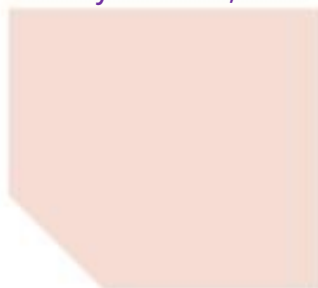


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## Longreach Regional Council MINUTES

of the **Ordinary Council Meeting** held on **Thursday 15 May 2025**  
at the Isisford Council Chambers, 20 Saint Mary Street, Isisford, Qld 4731



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## **1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:02am**.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present."

### **Present**

#### **Councillors**

Mayor	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr NA Gay
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr AR Watts

### **Officers**

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
Director of Communities	Tanya Johnson
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Manager of Governance and Economy	Simon Kuttner
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness	Grace Cronin-Jones
Financial Controller	Nicole Moulds
Executive Assistant to CEO, Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

### **Apologies**

David Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

## **2 Prayer**

Fr Peter Van Bang Nguyen, of the Longreach Catholic Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

## **3 Condolences**

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minute's silence to mark the passing of community members Peter Alchin, Alun Blunt, George Martin, Terrence McCoy, Patricia Sedgwick, Wilfred Tanks, and Beverley Wilson. The meeting also extended its condolences to Chief Financial Officer David Wilson on the passing of Mervyn Clyde Wilson.

## **4 Leave of Absence**

Nil

## **5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors**

Cr Emslie declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence. The nature of the conflict is that one item correspondence describes a matter involving his employer. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for discussion of this item of correspondence.

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.1 Community Donation - Individual. The nature of the conflict is that applicants are representing Cr Emslie's place of work and he has an association with the parents of an applicant. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for the discussion and subsequent vote on the item.

Cr Hatch declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 13.4 Sponsorship - Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Hatch owns a venue that is hosting an associated event.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

*Res-2025-05-110*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council confirm the Minutes dated Thursday 17 April 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **16 Closed Matters**

*Res-2025-05-111*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That the order of business be amended to allow the consideration of closed matters, and that pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 9:12am to discuss the following matters, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.*

### **16.1 Telecommunications Tower Resolution**

*This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) (e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it relates to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

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Res-2025-05-112

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council move out of closed session at 9:18am, to vote on item 16.1 Telecommunications Tower Resolution.

CARRIED 7 / 0

### 16.1 Telecommunications Tower Resolution

#### Reasons for Confidentiality

Local Government Regulation 2012 section 245J (3) (e) – legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

Res-2025-05-113

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary steps to resolve the matter.

CARRIED 7 / 0

## 7 Mayoral Report

### 7.1 Mayoral Report

Res-2025-05-114

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

## 8 Notices of Motion

Nil

## 9 Petitions

Nil

## 10 Deputations

Nil

## **11 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

### **11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence**

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

#### **Attendance**

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at **9:43am** so as not to participate in discussion of a letter in which he has a prescribed conflict of interest.

#### **Attendance**

Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at **9:46am**.

*Res-2025-05-115*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### **11.2 Annual Operational Plan 2024-25 - Q3 Review for Period Ending 31 March 2025**

Consideration of the 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan review for the period ending 31 March 2025.

*Res-2025-05-116*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

*That Council, pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Chief Executive Officer's evaluation of the implementation of the 2024-25 Annual Operational Plan for the period ended 31 March 2025.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at **10:42am** and resumed at **11:09am**, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

### **11.3 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report**

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 6 May 2025, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

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*Res-2025-05-117*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety update as of 6 May 2025, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### 11.4 Information Report - Planning and Development

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of April.

*Res-2025-05-118*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council receives the Planning and Development information report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

The meeting adjourned for Lunch at **12:29pm** and resumed at **1:04pm**, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

### 11.5 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Governance Directorate.

*Res-2025-05-119*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch*

*That Council receives the Governance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### 11.6 Chief Executive Officer's Council Report

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Chief Executive Officer.

*Res-2025-05-120*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Council report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*



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## **12 Finance Report**

### **12.1 Information Report - Finance**

This report provides an update on a range of activities that occurred during the month for the Financial Services Directorate.

*Res-2025-05-121*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

*That Council receives the Finance Information Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

### **12.2 Chief Financial Officer's Report**

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 30 April 2025:

*Res-2025-05-122*

*Moved: Cr Tony Emslie / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts*

*That Council receives the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the period ending 30 April 2025, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **13 Communities Report**

### **13.1 Community Donation - Individual**

Considerations of applications received for the month of March in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

#### **Attendance**

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 2:34 pm.

*Res-2025-05-123*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:*

<b>Organisation/ Individual</b>	<b>Event/Project Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
<i>Havanna Elliott</i>	<i>Capricorn Netball Stars Academy</i>	<i>10/05 – 11/05 14/06 – 15/06 23/08 – 24/08</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Hamish Larsen</i>	<i>State Honors Ensemble Program</i>	<i>16/05 – 18/05</i>	<i>\$350</i>
<i>Mia Scott</i>	<i>Netball State Championships</i>	<i>29/05 – 01/06</i>	<i>\$350</i>

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Poppy Harris	North West Touch Football Trials	22/04	\$350
Poppy Harris	Touch Football State Championships	11/06 – 15/06	\$350
Lara Palmer	Touch Football State Championships	11/06 – 15/06	\$350
Malcolm Strong	National Youth Wind Ensemble of Scotland	07/07 – 21/07	\$1000
Central West Rugby League	47 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Rugby League Competition	07/06 – 08/06	\$2000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5,100</b>

CARRIED 6 / 0

**Attendance**

Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at 2:37 pm.

### 13.2 Community Donations - Isisford Golf Open

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

Res-2025-05-124

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

<b>Organisation / Name</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Isisford Golf Club	Isisford Golf Open	Financial \$3000 In- kind \$0	Financial \$3000 In- kind \$0
		<b>TOTAL \$3000</b>	<b>TOTAL \$3000</b>

CARRIED 7 / 0

### 13.3 Community Donations - Longreach School of Dance

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

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### 13.4 Sponsorship - Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive

Consideration of sponsorship applications received in March in accordance with the Council's Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07.

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### Attendance

Cr Tracy Hatch left the meeting at **2:42pm**.

Res-2025-05-126

Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Sponsorship Program in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy No. 11.07;*

<b>Organisation / Name</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive	Cattle Drive	18 <sup>th</sup> May – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Financial \$ In-kind \$4000
			<b>TOTAL \$4000</b>
CARRIED 6 / 0			

### Attendance

Cr Tracy Hatch returned to the meeting at **2:47pm**.

## 13.5 RADF

Consideration of nominees for the Regional Art Development Fund (RADF) committee.

Res-2025-05-127

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

*That Council:*

- In accordance with section 264 of division 2 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints the following nominees as members of the Longreach Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee,*
  - Emma Read – Longreach,*
  - Elizabeth Clark – Longreach,*
  - Sue Pratt – Longreach,*
  - Nicole Heslin – Longreach,*
  - Susan Glasson – Yaraka,*
  - Sheila Back – Ilfracombe; and,*
- Adopts the updated Terms of Reference for the Regional Arts Development Fund.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

## 13.6 Project Management Update

Receive the project management update for the month of April 2025.

Res-2025-04-128

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

*That Council receives the Project Management Update Report, as presented.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

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## **13.7 Information Report Communities**

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month for the Community Services Directorate.

*Res-2025-05-129*

*Moved: Cr Andrew Watts / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Communities Information Report, as presented*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **13.8 Director of Communities Report**

This report provides an update on the activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Director of Communities.

*Res-2025-05-130*

*Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell*

*That Council receives the Director of Communities Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **14 Works Report**

### **14.1 Information Report - Works**

This report provides an update on the range of activities that have occurred during the month of April 2025 for the Works Directorate.

*Res-2025-05-131*

*Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay*

*That Council receives the Works Information Report, as presented*

*CARRIED 7 / 0*

## **15 Late Items**

Nil for this meeting

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## **17 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **3:13pm.**

### **Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed	
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