis that the Council retain the whole of the deposit paid pursuant to the terms of the contract.

CARRIED 6-0

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**14.1 MINUTES OF THE RADF ASSESSMENT PANEL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2025****25.03.44**

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

1. THAT the Minutes of the RADF Assessment Panel Meeting held on 6 March 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 6-0

14.2 MINUTES OF THE WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE LTD BOARD MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2025**25.03.45**

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the Minutes of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board Meeting held on 28 February 2025 be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Waltzing Matilda Board Recommendations**25.03.46**

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr F Standfast

2. THAT the current annual reports be sent to the new addresses as provided by Robyn Stephens.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.47

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

3. THAT in next year's budget Council consider providing funds to purchase more swagman statuettes to have available as gifts for promotion of the Centre for special visitors.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.48

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

4. THAT the Waltzing Matilda Centre through the Tuckerbox Café be requested to provide the cake, water, tea, instant coffee for Waltzing Matilda Day.

CARRIED 6-0

25.03.49

Moved: Cr F Standfast

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

5. THAT Sallyanne Atkinson be invited to become a Waltzing Matilda Centre Ambassador.

CARRIED 6-0

Waltzing Matilda Board recommendation

6. THAT the merchandise for sale at the Dagworth store be as far as possible local and relevant to the Outback and Matilda story.

25.03.50

Moved: Cr T Elliott

Seconded: Cr J Dorries

7. THAT Council undertake a review of the merchandise currently being sold at the

Dagworth Store.

CARRIED 6-0

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 CORRESPONDENCE

25.03.51

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr A Lenton

1. THAT the Correspondence Items 1 - 5 be received and noted.

CARRIED 6-0

16 LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

17 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

17.1 INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

25.03.52

Moved: Cr J Dorries

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the Interim Chief Executive Officers report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.2 MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

25.03.53

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the Manager Corporate Services report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.3 INTERIM FINANCE MANAGER

25.03.54

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT the Interim Finance Manager report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Departure: Cr J Dorries departed the chamber at 12:14pm

Attendance: Cr J Dorries returned to the chamber at 12:15pm.

17.4 ACTING DIRECTOR OF WORKS

25.03.55

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr T Elliott

1. THAT the Acting Director of Works report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

25.03.56

Moved: Cr A Lenton

Seconded: Cr J Mutton

1. THAT the Executive Manager of Community Services report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

18 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

Nil

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting 17 April 2025

The Meeting closed at 12:25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON