

# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



## **Ordinary Meeting**

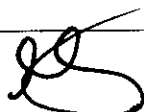
**Thursday 21 November 2019**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**



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**Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:04am.

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

**Prayer**

Pastor Ben Kent, Reach Christian Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present**

Mayor	Cr EL Warren
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	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
Executive Officer, Economic Development and Public Affairs	Mr Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and Councillors	Mrs Deborah Whitehead
Workplace Health and Safety Administration Officer	Miss Joanne Bartley

**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.

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<i>Cr Martin</i>	<i>Perceived Conflict – Items 13.4 and 14.3 - Outback Watersports Club</i>
<i>Mr Mitchell Murphy</i>	<i>Perceived Conflict – Items 13.4 and 14.3 - Outback Watersports Club (Social Member)</i>
<i>Mr Roger Naidoo</i>	<i>Perceived Conflict – Items 13.4 and 14.3 - Outback Watersports Club (Social Member)</i>
<i>Ms Elizabeth West</i>	<i>Perceived Conflict – Items 13.4 and 14.3 - Outback Watersports Club (Social Member)</i>

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Council - Thursday 24 October 2019**

*(Res-2019-11-275)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Rayner*

*That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 24 October 2019, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED*

**Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee - Friday 8 November 2019**

*(Res-2019-11-276)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn*

*That the Minutes of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee held on Friday 8 November 2019, be received.*

*CARRIED*

**Mayoral Minute**

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

The Mayor commented that that he attended the “Get Ready” Queensland Family Fun Day hosted by the Outback Water Sports Club which he considered a resounding success and a credit to organisers.

Cr Warren noted his attendance at the Isisford Races which he considered to be an important event for the local people to gather and catch up.

The Mayor attended the Tourism Awards in Winton, along with the Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy. Cr Martin also attended in his capacity of Chief Executive Officer of the QANTAS Founders Museum. He highlighted that many representatives from the Longreach region received awards.

Cr Martin noted that he along with the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer, met with Senator Paul Scarr, Senator for Queensland and Mr Lachlan Miller, State Member for Gregory and discussed connectivity between the region and its visitors. They also discussed the cost of flights and transportation. He also noted he met with the Hon Kate Jones MP, Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for Cross River Rail.

The Chief Executive Officer also commended Winton Shire Council for hosting the awards function and highlighted the achievement of businesses within the Longreach region.

The Mayor noted his attendance at the following Ceremonies and Meetings:-

- Dinner with Lake Eyre Traditional Owners on 27 October 2019 in which he discussed the sustainability of the drainage basin;
- Meeting with State Minister Mark Furner on 28 October 2019 in Longreach and later in Brisbane whilst attending the RAPAD Board Meeting on 14 November 2019;
- Remembrance Day Ceremony in Longreach;
- State High School Awards 12 November 2019.

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Mayor Warren commented that the Community Consultation Forums went really well and said it was a huge team effort and very professional. He noted with admiration the way the Directors responded to questions.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy advised Council that the Leadership Team were reviewing the minutes of all forums Friday 22 November 2019.

Mayor Warren advised Council of his meeting with Flinders, Barcaldine and Longreach Councils to discuss the unsealed section of the Torrens Creek/Aramac Road. It will be presented at both Regional Road Transport Groups for further consideration. Mayor Warren noted that the project will be of economic benefit to all three Councils.

Mayor Warren had an interview with the ABC and he outlined the one million dollar drought community program funded by the Federal Government.

The Mayor stated he intended to write to the Premier expressing his disappointment about local contractors not being paid as a result of a state appointed contractor failing to fulfil their obligations.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy and Mayor Warren attended RAPAD annual meeting in Brisbane with industry people and discussed regional planning issues with reference to water, Great Artesian Basin and pristine rivers. He noted that the preservation of water and environment is vital.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy commented on how beneficial he found the RAPAD meeting. Local Government Director-General Warwick Agnew produced a spreadsheet of rural councils to show Queensland Treasury Corporation and the Department of Local Government's concerns about financial viability of these councils. There was a subsidiary workshop presented by Morgan Gronold with experts in Local Government recruitment, with a focus on improving the recruitment/retention process. In the next few weeks an actions list paper will be released about this matter.

Attendance: The Director of Community and Cultural Services, Ms Lisa Young left the meeting room at 9:48am.

Attendance: The Director of Corporate Services Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting room at 9:50am.

The Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy stated that Local Government Association Queensland had a concern that many councils are employing independent consultants and that many different paid consultants were giving varied views. They were concerned this may send mixed views to State and Federal Government.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy also noted the presentation from Michael Anthonisz, Director of Market Advisory at Queensland Treasury Corporation on economic outlook.

Attendance: The Director of Corporate Services Ms Elizabeth West returned to the meeting room at 9:54am.

Attendance: The Director of Community and Cultural Services, Ms Lisa Young returned to the meeting room at 9:56am.

Mayor Warren attended the QANTAS event in Sydney. This incorporated welcoming back the Sunrise Dreamliner (named Longreach) from London and also the launch of 100 years of QANTAS. He noted it was an honour to share the stage with the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, the Chairman of QANTAS and many other distinguished guests.

The Mayor noted that both he and the Chief Executive Officer Mr Mitchell Murphy will be attending numerous meeting in Canberra next Wednesday with Federal Ministers to discuss various issues affecting the Longreach region.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

**Change of Meeting Date - Ordinary Council Meeting 16 April 2020**

Consideration of an amendment to the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 16 April 2020 to avoid conflict with the Local Government Quadrennial Elections.

*(Res-2019-11-277)*

*Moved Cr Rayner Seconded Cr Smith*

*That pursuant to section 277 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Council Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Thursday 16 April 2020, be rescheduled to Thursday 23 April 2020, and a Notice of this change be advertised accordingly.*

*CARRIED*

**Annual Operational Plan 2019-20 - Review for period ended 30 September 2019**

Consideration of a review of the Annual Operational Plan 2019-20. Pursuant to the provisions of section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Chief Executive Officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the Annual Operational Plan at a meeting at regular intervals of no more than three (3) months.

*(Res-2019-11-278)*

*Moved Cr Rayner Seconded Cr Numm*

*That pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts a satisfactory evaluation of the Annual Operational Plan 2019-20, for the period ended 30 September 2019.*

*CARRIED*

Adjournment: That the meeting be adjourned for morning tea at 10:38am, and resumed at 11:10am.

**Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee - Request to Dissolve**

Consideration of a request from the Chair, on behalf of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee, to dissolve the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee.

*(Res-2019-11-279)*

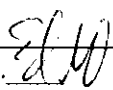

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Martin*

*That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:*

- 1. Support the members of the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee to establish a new independent incorporated association to take over the current activities of the Committee, with Council retaining a Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer as committee members on the new Association Committee;*
- 2. Approve expenditure from the remaining 2019-20 Budget Allocation for the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee to meet costs in the establishment of the new Association;*
- 3. Transfer, only once the new Association has been created, any remaining funds from the 2019-20 Budget Allocation for Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee to the new association as a grant;*
- 4. Dissolve the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee only once the new association has been incorporated; and*
- 5. Inform the Advancing Agriculture Advisory Committee of this decision.*

*CARRIED*

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**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 October 2019:

- Income and Expenditure
- Cash Flow
- Financial Position

*(Res-2019-11-280)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin*

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

CARRIED

**2019/20 Financial Year - September Quarterly Budget Review Report**

Consideration of a budget review for the quarter ending 30 September 2019 pursuant to Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, where Council may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

*(Res-2019-11-281)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Harris*

*That pursuant to section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts the attached Budget Review, as presented, representing movement in Operating Expenditure, \$2,855,256, Operating Income (\$4,696,492), Capital Expenditure, \$330,000 and Capital Income \$1,511,236 reflecting an overall \$Nil movement, reflective to the 30 September 2019.*

CARRIED

Attendance: The Isisford Branch Manager, Mrs Sally Edwards entered the meeting room at 11:23am and left at 11:28am.



**Director Community and Cultural Services Report**

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

**Community Donations - November 2019**

Consideration of the Community Donations applications received in accordance with the Community Grants Program Policy No.11.06.

*(Res-2019-11-282)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Numm*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Community Donations Program Policy No. 11.06:*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Ilfracombe District Progress Association</i>	<i>Di Scott Memorial Function and Ilfracombe Christmas Tree</i>	<i>30 November 2019</i>	<i>Financial \$200.00 In-Kind for the Waiver of Fees associated with the Hire of the Ilfracombe Recreational Centre- \$300.00 Total \$500.00</i>
<i>Yaraka Christmas Tree Association</i>	<i>2019 Yaraka Christmas Tree</i>	<i>14 December 2019</i>	<i>In-Kind for the Waiver of Fess associated with the Hire of the Yaraka Community Hall for the 2019 Yaraka Christmas Tree Total \$100.00</i>
<i>Longreach Town Band</i>	<i>Entertainment at 2019 Yaraka Christmas Tree</i>	<i>14 December 2019</i>	<i>Financial Total \$260.00</i>
<i>Isisford P&amp;C</i>	<i>Isisford P&amp;C Presentation night</i>	<i>4 December 2019</i>	<i>In-Kind Total \$100.00</i>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>			<b><i>\$960.00</i></b>

*CARRIED*

**Longreach Churches Together - Request for Sponsorship**

Consideration for request from Longreach Churches Together to sponsor their Combined Churches Carols evening on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

*(Res-2019-11-283)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council sponsors Longreach Churches Together to the value of \$500 (financial) in order to fund the hire of sound equipment to hold their Combined Churches Carols event, being held on 1 December 2019.*

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Cr Martin declared a real conflict of interest pursuant to section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009* on this matter, due to being a member of the Outback Paddle Regatta Organising Committee and left the meeting room at 11:41am, taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

**Building and Plumbing Application - Outback Watersports Club**

Consideration of a building and plumbing application received from the Outback Watersports Club to erect a pre fabricated amenities building on land leased from Council located at Thompson River Road, Longreach and described as Lot 107 on PD47.

**Recommendation:**

*That:*

1. Pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the *Building Act 1975*, *Planning Act 2016* and schedule 9, table 3 of the *Planning Regulations 2017*, Council endorses the Building Application received from the Outback Watersports Club to erect an ablution block including showers and associated deck on land they have leased from Council located at Thompson River Road, Longreach and described as Lot 107 on PD47, and;
2. Pursuant to section 1546.1, 1546.2 and 1546.3 of the *Australian Standards National Plumbing and Drainage code*, Council endorses the plumbing application, with the following conditions:
  - (a) Onsite waste water treatment meets all Australian Standards
  - (b) Disposal of grey water meets all Australian Standards
  - (c) Plumbing and drainage plans to be REPQ certified and;
3. The applicant acknowledges, in writing, that this site is on flood-prone land, and in the event of damage to the property, as a result of a natural disaster, Council accepts no liability.

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*(Res-2019-11-284)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council, due to the high risk of the project, authorise the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Community and Cultural Services to liaise with Outback Watersports Club to review the application, ensuring designs of the building and plumbing address the public health concerns of Council, and for this to be brought back to Council for further consideration.*

CARRIED

Attendance: Cr Martin returned to the meeting at 11.52am.

**Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 125 Kingfisher Street, Longreach**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on 7 November 2019 to erect a shed on land located at 125 Kingfisher Street, Longreach and described as Lot 23 on L3579.

*(Res-2019-11-285)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith*

*That pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017, the proposed shed at 125 Kingfisher Street, Longreach and described as Lot 23 on L3579, be approved with a 3m setback from the Canary Lane road boundary as per the attached site plan and the Building Certifiers recommendation.*

CARRIED

**Longreach Playgroup - Building Assets**

Consideration and recognition of the history provided to Council in relation to the Longreach Playgroup Assets in Lioness Park.

*(Res-2019-11-286)*

*Moved Cr Harris seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council:*

- 1. Honour and acknowledge all previous correspondence between Longreach Shire Council (prior to amalgamation) and The Longreach Playgroup Inc and;*
- 2. Accept the donation of the large storage shed and 3m x 3m shed from The Longreach Playgroup Inc and take full ownership and financial responsibility for the assets.*
- 3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Community and Cultural Services to negotiate a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Longreach Regional Council and The Longreach Playgroup Inc, to enable continued use of the facility.*

*CARRIED*

**Longreach Senior Rugby League - Showgrounds Usage - 2019/20**

Consideration of the request from Longreach Senior Rugby League for their showgrounds user fee to be revised, including the use of lights for the 2019/20 season.

***Recommendation:***

*That Council:*

- 1. Pursuant to section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, the Combined Longreach Senior and Junior Rugby League Club showgrounds (Longreach) user fee be increased to \$2000 per annum for the 2019/20 financial year to include grandstands, showers, toilets, oval, kitchen, bar, BBQ (permanent and portable) and oval lighting and;*
- 2. Council notes as part of its decision, that future requests to waive fees will not be considered.*

*WITHDRAWN*

**Director Infrastructure Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report.

Attendance: The Director of Community and Cultural Services, Ms Lisa Young left the meeting room at 11:58am and did not return to the meeting room.

Attendance: The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room at 11:59am and returned at 12:01pm.

**Longreach Regional Council Rainfall and River Gauge Network Investment Plan**

Consideration of the Installation of new and upgrades to the Rainfall and River Gauges, as per the Longreach Regional Council Rainfall and River Gauge Network Investment Plan prepared by the Bureau of Meteorology for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

*(Res-2019-11-287)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council agree to:*

- 1. Upgrade the Rainfall and River gauge at Coolagh, from manual to automatic; and*
- 2. Install a new Rainfall and River gauge at the Gin and Collumpton Creek junction; and*
- 3. Install a new Rainfall and River gauge at the Darr River and Maneroo Creek junction.*

*CARRIED*

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Cr Martin declared a real conflict of interest pursuant to section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009* on this matter, due to being a member of the Outback Paddle Regatta Organising Committee and left the meeting room at 12:07pm, taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

**Outback Watersports Club request for Ergon Power**

Consideration of a Request from Ergon Energy to Council, to approve the installation of Electricity Infrastructure on the Town Common, to provide the Outback Watersports Club with power.

*(Res-2019-11-288)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Harris*

*That Council:*

- 1. Consents to Ergon Energy, to construct and operate a 22kV 3 Phase overhead line and 63kVA pole mounted transformer on the Town Common, to provide power to the Outback Watersports Club located on the banks of the Thomson River at Lot107 PD47; and*
- 2. Advises Ergon Energy accordingly.*

*CARRIED*

Cr Martin returned to the meeting room at 12:09pm.

**Closed Matters**

*(Res-2019-11-289)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Martin*

*That pursuant to section 275(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.*

**Adoption of Longreach Local Disaster Management Plan**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)h, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to: other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.*

*CARRIED*

*(Res-2019-11-290)*

*Moved Cr Rayner seconded Cr Smith*

*That the meeting be re-opened at 12:11pm.*

*CARRIED*

**Adoption of Longreach Local Disaster Management Plan**

Consideration of adoption of the Longreach Regional Council Local Disaster Management Plan. The Plan has been reviewed against the Emergency Management Assurance Framework and subsequently endorsed by the Local Disaster Management Group on 8 November 2019.


*(Res-2019-11-291)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Rayner*

*That pursuant to section 80(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act 2003, the Longreach Regional Council Disaster Management Plan v3.0, as presented, be adopted.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: The Director of Corporate Service, Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting room at 12:23pm and returned to the meeting room at 12:25pm.

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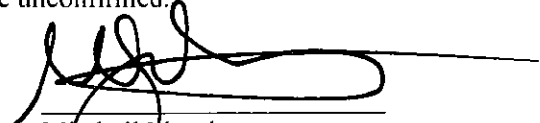
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**Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.26pm.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

 _____ Cr Ed Warren Mayor	 _____ Mitchell Murphy Chief Executive Officer
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