

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 24 January 2019

CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 24 January 2019 at the Council Boardroom, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.00 AM

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past, present and future."

Prayer

Reverend Jenny Coombes, Longreach Uniting Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present

Mayor	Cr EL Warren
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
Councillors	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TN Harris
	Cr TJ Martin
	Cr AC Rayner

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Ian Bodill
Director of Community and Cultural Services	Mr David Perry
Director of Corporate Services	Ms Elizabeth West
Director of Infrastructure Services	Mr Roger Naidoo
Corporate Services Administration Officer	Mrs Amanda Ivers
Media and Communications Officer	Mr Simon Kuttner
Economic Development and Tourism Manager	Mr Russell Lowry

Apologies

Councillor	Cr TF Smith
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Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

Declaration of any Material Personal Interests / Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers

Declaration of Material Personal Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must:

- (a) Inform the meeting of the Councillor's material personal interest in the matter; and
- (b) Leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public), and stay out of the meeting room while the matter is being discussed and voted on.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a real or perceived conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must inform the meeting about the Council's personal interest in the matter and if the Councillor participates in the meeting in relation to the matter, how the Councillor intends to deal with the real or perceived conflict of interest.

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

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Confirmation of Minutes

Council - Thursday 13 December 2018

(Res-2019-01-001)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Emslie

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 13 December 2018, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee - Friday 14 December 2018

(Res-2019-01-002)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Rayner

That the Minutes of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee held on Friday 14 December 2018, be received.

CARRIED

Mayoral Minute

The Mayor provided a verbal report on matters addressed by him since the last meeting.

The Mayor advised that he attended a meeting in Brisbane 17 December 2018 to discuss the recent announcement to close the Longreach Pastoral College. The Honourable Minister Shannon Fentiman, Minister of Employment and Small Business, and Minister for Training and Skills Development and DDG's attended, along with representation from DDG's from the Minister of Agriculture, Professor Peter Coaldrake, Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Chair Cr Rob Chandler & RAPAD CEO David Arnold. With the topic surrounding the future of the College, the focus moving forward is to establish a new strategic plan for 2020 and beyond, with RAPAD Councils as key stakeholders. Positions for a Project Director and assistants has already been advertised, with a project committee to be selected of which Longreach Regional Council will play a significant part. The Mayor confirmed that there is a positive feel in collaboration between LRC, Minister Fentiman's office and RAPAD

The Mayor reiterated that the College is very important to the Regional Community and play a huge part in our economy, and has therefore approved, that the 'College Future' be included as a standing item for regular updates to Councillors.

The Mayor went on to show his support for Councils 'Big Day In' 2019 and is looking forward to the question and answer panel to Councils Executive Management Team.

Further, the Mayor discussed the Drone Expo in Japan, advising that renewable energy has been added to the agenda for the tour, including possible battery storage which is a very important topic for our region.

On a final note, in light of the many pressing issues within our Region, the Mayor implored the need for collaborative communication between the RAPAD Board and Councils, with provisions of Agendas and Minutes to be circulated regularly so that Councillors can contribute to the development of future strategies.

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Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Councillor Remuneration 2019-2020

Pursuant to sections 244(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal must determine, before 1 December each year (and for each category of local government) the maximum amount of remuneration to be paid from 1 July to Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors of all local governments in each category. On 30 November 2018, the Tribunal finalised its determination of remuneration arrangements to apply from 1 July 2019 which were tabled for Council consideration.

Recommendation:

That Pursuant to section 244(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, remuneration payable to Councillors from 1 July 2019 be as follows:

Description	Remuneration payable from 1 July 2019
Mayor	\$106,100
Deputy Mayor	\$61,211
Councillor	\$53,049

2. The Councillor Remuneration Policy, be amended to reflect change in legislation, and adopted; and
3. A copy of the above information be provided to Council's Payroll Officer for amendment from 1 July 2019.

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(Res-2019-01-003)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Martin

That Pursuant to section 244(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, remuneration payable to Councillors from 1 July 2019 be as follows:

Description	Remuneration payable from 1 July 2019
<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$105,000</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	<i>\$54,000</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>

2. *The Councillor Remuneration Policy, be amended to reflect change in legislation, and adopted; and*
3. *A copy of the above information be provided to Council's Payroll Officer for amendment from 1 July 2019.*

CARRIED

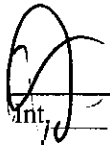
Japan Drone (Expo for Commercial UAS Market) Chibo Japan - March 2019

Japan Drone in Chibo Japan is one of the leading trade shows and conferences for the drone industry in Asia. Longreach Regional Council is committed to investigating industries that have the potential to increase jobs and diversify the industry offerings in Central West Queensland. Longreach Regional Council is seeking endorsement to send a representative to this conference to establish relationships and further investigate the UAV (Drone) industry for Western Queensland.

Recommendation:

That Cr <Insert Name> be authorised to attend the Japan Drone Conference to be held in Chibo Japan from 13 – 15 March 2019 which is deemed Council Business pursuant to policy guidelines.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.52AM and resumed at 11.15AM.

Community Consultation Forums - February/March 2019

Consideration of the setting of dates for the bi-annual Community Consultation Forums to be held in each community as per Council's Annual Operational Plan 2018-2019.

(Res-2019-01-004)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris

That Council agrees to hold Community Consultation Meetings on the dates and times indicated below and advise the local Progress Associations accordingly:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Wednesday, 27 February 2019</i>	<i>Ilfracombe</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday, 28 February 2019</i>	<i>Yaraka</i>	<i>11.30am</i>
<i>Thursday, 28 February 2019</i>	<i>Isisford</i>	<i>5.30 pm</i>
<i>Friday 1 March 2019</i>	<i>Longreach</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>

CARRIED

National General Assembly of Local Government - Call for Motions

Council is requested to consider submitting an item to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration in the National General Assembly (NGA) business papers for the meeting scheduled for 16-19 June 2019.

(Res-2019-01-005)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Numm

That Longreach Regional Council:

- 1. Does not submit a Notice of Motion for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2019, and*
- 2. Approves for Councillors Rayner and Martin to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly on 16-19 June 2019.*

CARRIED

Western Queensland Local Government Association Annual Conference - 8-10 April 2019

Consideration of attendance at the Western Queensland Local Government Association's (WQLGA) Annual Conference to be held in Longreach from 8-10 April 2019, and request for Motions to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

(Res-2019-01-006)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Martin

That Council:

- 1. Grants permission for all Councillors to attend the 2019 Western Queensland Local Government Association's (WQLGA) Annual Conference being held at the Longreach Civic Centre from 8-10 April 2019, due to Longreach Regional Council being the host; and*
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Notice of Motion, if any, for inclusion in the WQLGA Annual General Meeting Agenda.*

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Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee - Minutes and Recommendations

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAAC) meeting held on 14 December 2018.

(Res-2019-01-007)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Martin

That pursuant to section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council:

- 1. Schedules the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee 2019 meeting dates for 8 February 2019, 3 May 2019, 2 August 2019 and 8 November 2019; and*
- 2. Advises the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee of these decisions.*

CARRIED

Director Corporate Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report.

Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2018:

- Income and Expenditure Statement
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Cashflows

(Res-2019-01-008)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2018, as presented, be adopted.

CARRIED

Agistment Applications for Council Reserve

Consideration of applications received for agistment of Council controlled Reserves, 8 Mile and Arrilalah.

(Res-2019-01-009)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council retrospectively endorses the approval of issue of temporary grazing permits for 28 days as follows:

- 1. Darr River Downs to be granted a permit for agistment on Arrilalah Reserve;*
- 2. Breedon Station to be granted a permit for agistment on 8 Mile Reserve, upon Council receiving a copy of their Public liability Insurance Policy. If however this is not received, Darr River Downs will be granted a permit for agistment on 8 Mile Reserve.*

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Application for Grazing Permit on Stock Route

Consideration for Grazing Permit applications for between Darr River and Macsland, Longreach.

(Res-2019-01-010)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Harris

That Council approves the following:

- 1. Current applications received for grazing, between Darr River and Dingo Creek on the Longreach/Winton Road, are to be declined due to the risk of spreading declared weeds that are present in the vicinity from Darr Siding to Macsland turnoff;*
- 2. Alternative areas of the Stock Route will be opened for grazing for up to 28 days by way of public notice and application process;*
- 3. The processing of applications received for the alternative areas of the Stock Route will occur before the February Council Meeting;*
- 4. Assessment of applications will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Stock Route Management Act 2002;*
- 5. All applications for agistment for bulls will be declined due to risks of wandering stock onto neighbouring properties creating further management issues;*
- 6. All applicants will be notified of the decisions made;*
- 7. All agistment fees will be paid in advance of the permits being issued;*
- 8. The area from Darr Siding to Macsland turnoff shall be closed off to all stock to allow for the eradication of declared pest weeds; and*
- 9. Stocking rates will be set utilising both pasture assessments and industry best practice methodology.*

CARRIED

Opening of Maneroo, Morella and Tarcombe Reserves for Agistment

Consideration of the opening of the Maneroo, Morella and Tarcombe Reserves for Agistment.

(Res-2019-01-011)

Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Martin

That Council approves the following:

- 1. The reserves at Maneroo, Morella and Tarcombe will be opened up for grazing for up to 28 days by way of public notice and application process;*
- 2. Processing of applications will be undertaken before the February Council Meeting;*
- 3. Assessment of applications will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Stock Route Management Act 2002;*
- 4. All applications for agistment for bulls will be declined due to risks of wandering stock onto neighbouring properties creating further management issues;*
- 5. All applicants will be notified of the decisions made;*
- 6. All agistment fees will be paid in advance of the permits being issued;*
- 7. Once the Permits have expired, the Reserves will be closed off to all stock to allow for the regeneration of native grasses for the period of one season; and*
- 8. Stocking rates will be set utilising both pasture assessments and industry best practice methodology.*

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Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report.

2018 RAPAD Community Drought Support Fund - Permission to use Returned Funds

Consideration for the use of returned funds from the Remote Area and Planning and Planning Development Board Community Drought Support Fund to the amount of \$1,000.

(Res-2019-01-012)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Nunn

That Council Approves the re-allocation of the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) Community Drought Fund to the amount of \$1,000 to the Children 80's Movies Series for the month of February 2019.

CARRIED

Mayoral Donation - January 2019

Consideration of application received in accordance with the Mayoral Donation Policy No. 11.02.

(Res-2019-01-013)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Harris

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Mayoral Donation Program as contained in the following table. This was completed in accordance with the Mayoral Donations Policy No. 11.02:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant requested	Grant Recommended
<i>Ty Jesberg</i>	<i>Junior State Championship</i>	<i>6-11 April 2019</i>	<i>Mayoral Donation</i>	<i>\$350</i>
TOTAL				\$350

CARRIED

Sponsorship - On the bit Queensland Country Racing Awards

Council has received correspondence from *On the Bit Queensland Country Racing Award*, seeking sponsorship for the first yearly awards night honouring those in Queensland country racing.

(Res-2019-01-014)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That Council not approve the request for sponsorship from On The Bit Queensland Country Racing Awards due to not meeting the requirements of the Sponsorship Policy 11.7.

CARRIED

Phoned Cr Smith 12.25PM – Not available

RADF Sculpture Competition Community Feedback

Consideration to the two (2) written complaints regarding the judging and awarding of prizes in the Longreach Regional Council Sculpture Competition.

(Res-2019-01-015)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Harris

That Council adheres to the terms and conditions of the Longreach Regional Sculpture Competition and the Peoples Choice Award presented to Mr Warwick Champion of \$2,000 remain as is.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1.21 PM and resumed at 1.50PM.

Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director of Infrastructure Services Report.

Closed Matters

Nil for this meeting.

Late Items

Material Change of Use for New Shed on Land located at 140 Cassowary Street, Longreach

Consideration of a development application lodged with Longreach Regional Council on 11 September 2018 by Joanne Curtis, for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (Shed) on land located at 140 Cassowary Street, Longreach and described as Lots 1 & 2 on RP617827.

(Res-2019-01-016)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Martin

That pursuant to section 63 and 83 of the Planning Act 2016, Council approves the application for a development permit for a Material Change of Use for a Development Permit for a Dwelling House (Shed) on land located at 140 Cassowary Street, Longreach and described as Lots 1 & 2 on RP617827, in accordance with the plans in Attachment A and conditions in Attachment B.

CARRIED

Closure of Meeting

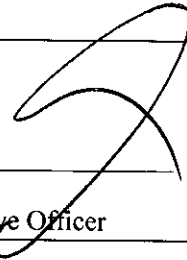
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4.04 PM.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are confirmed.



Cr Ed Warren
Mayor



Ian Bodill
Chief Executive Officer

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