

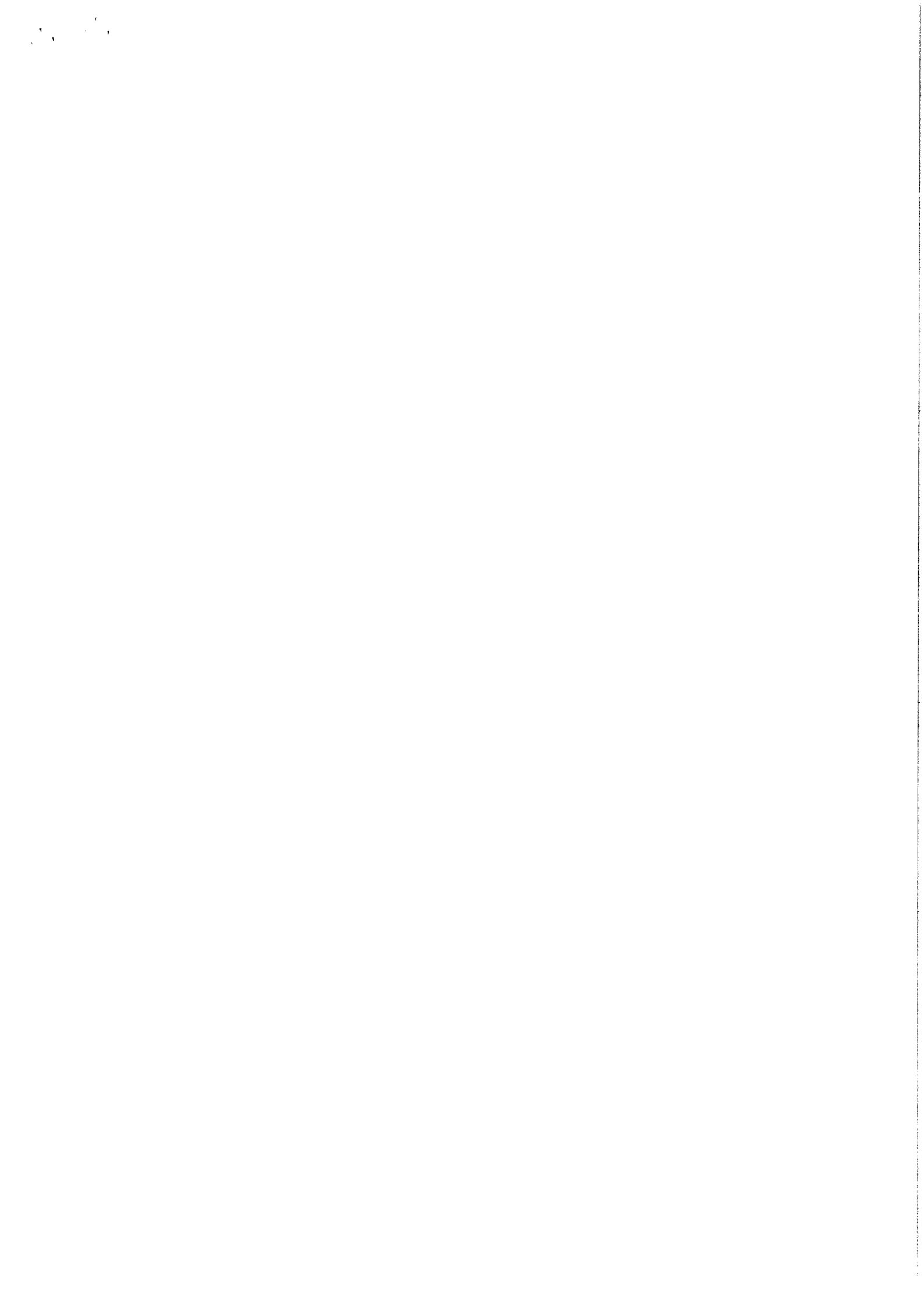
# **LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**



## **Ordinary Meeting**

**Thursday 28 January 2021**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**



**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting  
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**1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

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

**2 Prayer**

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

Attendance: Pastor Ben Kent left the meeting at 9.04am.

**Present**

**Councillors**

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Deputy Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr TM Hatch

Cr TJ Martin

Cr TFB Smith

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Mitchell Murphy

Director of Corporate Services

Ms Elizabeth West

Acting Director of Community and Cultural Services

Mrs Kimberley Dillon

Director of Infrastructure Services

Mr Roger Naidoo

Executive Officer, Economic Development and

Public Affairs

Mr Simon Kuttner

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,

Mayor and Councillors

Mrs Deborah Whitehead

Executive Officer Governance and Special Projects

Ms Holly Blyth

**Public Gallery**

*Nil*

**Apologies**

*Nil*

**3 Consideration of Leave of Absence**

*Nil*

**4 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors and Senior Council Officers**

**4.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

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**4.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to section 150EN, 150EO, 150EP, 150EQ, 150ER, 150ES and 150ET of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the nature of the interest, if applicable, name of the related person, the relationship to them, and the nature of the interest, and/or the value and date of any gift received.

The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter;  
or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

*No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.*

**5 Confirmation of Minutes**

**5.1 Council - Thursday 10 December 2020**

*(Res-2021-01-001)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell*

*That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 10 December 2020, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED*

**6 Mayoral Minute**

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

The Mayor attended the Financial Councillors Board meeting in Townsville in December. The contract for the delivery of the Rural Financial services in north and western Queensland will be announced in early 2021. RAPAD will be submitting a tender for this contract. It remains a very important service throughout the region.

The Chief Executive Officer and other members from the Mt Isa Rodeo association travelled to Longreach to meet with Mayor Rayner and the Executive Officer, Economic Development and Public Affairs to discuss the proposed Rodeo in October 2021 at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Rodeo is to help build an interest in all Rodeos and by running this event off the back of the scheduled Food and Wine Festival, it is hoped that in excess of 2000 people would attend. The organising committee are looking for local support and will be back in Longreach in April to progress this matter.

Media interviews were held throughout December and January promoting Longreach as a community and destination to visit and stay.

Mayor Rayner also participated in the Premiers teleconference with Queensland Mayors to discuss COVID.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud and Assistant Minister for Road Safety Freight Transport Scott Buchholz visited Longreach on the 19 January 2021.

At the meeting the Prime Minister was briefed on the return on investment from grant programs such as Building Better Regions Fund in both agriculture, tourism and civil construction projects. The delegation toured the Qantas Founders Museum and gained an appreciation of how grant funding generates employment and economic growth in regional communities.

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We commenced our Australia Day celebrations on Monday 25 January 2021 with a dinner for our Australia Day Ambassador Gail Ker OAM which was hosted by Deputy Mayor Leonie Nunn. The Qantas Luminescent light show which was free for all residents who booked, commenced at 7.45pm on that evening. Council provided 80 tickets to the show and they were taken up within 3 days.

The Longreach Australia Day celebrations commenced at 8am at the Civic Centre and together with our Australia Day Ambassador I presented awards in 6 categories. The ceremony culminated in a Citizenship Ceremony for three new citizens. We welcomed Keith McCubbin, Jenna Goodman and Mandeep Kaur as Australian Citizens. This event was followed by a barbeque breakfast cooked by the Lions Club of Longreach and drinks provided by the Girl Guides. The free pool entry, sausage sizzle, and movies were all very well attended in Longreach during the day.

Isisford commenced their festivities at 8am with a colour run, followed by pool party, sausage sizzle and movies. All of these events were well attended. Deputy Mayor Leonie Nunn presented at the Isisford Australia Day event on behalf of Council.

Ilfracombe held their Australia Day with their theme of COVID. It was very imaginative and many events were staged using this theme. They had cricket, tug-of-war, toilet roll throwing, wheel barrow events, and many other family competitions which involved the entire crowd. Councillor Dale Bignell presented at the Ilfracombe awards to represent Council. I would like to thank both Councillors for assisting me with the Australia Day duties.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our winners throughout the entire region. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of our team of staff who worked so hard to pull this all together. In particular, Kimberley Dillon, Deb Whitehead, Holly Blyth, Sally Edwards, Wes Irwin, Simon Kuttner and all their incredible helpers and volunteers who all contributed to the success of this day throughout the entire Longreach Regional Council area.

**7 Councillor Requests**

*Nil*

**8 Notices of Motion**

*Nil*

**9 Petitions**

*Nil*

**10 Deputations**

*Nil*

**11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**11.1 Standing Matters - Governance Financial Report**

Consideration was given to the Governance Financial Report.

*(Res-2021-01-002)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council receive the Governance Financial Report for information.*

*CARRIED*

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**11.2 Standing Matters - Calendar of Events**

**Calendar of Events, Upcoming Meetings and Conferences for Councillors**

Date	Event	Location	Participants
<b>January 2021</b>			
25 Mon	Councillor Briefing	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre 9am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
25 Mon	Longreach Australia Day Ambassador arrives	Longreach Airport	EA to Mayor and CEO
26 Tues	Longreach Australia Day & Citizenship Celebrations	Longreach Civic & Cultural Centre 8am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the public
26 Tues	Ilfracombe Australia Day Celebrations	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre 4.30pm -10pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the public
26 Tues	Isisford Australia Day Celebrations	Whitman's Memorial Park Isisford 8am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the public
28 Thurs	Council Meeting	Council Chambers Longreach Civic Centre 9am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the public
29 Fri	RAPAD Board Meeting	Zoom 9am - 11am	RAPAD Board, Chief Executive Officers
<b>February 2021</b>			
4 Thurs	Councillor/Directors Round Table Strategic Meeting	Qantas Founders Museum Board Room Hudson Fysh Drive 9.30am - 1pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Simon Kuttner
8 Mon	Plant Working Group Meeting	Council Chambers 2pm-4pm	DIS, MOOWWS, MOO, Workshop Supervisor, Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Cr Smith, Cr Emslie, Cr Bignell, DCS
16 Tues	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
17 Wed	Combined ELT/Managers Group Meeting	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 2pm - 4pm	Chief Executive Officer , ELT, Managers, EA
18 Thurs	Council Meeting	Ilfracombe Recreation Centre 9am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the public
24 Wed	Land and Pest Management Advisory Group	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach 1pm - 4pm	Cr Nunn, Cr Smith, Cr Bignell, DCS, RLLLS, Advisory Committee Members
25 Thurs	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Longreach Library Eagle Street, Longreach 2pm - 4pm	Mayor, Cr Nunn, Cr Martin, Chief Executive Officer , DCS, HOF, FM



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March 2021			
2 Tues	RADF Meeting	Fairmount Rooms, Longreach 10am -12 noon	Committee Members, DCCS, Cr Nunn, Cr Hatch
16 Tues	Councillor Briefing	Fairmount East Room Longreach Civic Centre 9am - 5pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors
18 Thurs	Council Meeting	Isisford Town Hall 9am	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Members of the Public
25 Thurs	Councillor/Directors Round Table Strategic Meeting	Fairmount Rooms East and West 9am - 1pm	All Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors, Simon Kuttner

*(Res-2021-01-003)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council receive the Calendar or Events for information.*

CARRIED

**11.3 Councillor Remuneration 2021-2022**

Consideration of proposed changes to Councillor Remuneration to apply from 1 July 2021.

**Recommendation:**

1. *That Pursuant to section 244(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, remuneration payable to Councillors from 1 July 2021 be as follows:*

<i>Description</i>	<i>Remuneration payable from 1 July 2021</i>
<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$108,222</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	<i>\$62,435</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>\$54,110</i>

2. *That the Councillor Remuneration Policy, be amended to reflect change in legislation, and adopted.*

THIS ITEM LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER.

**Amended Recommendation:**

Consideration of proposed changes to Councillor Remuneration to apply from 1 July 2021.

*(Res-2021-01-004)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Bignell*

1. *That Pursuant to section 244(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, remuneration payable to Councillors from 1 July 2021 be as follows:*

<i>Description</i>	<i>Remuneration payable from 1 July 2021</i>
<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$108,000</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	<i>\$57,000</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>

2. *That the Councillor Remuneration Policy, be amended to reflect the change and adopted as above.*

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**Note: Reason for change to recommendation.**

*Council chose not to adopt the remuneration increase recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.*

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**11.4 Workplace Health and Safety Policy**

Consideration of the adoption of a new Workplace Health and Safety Policy No. 10.2, to overarch a myriad of Council's documentation and responsibilities in regards to our workplace health and safety obligations.

*(Res-2021-01-005)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council adopts the Workplace Health and Safety Policy No 10.2, as presented.*

*CARRIED*

**12 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report**

**12.1 Standing Matters - Corporate Services Financial Report**

Consideration was given to the Corporate Services Financial Report.

*(Res-2021-01-006)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council receive the Corporate Services Financial Report for information.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon left the meeting at 9.38am.

Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon returned to the meeting at 9.40am.

**12.2 Monthly Financial Statements**

Consideration was given to the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2020:

*(Res-2021-01-007)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Emslie*

*That the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2020, be adopted as presented.*

*CARRIED*

**12.3 Standing Matters - Quarterly Financial Graphs - Income and Investment Report**

Consideration was given to the Quarterly Financial Graphs - Income and Investment Report.

*(Res-2021-01-008)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell*

*That the Quarterly Financial Graphs - Income and Investment Report, be adopted as presented.*

*CARRIED*

Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon left the meeting at 10.08am.

Attendance: Mrs Kimberley Dillon returned to the meeting at 10.09am.

**12.4 Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre - Lease of Cafe**

Council advertised on 13 November 2020 a tender for a Licence to Operate, Isisford OBIC Café, Tender No. LRC010416 closing on the 4 December, 2020. One tender was received by Mrs Julie-Anne Anderson from Isisford.

*(Res-2021-01-009)*

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council endorses that Mrs Julie-Anne Anderson be awarded the licence to operate a café at the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre as per stated operating hours for a 12 month period.*

*CARRIED*

**13 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report**

Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West left the meeting at 10.15am.

Attendance: Ms Elizabeth West returned to the meeting at 10.18am.

**13.1 Standing Matters - Community and Cultural Services Financial Report**

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

*(Res-2021-01-010)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council receive the Community and Cultural Services Financial Report for information.*

*CARRIED*

Mayor Rayner passed on Council's congratulations to the Director of Community and Cultural Services for the high standard of parks and gardens in the region and requested that she convey to her staff Council's appreciation of their hard work.

**13.2 Showgrounds Ablution Block - Longreach Show Society**

Consideration of support and approval to construct an ablution block at the Longreach Showgrounds by the Longreach Show Society.

**Recommendation:**

*That Council:*

- 1. Approve the building to be built on Council land pending an approved building application;*
- 2. Accepts the request from the Longreach Show Society to project manage the delivery and installation of the ablution block project;*
- 3. Approves a project budget of \$103,220 be allocated in the 2020/2021 financial year plus an additional income allocation of \$73,954 to be paid by the Longreach Show Society from the remaining grant funds leaving a total Council contribution of \$29,266.*
- 4. Approves \$29,266 be transferred from the Environmental Health 2020-2021 Operational Budget to meet this Council contribution.*

*THIS ITEM LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER.*

**Amended Recommendation:**

*(Res-2021-01-011)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn*

*That Council:*

- 1. Approve the building to be built on Council land pending an approved building application;*
- 2. Accepts the request from the Longreach Show Society to project manage the delivery and installation of the ablution block project;*
- 3. Approves a project budget of \$103,220 be allocated in the 2020/21 FY plus an additional income allocation of \$73,954 to be paid by the Longreach Show Society from the remaining grant funds leaving a total Council contribution of \$29,266;*
- 4. Approves \$29,266 be transferred from the Environmental Health 2020-21 Operational Budget to meet this Council contribution;*

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5. *Seeks acknowledgement from the Longreach Show Society that the President is to be the sole point of contact between Council and the Longreach Show Society with reference to this project; and,*
6. *Notes that the completed infrastructure will be owned, maintained, managed, and made accessible by Council at its sole discretion.*

*CARRIED*

**Note: Reason for change to Recommendation:**  
*Council desired additional clarity around project arrangements.*

Adjournment: Council adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10.41 and resumed at 11.04am.

**13.3 COVID-19 Relief Grant Program - January 2021**

Consideration of COVID-19 Grant Program applications received in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy 11.07.

*(Res-2021-01-012)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the COVID-19 Relief Grant Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No.11.07:*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Longreach Junior Rugby League</i>	<i>\$660.00</i>	<i>\$660.00</i>
	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$660.00</i></b>

*CARRIED*

Adjournment: Council adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10.41 and resumed at 11.04am.

**13.4 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Retrospective Approval - 2021 Western Touring Circuit Proposal**

Consideration of retrospective approval for the 2021 Western Touring Circuit Proposal.

*(Res-2021-01-013)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith*

*In accordance with the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) guidelines, that Council:*

1. *Retrospectively endorse the allocation of funds from the Regional Arts Development Fund to the amount of \$8,100.00 in support of the 2020/2021 Western Touring Circuit; and*
2. *Advise the Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee of these decisions.*

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**13.5 Sponsorship - Longreach Rugby League 9's Carnival**

Consideration for application received from the Longreach Senior Rugby League Club.  
(Res-2021-01-014)

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Sponsorship Program as contained in the following table, in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No 11.09:*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Project Activity</i>	<i>Event Date</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Longreach Senior Rugby League</i>	<i>2021 Longreach Senior Rugby League</i>	<i>20 February 2021</i>	<i>\$2,756.00</i>
		<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,756.00</i></b>

*CARRIED*

**13.6 Tender submission and approval for Longreach 50m Pool Filtration replacement project**

Following an inspection of the filtration units of the 50m pool at the Longreach Aquatic Centre in May 2018, Engineer Allan Cockerell found the filters and the current design of the plant room meant the water treatment plant was no longer efficiently filtering the water in the 50m pool.

Following this report and the 2020/2021 budget process, Council approved funds to replace the filtration units in order to ensure continued compliance with water quality and maintain the assets useful life.

Subsequently, this report outlines the steps taken by Council staff, the Tender process and proposed contractor to complete the construction of replacement 50m Pool Filtration equipment.

(Res-2021-01-015)

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council:*

- 1. Resolve, in agreement with the letter of recommendation from George Bourne and Associates (as attached,) to engage Alto Pacific Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor to carry out the Longreach 50m Pool Filtration Upgrade;*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contract negotiations with Alto Pacific Pty Ltd; and*
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a formal instrument of agreement for the completion of the Longreach 50m Pool Filtration Upgrade.*

*CARRIED*

**14 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report**

**14.1 Standing Matters - Infrastructure Services Financial Report**

Consideration was given to Infrastructure Services Financial Report.

(Res-2021-01-016)

*Moved Cr Martin seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council receive the Infrastructure Services Financial Report for information.*

*CARRIED*

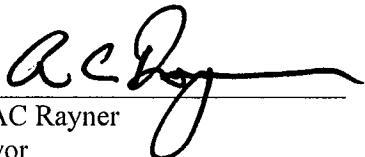
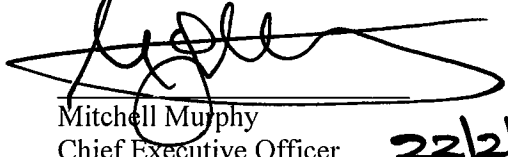
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- 15 **Late Items**  
*Nil.*
  
- 16. **Closed Matters**  
*Nil.*
  
- 17 **Closure of Meeting**  
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.26am.

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are confirmed.

 _____ Cr AC Rayner Mayor	 _____ Mitchell Murphy Chief Executive Officer	<b>22/2/2021</b>
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