



CARPENTARIA SHIRE

Outback by the Sea

***ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES***

21 AUGUST, 2024

CONFIRMED MINUTES

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Cr LV Bawden	Mayor
Cr BJ Hawkins	Deputy Mayor
Cr AM Murphy	
Cr GW Smerdon	
Cr CP Schafer	
Cr JE O'Brien	

Staff

Ms Anne Andrews	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Angeline Pascoe	Executive Assistant
Ms Julianne Meier	Director Corporate Services
Mr Michael Wanrooy	Director of Engineering

The following officers attended the meeting as indicated in the minutes

Mr Chris O'Keefe	Manager – Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre
Mr John Martin	Consultant Engineer - ERSCON

APOLOGY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council accept the apology from Councillor Henry and leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/001

3 CONDOLENCES

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

❖ Mrs Loretta George

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 July 2024, as previously circulated to Councillors.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 July 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/002

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

6 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATION: 9:00am – 9:04am Mrs Irene Fitzsimmons, Member of the Normanton QCWA and Mr Wade Casey, President of the Normanton Rodeo Association entered the meeting room. Mrs Fitzsimmons and Mr Casey presented Council with a Certificate of Appreciation for services provided to the Annual Show and Rodeo.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Meeting with Department of Transport and Main Roads – (Cloncurry)

Councillor Bawden informed of his and the Chief Executive Officer's attendance at the meeting with the District Director of Transport and Main Roads, Mr Andrew Hobbs, held recently in Cloncurry. Discussions were held on the following issues:

- Roadworks
- Finances – progressive payments
- Section 89A – will leave for 2025.

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Meeting with State Emergency Services & DES – 19 August 2024 (Cloncurry)

Councillor Bawden informed of his, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director Corporate Services attendance at the meeting which was also held recently in Cloncurry. Discussions were held on the following issues:

- The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has been given responsibility to lead Disaster and Emergency Management. The timeframe for the transition is not yet confirmed.
- The Local Disaster Management Group will continue to manage disaster and advise.
- Will take over Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) management.
- The Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) will get the District Disaster Management Group (DDMG) to handle disasters.
- The Australian Defence Force will no longer be involved in natural disasters.
- Volunteer numbers and recruitment are a concern.

Red Cross Charity Ball – 3 August 2024

Councillor Bawden provided an update on the Red Cross Charity Ball that was held recently. He informed that \$22,000 was raised and donated to the Red Cross Townsville Wellbeing Centre. Letters of thanks to all sponsors and the auctioneer.

Objection to the Names of the Artificial Reefs

Councillor Bawden informed of correspondence received objecting to the names of the artificial reefs.

Action: Letter be sent informing complainant of the process for judging the competition and noting community consultation will be sought on future reef naming.

8 COUNCILLOR MONTHLY UPDATE

Councillor O'Brien:

- Informed of his attendance at the Gulf Savannah Development's meeting. The meeting was primarily regarding the Gulf Water Plan Review submission that was being drafted by Gulf Savannah Development (GSD).
- Attended his first LGAQ Youth Council meeting which is run by LGAQ for Councillors around the State who are under 35. The Youth Council provides networking opportunities, and members also get paired with an experienced mayor in Queensland for mentoring.
- Informed he had received a thank you email from a Karumba resident regarding the stop signs that have been replaced with give way signs on Palmer Street. Councillor

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O'Brien wanted to pass on the appreciation to the Engineering Department/Works Department for their works in getting the signs replaced.

- Informed that he's had positive feedback from community members regarding the sprinklers in the Normanton Main Street and wanted to thank the Engineering/Works Department for fixing the sprinklers that were damaged/not working.

Councillor Schafer:

- Mr Peter Lister from the Gulf Christian College informed that 20 BMX bikes are being donated. Mr Lister would like to see a BMX Club set up and other agencies become involved to keep it operational.

9 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 O'Brien

Seconded Cr Hawkins

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

9.1 Proposed Purchases - Lilyvale

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. 0824/003

CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:36am.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Bawden left the meeting room at 9:50am.

Councillor Bawden re-entered the meeting room at 9:52am.

The Director Corporate Services left the meeting room at 10:15am.

The Director Corporate Services re-entered the meeting room at 10:21am.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Murphy

That Council open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/004

REOPENING OF MEETING:

The meeting was reopened to the public at **10:15am**.

9.1 PROPOSED PURCHASES - LILYVALE

Executive Summary:

Two proposals have been received from two interested parties to purchase lots in Lilyvale Rural Residential Estate.

Proposal One:

Council has received a formal offer through Colliers to purchase Lot 8 Lilyvale Rural Residential Estate for \$180,000.00. The asking price is \$274,000.00.

Proposal Two:

The Chief Executive Officer has been approached by a business operator to purchase blocks 5, 6, and 7 to relocate a transport business to this site. This will include placement of trucks and associated infrastructure, 10 units of accommodation and manager's house. This would require a change of land use. Initial advice from the Town Planner is provided in this report. The value of the offer has not been determined.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Hawkins

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council:

- 1. rejects the formal offer of \$180,00.00.***
- 2. delegate the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with Colliers a new marketing strategy reducing the cost of lots by 10% and that Colliers contact previous investors who have made offers regarding the 10% offer to ascertain if they are still interested in purchasing.***
- 3. the Chief Executive Officer investigate opportunities for multi-agent representation.***
- 4. the investor be invited to the September meeting of Council to present plans for the blocks.***

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/005

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PRESENTATION: **10:16am - 10:51am** Mrs Tonia Smerdon, Principal of Normanton State School entered the meeting. Mrs Smerdon provided Council with an overview on the following:

- ❖ Current budget
- ❖ Staff
- ❖ Students
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Improvement Priorities
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ Participation in the Partnership Initiative

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at **10:51am**.
The meeting resumed at **11:10am**.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Hawkins was not in attendance upon resumption of the meeting.
Councillor Hawkins re-entered the meeting room at **11:15am**.

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10 REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10.1 CEO MATTERS OF INTEREST REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides Councillors with an update of the business of the Department of the CEO.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officers matter of interest only report.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/006

10.2 REX AIRLINES UPDATE

Executive Summary:

On Wednesday 31 July 2024, it was announced that REX Airlines had gone into voluntary administration and Ernest and Young (EY) had been appointed as administrators with the task of restructuring the company. The announcement also advised that all jet services between capital cities had been cancelled but that regional services would continue to operate.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon

Seconded Cr Hawkins

- 1. That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer continue to advocate and represent Carpentaria Shire in meetings that address the future of REX and air services in Far North West Queensland.*
- 2. That, as creditor, Council continues to provide information as required to the administrators as requested.*
- 3. That Council continues to disseminate information to residents and stakeholders as information becomes available.*

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/007

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10.3 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Council accepts the Human Resources Report for information.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/008

10.4 CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN

Executive Summary:

The Manager Human Resources on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer is requesting Council to agree to the proposed closure of the Council from Friday the 13 December 2024 until Tuesday the 2 January 2025 for the annual Christmas Break.

Pending Council approval, the Human Resources Department shall advise all staff and the community through appropriate communications means of the decision to close the business with exception of the normal emergency crew/s in readiness to respond emergencies which may occur. This notification will occur at last 1 month prior to the closure date.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council endorse the Christmas Close Down dates as presented:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Close Commences</i>	<i>Recommencement</i>
<i>Operational Staff (excluding skeleton staff on RMPC, Town Crews and Water</i>	<i>Close of Business Wednesday, 18 December 2024</i>	<i>Thursday, 2 January 2025.</i>
<i>Office Based Staff</i>	<i>Close of Business Wednesday, 18 December 2024</i>	<i>Thursday, 2 January 2025.</i>
<i>Child Care Centre</i>	<i>Provision of Childcare services to cease end of day Tuesday 17 December 2024.</i>	<i>Provision of Childcare services to recommence Friday 3 January 2025.</i>
<i>Libraries</i>	<i>Close of Business</i>	<i>Thursday, 2 January 2025.</i>

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	Wednesday, 18 December 2024	
Barra Centre & NTN VIC	Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.	
CARRIED 6/0		Resolution No. 0824/009

NOTATION:

The Staff Christmas Party will be held on Friday 13 December 2024.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

I, **Councillor Schafer**, inform this meeting that, pursuant to section 150EQ(3)(b) and 150EQ(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009, I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 10.5 – Community Grants, Donations and Support Policy. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- (i) Heels and Reels have received a donation in the past.

In accordance with section 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009 I wish to remain for the discussion and voting; therefore, I wish to remain in the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Councillor Schafer be permitted to remain in the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/010

10.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS, DONATIONS AND SUPPORT POLICY

Executive Summary:

The Community Grants, Donations and Support Policy has been reviewed with tracked changes. The draft Policy was placed on public exhibition for 28 days to ensure adequate community consultation and that a report to be returned to Council. There were no submissions during this period. The Policy is now presented to Council for adoption.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Hawkins

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Community Grants, Donations and Support Policy as attached; and***
- 2. The Council notifies stakeholders of the adopted changes of the Policy.***

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CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/011

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11 REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1 DCS REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director of Corporate Services portfolio.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council:

- 1. receive and note the Director of Corporate Services Report; and***
- 2. that those matters not covered by a resolution be noted.***

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/012

11.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2024

Executive Summary:

Presentation of the financial report for 31 July 2024 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council accepts the Monthly Financial Report, as required under section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ended 31 July 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/013

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at **12:30pm**.
The meeting resumed at **1:26pm**.

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11.3 EXTERNAL AUDIT - 2024 INTERIM REPORT

Executive Summary:

Queensland Audit Office (QAO) contract auditors Crowe Australasia have conducted an audit in accordance with the external audit plan issued 27th March 2024. The attached interim report details the results of the interim audit conducted in June 2024.

The 2024 Interim Report is presented on behalf of the Mayor for Council for information.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council note the contents of the 2024 Interim Report.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/014

11.4 2023/2024 OPERATIONAL PLAN 4TH QUARTER REVIEW (JUNE 2024)

Executive Summary:

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a local government must for each financial year prepare and by resolution adopt an Annual Operational Plan. A report on the Operational Plan is to be prepared and presented to the Council on a regular basis outlining the progress towards implementing the key initiatives therein.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council notes the third quarter review of the 2023 – 2024 Operational Plan to the 30th June 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/015

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11.5 BUSINESS CASE - NEW ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE SYSTEM

Executive Summary:

Council's current financial software system, SynergySoft has become outdated, and is no longer providing expected functionality of a software system. A business case has been prepared for Council approval.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden

Seconded Cr O'Brien

That this item lie on the table.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/016

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12	REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & REGIONAL PROSPERITY
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12.1	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND REGIONAL PROSPERITY MATTERS OF INTEREST REPORT
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Executive Summary:

This report updates Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Community Development, Tourism and Regional Prosperity portfolio of Council. The new Director of this Department Matt Allard joined Council on August 5, 2024 and as such this report has been prepared in conjunction with the former director of the Department.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council receive and note the information provided in the Community Development, Tourism and Regional Prosperity Report.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/017

12.2	ASTUTE MONTHLY REPORT - NORMANTON CHILDCARE SERVICES
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Executive Summary:

In March 2023, Carpentaria Shire Council engaged Astute Early Years Specialist Pty Ltd ATF The Comerford Family Trust (Astute) to create a business plan for the Normanton Child Care Centre and in September 2023, resolved that pursuant to s235 (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, enter into an agreement with Astute to support Council with the implementation of the business plan over a period of five years to be reviewed annually. Astute and Council meets weekly to ensure the successful transition of the centre.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council notes the attached information and report.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/018

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting room at **2:10pm**.

Councillor O'Brien re-entered the meeting room at **2:11pm**.

Councillor Schafer left the meeting room at **2:10pm**.

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The Director Corporate Services left the meeting room at 2:10pm.
Councillor Schafer re-entered the meeting room at 2:12pm.
The Director Corporate Services re-entered the meeting room at 2:12pm.

12.3 LES WILSON BARRAMUNDI DISCOVERY CENTRE MONTHLY REPORT

Executive Summary:

The Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre is Carpentaria Shire's primary tourism asset and is a business unit of Council. The LWBDC is a state-of-the-art Interpretive Centre that provides the history, stories, lifecycle and habits barramundi. The Centre includes interpretive displays, theatre, saltwater lagoon, café, art gallery and provides visitors with guided tours throughout the Centre and Hatchery. It is the only Hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf strain of the barramundi. Diversity is the key to operations, managing multi-focal assets to satisfy demands of tourism/culture/retail/café, animal husbandry/ecology, legislative compliance, deliver community /events, meet the issues of seasonal demand and resultant employee management diversification/implications.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council:

- 1. accepts the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre Report; and**
- 2. that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.**

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/019

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

I, **Councillor Schafer** inform this meeting that, pursuant to section 150EQ(3)(b) and 150EQ(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009, I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 12.4 Community Donations and Support. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- (i) Donation request from Rodeo/Races – Heels & Reels is partnering for the Women's Rodeo.

In accordance with section 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, I will now leave the meeting room while this matter is discussed.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Schafer left the meeting room at 2:14pm.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

I, **Councillor 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 declarable conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 12.4 Community Donations and Support. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- (i) I am on the committee of the Normanton Rodeo Association Inc.

In accordance with section 150EM of the Local Government Act 2009, I will now leave the meeting room while this matter is discussed.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting room at **2:14pm**.

12.4 COMMUNITY DONATIONS AND SUPPORT – LATE ITEM

Executive Summary:

During the period since the June 2024 meeting of Council, the requests listed in this report have been received for consideration in the Carpentaria Shire Council Community Donations and Support Program

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Hawkins

Seconded Cr Murphy

That Council:

- 1. Considers the fee waivers presented for approval in this report;***
- 2. Notes the fee waivers approved under delegation of the Chief Executive Officer since July 2024 meeting of Council.***

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No. 0824/020

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor O'Brien re-entered the meeting room at **2:15pm**.

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

The Consultant Engineer entered the meeting room at **2:16pm**.

The Engineer entered the meeting room at **2:20pm**.

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13 REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - ROADS & SERVICES

13.1 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council:

- 1. receive and note the Director of Engineering Report as presented; and*
- 2. that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.*

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/021

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Schafer left the meeting room at **3:09pm**.

Councillor Schafer re-entered the meeting room at **3:10pm**.

The Director Corporate Services left the meeting room at **3:33pm**.

Councillor Schafer left the meeting room at **3:33pm**.

Councillor Schafer re-entered the meeting room at **3:34pm**.

The Director Corporate Services re-entered the meeting room at **3:35pm**.

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13.2 NDRRA/QDRF REPORT

Executive Summary:

QRA21 Council is still waiting for the final payment of approximately \$1.5million.

QRA22: Work is complete with only very minor outstanding work. The deadline to lodge acquittals (for payment of final 10%) is 30 September 2024.

QRA23: A total RV of approx. \$89.0million (construction budget of \$66.5million) has been approved with all work to be completed by 30 June 2025. To date, almost 10% of reconstruction has been completed with approximately 25% of project time now past.

Current QRA Cash Flow for road restoration/betterment is approximately \$14.7million in advance. The total QRA (including Mitchell River Bridge) cash flow is approximately \$44.5 million in advance.

QRA24: Carpentaria Shire Council was activated for REPA, Emergency Works and CDO relief measures on 29 December 2023 in response to the Tropical Cyclone Jasper event. Damage pickup is now complete with Submission 2 (Eastern Roads) lodged on QRA MARS system and will be subject to an infield assessment by QRA. Two (2) further submissions are currently being prepared and will be lodged once all damage pickup and assessments have been completed.

Emergency Works have been completed south of Mitchell River. Emergency Works north of Mitchell River commenced in early July 2024 once access over Hughs Crossing was achieved. It is expected there will be significant Emergency Work required before restoration can commence north of Mitchell River.

RRUPP: Two (2) projects have been approved for construction. Construction of the remaining Iffley Road works has commenced and Dixie Road widening will commence once emergency work has been completed over the site.

MITCHELL RIVER CROSSING: Emergency Work has commenced at the southern approach to allow access to the crossing. Significant sand deposits cover most of the crossing and the road north to Koolatah has been completely washed away for approximately 1.5km. The cost to complete emergency work has been "guesstimated" at \$2million.

OTHER: The EOT for Dunbar – Kowanyama (pavement and sealing) betterment project has been approved to 31 December 2024. Betterment funding of approximately \$8.6million has been approved for 12km of pavement and sealing work on Normanton to Burketown Road. Boredrain Creek causeway (RV Approx. 982k) has been approved under REPA funding.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Murphy

Seconded Cr Bawden

That Council:

- 1. accepts the NDRRA/QDRF Report as presented; and***
- 2. that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.***
- 3. investigate productivity issues.***

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CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/022

ATTENDANCE:

The Consultant Engineer left the meeting room at 3:40pm.

13.3 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 July 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council:

- 1. receive and note the Water and Waste Monthly Report for July 2024; and*
- 2. that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.*

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/023

13.4 WORKSHOP REPORT

Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various maintenance and repairs that are facilitated within the Workshop.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Smerdon

Seconded Cr Hawkins

That Council:

- 1. receive the Workshop Report as presented; and*
- 2. that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.*

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/024

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13.5 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 July 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council note and accept the content of the Building and Planning Report as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/025

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Bawden left the meeting room at **3:46pm**.

Councillor Bawden re-entered the meeting room at **3:50pm**.

13.6 CONCURRENCY AGENCY REFERRAL - CLASS 10A BUILDING SITING VARIATION - 9 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, KARUMBA - I/2417

Executive Summary:

The application is for a class 10a building (shed) that is partially enclosed. It has been referred to Council as a concurrence agency for a siting variation to QDC MP1.2, under schedule 9 division 2, table 3 of the Planning Regulation 2017 and located at 9 Riverview Drive, Karumba (Lot 45 on K36416) within the residential zone.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Schafer

Seconded Cr Smerdon

That Council:

- 1. resolve to approve the variation, as the proposed development complies with the performance criteria; and*
- 2. a draft referral agency response is included as Appendix A.*

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/026

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13.7 CHANGE OF PROJECT TO LRCIP4 NOMINATION

Executive Summary:

The nominated Karumba Footpath project is not eligible under the Roads portion of the LRCIP Phase 4 guidelines. A different project must be nominated for approval.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Hawkins

Seconded Cr Murphy

That Council nominates Town Street Reseals for the Part B (Roads) allocation of \$410,653 and reallocates the \$300,000 of Council funds allocated to town resealing to the Karumba Footpath instead.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/027

13.8 AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE TO CEO TO INITIATE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE MITCHELL RIVER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Executive Summary:

The bridge contractor has been preparing to mobilise to the Mitchell River to undertake preliminary site works. Due to the significant budget required to deliver the project, Council officers seek a resolution from the Councillors to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to approve a purchase order.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bawden

Seconded Cr Schafer

That Council delegates the Chief Executive Officer to have authority to initiate a purchase order for the value of \$73,684,073.57 (inc. GST) and any other future variations within the QRA funding.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution No. 0824/028

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:57pm
The meeting resumed at 4:15pm.

CONFIRMED MINUTES

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Outback by the Sea Festival Advertisement
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Councillor Murphy informed of incorrect spelling of the Karumba on the Outback by the Sea Festival advertisement on Channel 7.
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Karumba Pontoon

Councillor Murphy informed that dead bait and other materials are being left on the Karumba Pontoon making it unclean and a hazard.

Action: Notice in newsletter and on notice boards around Karumba advising all users to take precautions when accessing the pontoon.
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Town Maps

Councillor Murphy queried the progress on the town maps. For information: Town maps are being redesigned with the Visitor Information Guide.

Lawn Cemetery - Normanton

Councillor Murphy queried the progress on the lawn cemetery.
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Action: An education campaign to be done.
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Shoulder upgrade

Councillor O'Brien queried if works would be done on the shoulders on the Cloncurry Road. Informed that Council monitors the edge as per RMPC intervention levels. Once over the levels, Council will undertake repairs.
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Replacement Signs

Councillor O'Brien asked if Council would consider replacing signs around town and the Burke & Wills monument due to their conditions

Action: Signage audit and budget to be done for Council report.
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CONFIRMED MINUTES

Television Transmission

Councillor O'Brien queried the transmission of television stations. Informed that Council can fix but will cost about \$700,000 and that \$10,000 is spent annually on maintenance.

Noel Street Drain

Councillor O'Brien informed the area around the Noel Street drain is a fire hazard and asked if Council could clean it up.

Community Engagement

Councillor O'Brien asked if Council would consider community engagement
Action: The Chief Executive Officer to book a table at an upcoming market.

Sunderland Park

Councillor Schafer informed that 4 wheelers are driving through and asked if additional bollards could be installed.

De-sexing Program for Cats

Councillor Schafer asked if Council could investigate a de-sexing program for cats.

Sign-On Day

Councillor Schafer asked if consideration be given to a sign-on day in Normanton and Karumba at the start of the year for – committee members; sporting groups; other agencies/activities.

Line marking at School on Thompson Street

Councillor Smerdon informed that the parking lanes at the Normanton State School on Thompson Street are faded and asked if Council could repaint and make them wider.
Action: The Director of Engineering will investigate.

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Normanton Cemetery
Councillor Smerdon asked if the road into the cemetery could be resealed.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting, Cr Lyall Bawden, Mayor, declared the meeting closed at 4:35pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

These Minutes are Confirmed.



Councillor LV Bawden
Mayor

21, 08, 2024

Date

