CARPENTARIA SHIRE

Outback by the Sea

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

23 SEPTEMBER, 2026

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CONFIRMED MINUTES

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at **9:02am.**

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Cr LV Bawden	Mayor
Cr BJ Hawkins	Deputy Mayor
Cr GW Smerdon	
Cr CP Schafer	
Cr LJ Henry	
Cr JE O'Brien	

Staff

Ms Anne Andrews	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Tony Beynon	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Ms Amanda Farraway	Executive Manager Community Development & Tourism
Mr Michael Wanrooy	Director of Engineering

The following officers attended the meeting as indicated in the minutes

Mr John Martin	Consultant Engineer - ERSCON

APOLOGY

Moved Cr Henry Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council accept the apology from Councillor Andrew Murphy and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/001***

3 CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was held for the passing of the following community member/s:

- Mr Noel Pickering

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

1. I, Councillor Bradley Hawkins inform this meeting that pursuant to section 150eq(3)(b) and 150eq (3)(c) of the local government act 2009, i have a material personal interest in relation to Agenda 11.8 – Late Tender – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers 26-0001 – A&G contracting. The nature of my interest is as follows:

   I am a contractor.

   I am voluntarily deciding not to participate in making a decision about the matter.

2. I, Councillor Johnty O'Brien inform this meeting that pursuant to section 150eq(3)(b) and 150eq (3)(c) of the local government act 2009, i have a material personal interest in relation to Agenda 11.8 – Late Tender – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers 26-0001 – A&G contracting. The nature of my interest is as follows:

   My parents have a business tendered on the ROPS hire list.

   I am voluntarily deciding not to participate in making a decision about the matter.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 August 2026, as previously circulated to Councillors.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Henry

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 August 2026 be confirmed with the exception of Item 10.1 and that additional information be included on the discussions that took place during the 19 August Ordinary Council Meeting and further that the Chief Executive Officer develop a procedure for minuting Notices of Motion.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/002***

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. For future Council meetings, Council has requested that recommendations and actions are read back to Councillors for clarity and accuracy.

7 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

8 MAYORAL MINUTES

Meeting of Mines

The Mayor informed of his attendance at the Meeting of Mines held recently in Cloncurry. The meeting was attended by State Government Ministers, various Council Mayors, industry representatives and project managers. The Mayor advocated for the export of phosphate from the Port of Karumba and commented on the industry growth around Cloncurry. He also commended GSD Chief Executive Officer for advocacy on behalf of Gulf Councils.

QLD Tourism and Events, Tourism Tropical North Qld and Gulf Savannah Development Meeting

- The Mayor informed of Advocacy TEQ/GSD Visit - The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the financial assistance by the State Government for the Outback By the Sea Festival and made mention of the advocacy work of Gulf Savannah Development CEO Neil O'Brien who coordinated a visit to region to meet with tourism operators by Tourism and Events Qld CEO Craig Davidson, Qld Government Head of Tourism Bridget Woods and Tourism Tropical North Qld Health of Marketing Lani Cooper.
- Mayor suggested that Council undertake a costing analysis /ROI of this year's festival.

North West Qld Regional of Councils – AGM

The Mayor informed of North West ROC – AGM. The Annual General Meeting of the North West Region of Councils is scheduled for Friday 25 September 2026.

Queensland Reconstruction Authority Visit

Queensland Reconstruction Authority Visit –The Chief Executive Officer of the QRA Major General Jake Ellwood and QRA Officer Dean Patchett attended Normanton on Wednesday 16 September, 2026. Major General Ellwood was happy with the progress of the Mitchell River Bridge. It was discussed that Council continue the advocacy on the DRFA funding changes proposed by the Federal Government.

Queensland Reconstruction Authority Visit

Queensland Reconstruction Authority Visit –The Chief Executive Officer of the QRA Major General Jake Ellwood and QRA Officer Dean Patchett attended Normanton on Wednesday 16 September, 2026. Major General Ellwood was happy with the progress of the Mitchell River Bridge. It was discussed that Council continue the advocacy on the DRFA funding changes proposed by the Federal Government. Discussions also took place on the new water pipeline into Normanton and the problems being encountered with Queensland Rail. The Mayor advised of the advocacy at State Government level on the project stating that assistance is being sought from the State Government on the matter.

Biosecurity Positions - Karumba

The DPI Biosecurity regional officer position has been advertised and we are still waiting the for the two positions at Karumba to be advertised.

9 COUNCILLOR MONTHLY UPDATE

Councillor Hawkins:
Councillor Hawkins advised Council of his recent attendance with the CEO at the WACQ Conference in Brisbane.

Councillor O'Brien:
Councillor O'Brien advised the Council of his attendance at the recent NAIDOC events held in Normanton and thanked everyone involved in making the celebrations a success. A special mentioned was made to all who assisted especially during the power outage.

Councillor Schafer

- Cr Schafer advised of her attendance at a very successful contractor investment meeting with Cr Smerdon, Cr O'Brien, the CEO and Director of Engineering
- Cr Schafer also attended the opening of the Gulf Christian College.

10 MATTERS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - OFFICIAL RECORDING SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Executive Summary:

Councillor Johnty O'Brien has moved a notice of motion that Council requests the relevant officer investigate and prepare a report for Council outlining the options, costs, requirements and implementation steps associated with introducing an official recording system for Council meetings, with the report to be presented to Council by December 2026.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Carpentaria Shire Council provides a formal report to the December 2026 meeting of Council outlining the options, costs, requirements and implementation steps associated with introducing an official recording system for Council meetings.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/003***

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, in the opinion of the General manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in clause 275(1) of the Regulation, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer Seconded Cr Henry

That Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with clause 275(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 as the items listed come within the following provisions.

11.1 Resolution to sell Lot 3 Lilyvale Estate
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to 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.

11.2 Resolution to sell 17 Palmer Street, Normanton
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to 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.

11.3 Concealed Water Leak Concession Request - 2 Forsyth Street, Normanton 4890
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(d) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to rating concessions.

11.4 Review of Water Consumption Charges for A164 - Lot 13 Norman Street, Karumba - Meter MD9320
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(d) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to rating concessions.

11.5 Normanton Pensioner Housing
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

11.6 Procurement of New Stabiliser
This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause

254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to 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.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/004***

CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting was closed to the public at 10:03am.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Schafer left the meeting at 10:04 am
Councillor Schafer re-entered the meeting at 10:06 am
The Mayor left the meeting at 10:05 am
The Mayor re-entered the meeting at 10:07 am
Councillor Hawkins left the meeting at 10:24am during Item 11.8
Councillor Hawkins re-entered the meeting at 10:6 am
Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 10:24am during Item 11.8
Councillor O'Brien re-entered the meeting at 10:26 am.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Henry

That Council open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/005***

REOPENING OF MEETING:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10:27am.

11.1 RESOLUTION TO SELL LOT 3 LILYVALE ESTATE

Executive Summary:

Council has received an offer to purchase Lot 3 on SP 287776, located at Lot 3, Lilyvale Road, Normanton Qld 4890 (the **Land**). Council officers have evaluated the offer as the most advantageous to Council and have accepted this offer. The purpose of this report is to resolve to apply an exception under section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* ("**LGR**") to dispose of the Land.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Henry

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 236(2), resolves to apply the exception in section 236(1)(a)

for the disposal of Lot 3 on SP 287776, located at Lot 3 Lilyvale Road, Normanton Qld 4890 (the Land), other than by tender or auction, on the basis that the Land has been previously offered for sale by tender and was not sold and the purchase price is more than the highest tender received; and

2. ***Delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, the power to negotiate and finalise all matters with purchaser.***

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/006***

11.2 RESOLUTION TO SELL 17 PALMER STREET, NORMANTON

Executive Summary:

Council has received an offer to purchase Lot 8 on CP NM808172, located at 17 Palmer Street, Normanton Qld 4890 (the Land).

Council resolved to sell Plamer Street at the June Meeting Resolution No. 0626/005 but the proposed purchaser withdrew the offer shortly after.

Council officers have evaluated the new offer as the most advantageous to Council and have accepted this offer. The purpose of this report is to resolve to apply an exception under section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* ("LGR") to dispose of the Land.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon Seconded Cr Schafer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. ***Pursuant to section 236(2), resolves to apply the exception in section 236(1)(a) for the disposal Lot 8 on CP NM808172, located at 17 Palmer Street, Normanton Qld 4890 (the Land), other than by tender or auction, on the basis that the Land has been previously offered for sale by tender and was not sold and the purchase price is more than the highest tender received; and***

2. ***Delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, the power to negotiate and finalise all matters with the purchaser.***

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/007***

11.3 CONCEALED WATER LEAK CONCESSION REQUEST - 2 FORSYTH STREET, NORMANTON 4890

Executive Summary:

Assessment A514 being located at 2 Forsyth Street Normanton (Lot 181 N14851) recorded a high water consumption charge of $2,763.00 for the 1st Levy issued on 18 August, 2026 for the 2026/27 year. The owner is requesting a concession under the "Concealed Water Leak Policy". The Policy, as written, allows Council to provide a concession to qualifying owners.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer Seconded Cr Henry

That Council:

1. ***Accept the "Concealed Water Leak Application" for Assessment A515 being located at 2 Forsyth Street Normanton (Lot 181 N14851);***

2. ***Provide a concession for the amount of $1922.25 in line with Council's Concealed Water Leak Policy for the 1st Levy 2026/27 Water Consumption Charges.***

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/008***

11.4 REVIEW OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES FOR A164 - LOT 13 NORMAN STREET, KARUMBA - METER MD9320

Executive Summary:

Water meter MD9320 was installed on A164 - Lot 13 Norman Street Karumba in June 2018. The consumption for water meter MD9320 has been reviewed and has been identified as read incorrectly intermittently since June 2021.

The most recent meter read for meter MD9320 was read in June 2026 at 10,710 KL, the meter read before this was conducted in December 2025, reading as 10,680 KL. Please see meter photos attached for meter MD9320 for June 2026 and December 2025. Due to a previous incorrect reading of 21,415 KL recorded for June 2025, the two readings after this had to be entered in Council's Software as the same reading of 21,415 KL so that consumption was not entered as a negative reading which would create an error in Council's Software.

The Manger of Water and Waste advised that this meter has ticked over from 9999 to 0000 so the most recent reading displayed as 710KL is correctly read as 10,710KL, please see correspondence from Joe Beddows dated 11.09.2026 attached.

The first confirmed incorrect reading for this meter was recorded in June 2021. An email from Civil Engineer Nick Lennon at Erscon Consulting Engineers dated 02.03.2022 confirms the correct reading for meter MD9320 as at June 2021 should have been 9,423 KL and correct consumption should have been 162 KL.

Please see attached email from Nick Lennon dated 02.03.2022 and meter reading photo for meter MD9320 reading 9,532 KL as at 02.03.2022. For June 2021 an incorrect reading of 14,235 KL and incorrect consumption of 4,974 KL was recorded and charged for.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council adjust water consumption charges by writing off water consumption charges of $7668.90 accrued from the first incorrect reading for meter MD9320 in June 2021 to present. This will ensure water consumption charges match the corrected readings for meter MD9320 as verified by available water meter read photos.

LOST 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/009***

11.5 NORMANTON PENSIONER HOUSING

Executive Summary:

Council has one (1) vacant, one-bedroom pensioner unit for rent. This was advertised on social media and on Community noticeboards throughout the Shire. Unit 2, 23 Little Brown Street, Normanton has been recently renovated and ready for a new tenant.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon Seconded Cr Henry

That Council allocates the Pensioner Unit No 2, 23 Little Brown Street, Normanton, to Applicant Three (3), noting that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of Council's Pensioner Housing Policy and is currently the applicant closest to reaching Age Pension eligibility.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/010***

11.6 PROCUREMENT OF NEW STABILISER

Executive Summary:

Council's current stabilizer has come to the point where the maintenance costs will outweigh the profits for its usage. Council would like to use the approved budget to purchase a new stabilizer and auction the existing stabilizer. The report below provides further information.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Hawkins Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council approve the purchase of the new Wirtgen stabilizer through Local Buy (Local Buy supplier verification number: VS21115567) and once the new stabilizer has been received Council may proceed to auction the existing stabilizer through Pickles.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/011***

11.7 LILYVALE ESTATE ACCESS ROAD – PROPOSED RENEGOTIATION OF LOT 15 SALE

On 13 April 2026, Council issued a tender for sale through Outback Auctions and Real Estate for the final lots in Stage Two of Lilyvale Estate. The tender closed on May 5, 2026. Council received one submission for Lot 15 and accepted the offer at the June meeting of Council (Resolution No. 0626/006). The contract is currently under negotiation.

Council has since received a request for an extension to Barlawink Road to provide access to the Normanton Solar Farm. This would require a resumption of part of Lot 15.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council:

1. ***Consider the options and legal advice and that if Council approves the extension to Barlawink Road to the boundary of Lot 15 and that;***
2. ***Council delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, the power to negotiate and finalise all matters with purchaser.***

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/012***

ATTENDANCE

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting room at 10:24am
Councillor Hawkins left the meeting room at 10:24am
Councillor Hawkins re-entered the meeting room at 10:26 am
Councillor O'Brien re- entered the meeting room at 10:26 am.
Councillor O'Brien left the meeting room at 10:29am
Councillor Hawkins left the meeting room at 10:29am
Councillor Hawkins re-entered the meeting room at 10:30am
Councillor O'Brien re- entered the meeting room at 10:30am.

11.8 REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 26-0001- A&G CONTRACTING

Executive Summary:

A&G Contracting have sent a late Tender for a triple side tipper combination to be included in the Council's Pre-Qualified Suppliers (ROPS) Wet Hire of Plant 2026 (Contract No: 26-0001). All relevant schedules, insurances, work cover and details will need to be received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council approve A&G Contracting late Tender for the inclusion of a triple side tipper combination for the Council's Pre-Qualified Suppliers (ROPS) Wet Hire of Plant 2026 (Contract No: 26-0001) provided all appropriate documentation has been received.

CARRIED 4/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/013***

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:30am.
The meeting resumed at 10:54am.

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12 REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1 MONTHLY REPORT – CEO

Executive Summary:

This report provides Councillors with an update of the business of the Department of the CEO for August 2026 – September 2026 and forward planning for September – October 2026.

Recommendation:

For information only.

NOTATION:
The Mayor made special mention of the staff, community and volunteers who assisted with the recent Normanton fire.

12.2 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report outlines the activities of the Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator for the month of August 2026.

Recommendation:

For information only.

12.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides information on the general Human Resource matters and Work Health and Safety matters relevant to the team's daily business.

Recommendation:

For information only.

12.4 DATA BREACH POLICY

Executive Summary:

Council has developed a Data Breach Policy to establish Council's approach to identifying, containing, assessing, managing and responding to actual and suspected data breaches.

The Policy supports Council's obligations under the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)*, including the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach (MNDB) scheme, which applies to local governments from 1 July 2026.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer Seconded Cr Henry

That Council adopts the Data Breach Policy as presented.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/014***

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13 REPORTS FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

13.1 INTERIM DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Operating Officer portfolio.

Recommendation:

For information only

13.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Executive Summary:

Presentation of the financial report for 31 August 2026 as required under section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The report is presented for noting and indicates whether Council is progressing satisfactorily against its current budget. The contents of the report include:

1. Key Highlights
2. Operating Result
3. Cash Position
4. Trade and Receivables
5. Investments
6. QTC Loans
7. Sales, contracts and recoverable works

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Council accepts the Monthly Financial Report, as required under section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ended 31 August 2026.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/015***

13.3 BAD DEBT WRITE OFF – REX AIRLINES

Executive Summary:

In 2025/2026 the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts introduced the Regional and Remote Airport Support program to provide financial assistance to operators of regional/remote airports that were owed debt by the Rex Airlines regional business.

Carpentaria shire Council was owed money by Rex Airlines and applied for Regional and Remote Airport Support.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council write off an amount of $3,728.47 owed by Rex Airlines regional business in accordance with Council's Debt Recovery Policy.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/016***

13.4 INTRODUCTION OF AIRPORT PASSENGER TAX

Executive Summary:

The Local Government Act 2009 Section 262, Council's Local Law No 7 Aerodromes and the 2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule allow for Council to charge a passenger fee for flights into its airports for each take-off and landing. Council has not in recent years charged this fee and based on the number of commercial flights using the Normanton Airport, the revenue to be gained from charging the passenger fee will assist Council's bottom line.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Carpentaria Shire Council Local Law No 7 and the 2026-2027 Fees and Charges commence charging Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights from 1 January 2027 the passenger fee for each take-off and landing, currently $22.05 per passenger.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/017***

13.5 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON – AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Hawkins

Executive Summary:

At the June 2026 Council Meeting (Resolution No. 0626/011), the Council adopted the Carpentaria Shire Council Audit & Risk Committee Charter. The Charter including the composition of the Audit & Risk Committee which required that the Chairperson of the Committee be appointed by Council.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/018***

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14 REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

14.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOURISM & REGIONAL PROSPERITY MATTERS OF INTEREST REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Community Development, Tourism and Regional Prosperity portfolio of Council.

Recommendation:

For information only

NOTATION:
Council discussed the Sporting Precinct Masterplan, including the tennis courts, gym and basketball courts.

Council also discussed replacing the basketball backboards and broken glass on the courts.

Flood marker Audit.

ATTENDANCE:
The Mayor left the meeting room at 11:59 am.
The Mayor re-entered the room at 12:03 pm.

14.2 2026 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITY BALL

Executive Summary:

This report is for Information only and is an update on the 2026 Ronald McDonal House Charity Ball.

Recommendation:

For Information Only.

NOTATION:
Council discussed recognising the major sponsors of the event in the report.
Councillors discussed next year's benefactor. Sponsors include:
RRETS – Diamond
Albem Operations – Diamond

Tutt Bryant – Diamond
ERSCON - Diamond
Barto's Construction – Platinum
Wanless - Platinum
GBA Engineers – Gold
Lomai – Gold
Preston Law - Gold
Stop Shop – Silver
Fleet Crew – Silver
Bolwarra Enterprises - Silver
Marwill – Bronze
RMT - Bronze

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30 pm
The meeting resumed at 1:12 pm

ATTENDANCE:
Councillor Henry was an apology following lunch due to work commitments.
The Consulting Engineer entered the meeting room at 1.28 pm.

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15 REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - ROADS & SERVICES

15.1 DOE REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director Engineering's portfolio.

Recommendation:

For information only.

NOTATION:

- Councillors discussed the removal of the 4WD signs at the Norman River
- Normanton Graffiti
- Councillors discussed graffiti at the Shire Hall and footpaths in Landsborough Street near the railway line
- Flood Markers Action List
- Councillors raised the matter of flood markers at Walters Creek, Fitzmaurice – Delta Road and the flood way at Snake Creek
- Rodeo Grounds Padlock Key
- Councillors discussed adding the rodeo grounds padlock key to the action list.
- Water truck – Kowanyama – Heart Lung Bus
- Council agreed for the water truck to be used to supress dust on the Kowanyama Road to assist the Heart/Lung bus.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Schafer left the meeting room at 2:15 pm.
Councillor Schafer re-entered the meeting room at 2:17pm.

15.2 NDRRA - QDRF REPORT

Executive Summary:

QRA24: REPA and Betterment have a total RV of approx. $69million (construction budget of $51.8million) and is 70% complete with an expenditure ratio of 1.01. A final outcome report has been received for Submission 6 (Normanton - Burketown Road) and final payment is expected shortly. Two (2) REPA submissions are currently being prepared for acquittal prior to 30 September deadlines. Approximately $5million of REPA and $16million in Betterment scope remains to be constructed prior to submission deadlines. EOT requests have been submitted for two (2) Betterment projects to extend their deadlines from 30 June until 31 December 2027 due to Mitchell River Bridge construction delays.

QRA25: REPA submissions have a total RV of approx. $73.8million (construction budget of $55.6million) and is 32% complete with an expenditure ratio of 1.08. All QRA25 submissions have a completion deadline of 30 June 2027. Current programming forecasts that approx. $13.6million in scope will be remaining to be constructed next year prior to submissions deadlines. The current QRA Cash Flow for road restoration/betterment is approximately $2.2million in advance. The total QRA (including Mitchell River Bridge) cash flow is approximately $1.2million in arrears, acquittal and progress payments are expected shortly to bring the total cash flow back into advance.

QRA26: Carpentaria Shire Council was activated for REPA, Emergency Works and CDO relief measures on 29 December 2025. A CDO final outcome report has been received and final payment is expected shortly (Approx. $3.3million). Two (2) Emergency Works submissions are currently being prepared prior to lodgment deadlines. Submission 2 (Northern Roads) and Submission 3 (Southern Roads) have been lodged for approval in QRA MARS system. A further three (3) submissions are currently being prepared for lodgment.

Construction Progress Update: Six (6) DRFA crews are currently working from Wondoola Camp, Mundjuro Camp, Spear Creek Camp, Dunbar Camp, Stirling Camp and Oriners Camp. One (1) crew is working on remaining QRA24, while the other crews are completing QRA25 scope. Scott Freight has plant working on the Scour North of the Mitchell River (QRA24 Scope). Two (2) TMR based crews are working on 89B Betterment and the Dunbar Airstrip project. The Order of Engagement list for Graders and Water Trucks has been exhausted. Plant was engaged through Local Buy but withdrew to due contractual disagreements. The second round of eligible diesel fuel levy payments has been paid to Contractors and further invoices will continue to be assessed.

Recommendation:

For Information only.

ATTENDANCE
The Consulting Engineer left the meeting room at 2:20 pm.
Councillor O'Brien left the meeting room at 2:22 pm.
Councillor O'Brien re-entered the meeting room at 2:24pm.

15.3 WATER AND WASTE MONTHLY REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report has been prepared to provide Council with an overview of actions completed and underway within the Water and Waste Department throughout August 2026.

The following items of interest are presented in further detail within the report:

- Water Industry Update
- Normanton-Karumba Water Supply Scheme
- Normanton-Karumba Sewerage Scheme
- Waste Services

Recommendation:

For Information Only.

15.4 BUILDING AND PLANNING REPORT

Executive Summary:

The report is to advise Council of relevant planning and building activities within the Shire for the month of August 2026.

Recommendation:

For Information Only.

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15.5 ASSET DISPOSAL AUCTION

Executive Summary:

Pickles are arranging and preparing for a QLD Western Council Auction to be held late September 2026. Reserve values are currently being worked out for the various plant in the list as presented in the Background section of this report. The list is made up of plant that were previously passed in the previous local auction held 29th November 2025 and plant that could not be sold due to replacements having not arrived at the time of auction date.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council approves the disposal of miscellaneous plant itemised below to be auctioned through Pickles online auction.

Plant List to be auctioned:

- ***P0130 - 326IUQ - 2005 Isuzu FRR500 Garbage compactor***
- ***P2402 - 2014 Isuzu NPR200 Tipper***
- ***P2520 - 547VKP - 2015 NPS400 Trayback w Crane***
- ***P2703 - 095XQY - 2017 Hino FM500 Crew Half Tipper***
- ***P2801 - XQ23CN - Hino 300 Crew Trayback***
- ***P3137 - C89511 - 2010 Cat 432E Backhoe***
- ***P338 - Isuzu NKR SES Truck - Salvage***
- ***P633 - SMDO 75KVA Genset - Salvage***
- ***P2534 - 523VKP - 2015 Isuzu NPR400 Crew Tipper***
- ***P4403 & P6902 - Tandem Box Trailer & Fuel pod combo***
- ***P5303 - 2010 John Deere LA115 Mower (PIN: GXA115A308387) - Salvage***
- ***P5303 - 2018 John Deere E110 Mower (PIN: 1GXE110ECJJ037337) - Salvage***
- ***P6013 - CT1342 - Box Trailer***
- ***P6031 - Trailer Accom***
- ***P7001 - 2004 Cummins 100KVA Genset***

Plant P2402, P2703, P7001, and P2520 were put up at the November 2025 Auction and were passed in.

CARRIED 6/0 ***Resolution No. 0926/019***

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16 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting, Cr Lyall Bawden, Mayor, declared the meeting closed at ***2:30pm.***

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

These Minutes are Confirmed.

..... 23/09/2026.

Councillor LV Bawden
Mayor

Date