

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting


Thursday 19 September 2019

CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 19 September 2019 at the Town Hall, Jarley Street, Yaraka**

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Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:10am.

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

Prayer

Pastor Steve Cavill, Outback Aerial Mission, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present

Mayor

Cr EL Warren
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr TN Harris
Cr TJ Martin
Cr AC Rayner
Cr TF Smith

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Mitchell Murphy

Director of Corporate Services

Ms Elizabeth West

Director of Community and Cultural Services

Ms Lisa Young

Director of Infrastructure Services

Mr Roger Naidoo

Governance Executive Officer

Mrs Lorena Newton

Media and Communications Officer

Mr Simon Kuttner

Governance and Human Resources Trainee

Miss Joanne Bartley

Consideration of Leave of Absence

(Res-2019-09-229)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin

That an apology from Cr Nunn be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

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.

Cr Rayner

Real Conflict

Item 13.7 - Reallocation of Funds - Teal Street Park Project

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Confirmation of Minutes

Council - Thursday 15 August 2019

(Res-2019-09-230)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris

That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 15 August 2019, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Audit and Risk Committee - Thursday 29 August 2019

(Res-2019-09-231)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Rayner

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee held on Thursday 29 August 2019, be received.

CARRIED

Mayoral Minute

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

Cr Warren thanked Cr Nunn for her time as Acting Mayor during his period of leave, as well as Crs Smith and Rayner and other Councillors for their support during his absence.

The Mayor noted his recent attendance at a deputation in Brisbane with Mr Alan Smith, Owner/Operator of Outback Aussie Tours, to discuss his support of the continued progression of the Railway Motor Project.

He also noted that whilst he was in Brisbane, he met with the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Local Government, Ms Natalie Wilde in regards to Financial Sustainability, as well as Mr Ian Andrew, Senior Policy Advisor at the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.

Mayor Warren advised his attendance at the Stock Route Review, and the Mental Health Forum/Round Table to address the issue of mental health in the region.

Cr Warren noted that the Strategic Councillor/Executive Management Team Meeting held on 30 August 2019 was successful. He encouraged the continued facilitation of these meetings to foster further communication between Councillors and the Executive Management Team.

The Mayor commended the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mitchell Murphy, and Council staff for their efforts in the recent District Disaster Management Exercise held on 16 September 2019. He thanked Cr Rayner and Cr Smith for assisting as the Acting Chair and the Information Intelligence Officer, respectively. He noted that the exercise was successful and the staff showed their commitment throughout the exercise.

Cr Rayner requested that the Mayor liaise with the Chief Executive Officer of the Remote Area Planning and Development Board, Mr David Arnold, to invite him to present an update to Council on the future of the Pastoral College. Cr Smith supported this, noting that Council needs to ascertain whether it holds any liability in the process.

The Mayor concluded by noting the potential for an upcoming deputation to Canberra to discuss Financial Support and Water Security with Federal Parliament.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

Mr Mitchell Murphy, Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the resignation of Mrs Lorena Newton, Governance Executive Officer. He noted that this is her final meeting with Council, and thanked her for her exceptional service over the seven (7) years in which she worked for Council. Mr Murphy gave Mrs Newton his best wishes for her new career.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer Delegation

Advice to Council regarding the Chief Executive Officer's annual leave from 25 September 2019 to 7 October 2019, and notice of the Chief Executive Officer's appointment (under delegated authority) of an Acting Chief Executive Officer during his absence.

(Res-2019-09-232)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Smith

That Council notes that Mr Roger Naidoo, Director of Infrastructure Services, will be undertaking the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period from 25 September 2019 – 7 October 2019, in which time the Chief Executive Officer will be on Annual Leave.

CARRIED

Community Consultation Forums - November 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 2019-2020.

(Res-2019-09-233)

Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Emslie

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, 6 November 2019</i>	<i>Yaraka</i>	<i>11.30am</i>
<i>Wednesday, 6 November 2019</i>	<i>Isisford</i>	<i>5.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday, 7 November 2019</i>	<i>Ifracombe</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>
<i>Monday, 11 November 2019</i>	<i>Longreach</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>

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 August 2019:

- Income and Expenditure
- Financial Position
- Changes in Equity
- Cash Flow

(Res-2019-09-234)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith

That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 August 2019, as presented, be adopted.

CARRIED

Application for a Permit to Occupy - Lot 15 on MTL73, Isisford

Consideration of Council's support for an application received by Kerry and Patricia Bailey, Belvoir, Police Paddock, Isisford, for a Permit to Occupy over Lot 15 on Plan MTL73, Isisford.

(Res-2019-09-235)

Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Smith

That Council approves the application made by Mr and Mrs Bailey of Belvoir, Isisford for a Permit to Occupy over Lot 15 on Plan MTL73, Isisford.

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Audit and Risk Committee - Minutes and Recommendations 29 August 2019

Consideration of the minutes and recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 29 August 2019.

(Res-2019-09-236)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Martin

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the proposed internal audit projects and scope as outlined in the proposal for 2019/20;*
- 2. Endorse the engagement of Walsh Accounting to undertake the 2019/20 Internal Audit;*
- 3. Adopt the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference as presented; and*
- 4. Council advise the Audit and Risk Committee of these decisions.*

CARRIED

Director Community and Cultural Services Report

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

Mayoral Donations - September 2019

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

(Res-2019-09-237)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie

- 1. 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 Approved
<i>Harry Marshall</i>	<i>Southern Outback Under 12 Rugby League Team</i>	<i>21-22 September 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>William Cameron</i>	<i>10-12 Years State Cricket Championships</i>	<i>12-17 October 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Xavier Brown</i>	<i>10-12 Years State Cricket Championships</i>	<i>12 – 17 October 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Harry Marshall</i>	<i>10-12 Years State Cricket Championships</i>	<i>12-17 October 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Alistair Sellick</i>	<i>10-12 Years State Cricket Championships</i>	<i>12-17 October 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Liam Sellick</i>	<i>10-12 Years State Cricket Championships</i>	<i>12-17 October 2019</i>	<i>\$350</i>
TOTAL			\$2,100

CARRIED

Sponsorship - The Longreach Flyers Ball

Consideration of application received from the Longreach Flyers Ball committee requesting sponsorship for the 2019 Longreach Flyers Ball.

(Res-2019-09-238)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council approves the request for Sponsorship received from the Longreach Flyers Ball Committee to the amount of \$2,300 (\$1,700 financial and \$600 in-kind including the waiver of Fees associated with Hire of the Wool Pavilion, Kitchen, Bar-Cold-room, Lighting and the use of 100 chairs and Trestle Tables) for the Flyers Ball to be held on 12 October 2019.

CARRIED

Sponsorship - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Twilight Fete

Consideration of application received from the Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Twilight Fete Committee requesting sponsorship for the 2019 Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Twilight Fete.

Recommendation:

That Council approves the request for Sponsorship received from the Our Lady's Catholic School Primary School Fete Committee to the amount of \$1,500 financial for the Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Fete to be held on 11 October 2019.

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(Res-2019-09-239)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie

That Council does not support the request for Sponsorship received from Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Fete Committee, due to the request being outside the scope of intent for the policy.

CARRIED

Longreach State High School, Longreach State Primary School and Community Groups - Annual Hall Fee Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre

Consideration for an annual fee be included in the Cost Recovery Fees and Charges 2019/2020 for Schools and Community Group for the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre.

(Res-2019-09-240)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That:

- 1. Pursuant to section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, an annual fee be included in the Cost Recovery Fees and Charges 2019/2020 establishing a per annum charge of \$500.00 (incl-GST) for Schools and Community Groups for the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre (being a maximum of three (3) uses; and*
- 2. Council notes as part of its decision, that future requests to waive fees will not be considered.*

CARRIED

Fee for hire of Student Hostel Gym

Consideration of establishing a fee for the hire of the gym room at the Student Hostel.

(Res-2019-09-241)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Harris

That pursuant to section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, a fee of \$20 per hour of the Student Hostel Gym room be included in the Cost Recovery Fees and Charges 2019/2020.

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Cr Rayner declared a real conflict of interest pursuant to section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009* on this matter, due to his role as Chief Executive Officer of Remote Area Planning And Development (RAPAD) Employment Services Queensland (RESQ), a co-investor in the project, and left the meeting room at 11:41am, taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

Reallocation of funds - Teal Street Park Project (Iningai Park Integrated Cultural Learning Project)
Consideration for the reallocation of funds from Youth Development budget, to the Teal Street Project - Iningai Park (Integrated Cultural Education Learning Project).

(Res-2019-09-242)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Harris

That Council approves the reallocation of internal funds totalling \$20,000 (exc. GST) from the Youth Development Program to the Teal Street Park Integrated Cultural Education Learning Project, subject to the receipt of National Indigenous Australian Agency funding of \$30,000.

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Rayner returned to the meeting at 11:47am.

Live Simulcasts - Queensland Symphony Orchestra - Timeless 2019 and Queensland Theatre - Boy Swallows Universe 2020

Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Queensland Theatre are seeking Council's support for the live simulcast of their productions. Both simulcasts will focus on both community and youth engagement.

(Res-2019-09-243)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Martin

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Development Program of \$4,000 (exc. GST) to cover the production costs for Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Queensland Theatre Company.

CARRIED

Scarred Tree

Considerations for budget allocation for Scarred Tree project for the Cultural Heritage Assessments and other works.

Recommendation:

That Council approves the allocation of funds from the Community Development Budget for the Cultural Heritage assessment of possible Scarred Trees in the Longreach Region to the amount of \$10,742.20 (Cost includes Traditional Owner Fees \$2,160.00 [excl. GST] and \$8,582.20 [incl. GST] Cultural Heritage/Environment Estimate for Traditional Owner & George Bourne & Associates Fee)

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Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report.

Quality Assurance Policy

Consideration of the adoption of the Quality Assurance Policy No. 10.1, which was due for its bi-annual review.

(Res-2019-09-244)

Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Smith

That Council adopts the Quality Assurance Policy No 10.1, as presented.

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Late Items

Additional Late Item

(Res-2019-09-245)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council endorses the receipt of the additional late item 15.4: 2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep, and withdrawal of Item 15.3: Request from Longreach Motorcycle Club.

CARRIED

Amendment of Procurement Policy

Consideration of an amendment to the Procurement Policy No. 1.1 following its review in July 2019.

(Res-2019-09-246)

Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Rayner

That pursuant to section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Procurement Policy 2019-2020, as presented, be adopted.

CARRIED

Amendment of Related Party Disclosures Policy

Consideration of an amendment to the Related Party Disclosures Policy No. 1.14.

(Res-2019-09-247)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris

That Council adopts the Related Party Disclosure Policy 01-14, as presented.

CARRIED

2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep

Consideration of the request from the Victorian Racing Club for two (2) representatives to attend the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival.

(Res-2019-09-248)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Rayner

That Council:

- 1. Approves Cr Nunn (subject to her acceptance) and Mr Rob Luck (President, Longreach Jockey Club) to represent Council at the 2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep, at no cost to Council as per the invitation from the Victorian Racing Club;*
- 2. In the event that Cr Nunn should not be available, Council will nominate an alternative representative at their discretion; and*
- 3. Nominates Western Queensland Drought Appeal as its selected charity for the region.*

CARRIED

Adjournment: That the meeting adjourned at 12:31pm for lunch, and resumed at 1:25pm.

Attendance: Cr Martin left the meeting room at 2:40pm, and returned at 2:44pm.

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Closed Matters

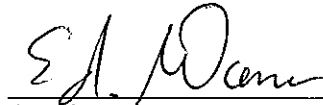
Nil for this meeting.

Closure of Meeting

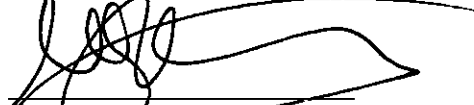
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:08pm.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are confirmed.



Cr Ed Warren
Mayor



Mitchell Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

