



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15
July 2026 at Longreach Council
Chambers, 96 Eagle St, Longreach



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Dear Councillors

**Re: Meeting Notice for Governance Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday
15 July 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Governance Committee Meeting of the Longreach Regional Council will be held in the Longreach Council Chambers, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach, Qld 4730 on Wednesday 15 July 2026 commencing at 11:15am.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully



Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
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4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 10 June and 17 June 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Appendices

1. Governance Committee Minutes - 10 June 2026 [**4.1.1** - 6 pages]
2. Governance Committee Minutes - 17 June 2026 [**4.1.2** - 6 pages]



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2026
at 96 Eagle St, Longreach



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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9:05 am**.

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

Present Councillors

Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner
Cr LJ Nunn
Cr DJ Bignell
Cr AJ Emslie
Cr NA Gay
Cr TM Hatch

Officers

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Communities
Acting Director of Organisational Services
Executive Officer of Governance

Brett Walsh
David Wilson
Tanya Johnson
Simon Kuttner
Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

Councillor
Director of Organisational Services
Director of Works

Cr AR Watts
Grace Cronin-Jones
André Pretorius

2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Nil

5 Notices of Motion

Nil

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6 Deputations

Nil

Anna Lacey, Shared Services Manager, joined the meeting at 9:06am

7 General Business

7.1 Procurement Policy

Consideration of the Procurement Policy - review.

Recommendation

That the Committee receives the report.

ENDORSED

Anna Lacey, Shared Services Manager, left the meeting at 10:29am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:30am where all staff joined a Teams meeting hosted by LGAQ with Minister Ann Leahy in relation to DRFA funding.
The meeting resumed at 11:02am, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Jeffrey Newton, Manager of Regulatory Services, joined the meeting at 11:13am

7.2 Proposed Amendments to Subordinate Local Law No. 2

Discussion of draft amendments to Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management).

Recommendation

That the Committee receives the report.

ENDORSED

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am to join a Teams meeting hosted by LGAQ with Minister Kristy McBain discussing DRFA Funding.
The meeting resumed at 12:07pm, with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Jeffrey Newton, Manager of Regulatory Services, left the meeting at 1:06pm

Joel Perry, Project Manager, joined the meeting at 1:07pm

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8 Late Items

Nil

9 Closed Matters

Moved: Cr Leonie Nunn / Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 1:08pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 YARAKA POOL OPTIONS PAPER

This report is considered closed to the public in accordance with section 254J(3) (c), of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That Council move out of closed session at 1:43 pm, to vote on item 9.1 Yaraka Pool Options Paper.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Yaraka Pool Options Paper

Recommendation

That the Committee receives the report, noting that a report will be presented to a future Council meeting for a decision.

ENDORSED

Joel Perry, Project Manager, left the meeting at 1:48pm

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10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **1:49 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed	
Cr AC Rayner Mayor	Brett Walsh Chief Executive Officer



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Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at
96 Eagle St, Longreach



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:47 am**.

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

Present

Councillors

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr NA Gay

Cr TM Hatch

Cr AR Watts

Officers

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Brett Walsh

David Wilson

Tanya Johnson

André Pretorius

Simon Kuttner

Sharon Calligaro

Michelle Ballard

Apologies

Director of Organisational Services

Grace Cronin-Jones

2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 7.1 Heritage Strategy. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Emslie is a member of the Longreach Archival and Historical Research Group. Cr Emslie will leave the meeting for this part of the discussion.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

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Recommendation

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell

That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 19-20 May 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7 / 0

5 Notices of Motion

Nil

6 Deputations

Nil

7 General Business

7.1 Heritage Strategy

Consideration of Longreach Regional Council Collection Management Plan.

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie left the meeting at 11:35 am.

Attendance

Cr Tony Emslie returned to the meeting at 11:52 am.

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That the Committee receives the Longreach Regional Council Collection Management Plan 2026.

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

Michelle Ballard, Tourism Coordinator left the meeting at 11:55am

9 Closed Matters

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 11:56am to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 CHILDCARE UPDATE

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CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance

Mel Comerford joined the meeting at 11:57am

Attendance

Mel Comerford left the meeting at 12:36pm

Moved: Cr Tony Emslie Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That Council move out of closed session at 12:36pm, to vote on item 9.1 Childcare Update.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Childcare Update

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That the Committee receives the update on compliance progress and operational improvements at the Longreach Child Care Service.

CARRIED 7 / 0

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:37pm and resumed at 1:19pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

7.2 Motions - LGAQ State Conference

Consideration of motions to be submitted for presentation at the LGAQ Annual Conference.

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie

That the Committee considers the request and provides any motions for submission to the July Council meeting for endorsement.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.3 Customer Service Requests

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

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Recommendation

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay

That the Committee receives the Customer Service Request report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

7.4 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommendation

Moved: Cr Dale Bignell / Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts

That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.

CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **2:11 pm**.

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

Cr AC Rayner
Mayor

Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

5 Notices of Motion

None received at time of agenda preparation.

6 Deputations

None received at time of agenda preparation.

7 General Business

7.1 Yaraka Pool - discussion

Consideration of presentation regarding Yaraka Pool.

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR COMMUNITY

1.1.2 Maintain and enhance community facilities and services to meet the needs and interests of residents

1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation

OUR FINANCES

4.1.2 Mature asset management systems and agreed service levels are used to achieve sustainable outcomes

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors & ELT	

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Sharon Calligaro (Executive Officer of Governance)

Discussion on Yaraka Pool presentation prior to the Special Community Forum.

Appendices

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Yaraka Pool - Report to LR C- Taylor Builders Pty Ltd - Final [7.1.1 - 15 pages]

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives the presentation.

7.2 Customer Service Requests

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.3.1 Deliver quality, timely, and efficient service to prioritise customer needs and outcomes

Consultation:

Internal	External
Relevant officers	Relevant customers

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Council officers as assigned by the Customer Service team.

Attached for the information of the committee is a confidential summary of Customer Service Requests over the previous month.

Disclaimer: Please note this report is current as at 09/07/2026. Staff are continuously working in this space so it can change frequently.

Appendices

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Outstanding CSR Report 08 07 2026 [7.2.1 - 21 pages]

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives the Customer Service Request report, as presented.

7.3 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy

OUR LEADERSHIP

5.2.1 Maintain a robust strategic and policy framework that meets statutory requirements, mitigates risks, and drives effective governance practices

Consultation:

Internal	External
Relevant Managers ELT	Councillors

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Senior staff as assigned in the Action Register

Attached is a confidential summary of the actions arising from previous meetings.

Disclaimer: Please note this report is current as at 06/07/2026. Staff are continuously working in this space so it can change frequently.

Appendices

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Actions Register July 2026 Gov Meeting [7.3.1 - 6 pages]

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.

8 Late Items

Nil for this meeting

9 Closed Matters

9.1 Carcass Pit

Reasons for Confidentiality

This report is closed to the public in accordance with section 245J (3) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government.

10 Closure of Meeting