

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 November 2026 at Longreach Council Chambers, 96 Eagle St, Longreach

Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Dear Councillors

Re: Meeting Notice for Governance Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 November 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 18 November 2026 commencing at 10:00am.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully



Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
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4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation
That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 14 October 2026 and 26 October 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Appendices

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 96 Eagle St, Longreach

Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
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LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:56 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	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
Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Communities	Tanya Scott
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Director of Organisational Services	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Planning, Economics and Governance	Simon Kuttner
Executive Officer of Governance	Sharon Calligaro

Apologies

2 Leave of Absence

3 Declaration of any Material Personal Interest / Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Dale Bignell
That the Committee confirms the Minutes dated 16 September 2026 and 28 September 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

CARRIED 7 / 0

5 Notices of Motion
Nil

6 Deputations
Nil

7 General Business

7.1 Isisford Water Treatment Plant

An update on the Isisford Water Treatment Plant will be provided by the Director of Works during the meeting.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Nikki Gay
That the Committee notes the information received.
CARRIED 7 / 0

7.2 Land & Pest Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

Consideration of the revised Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Andrew Watts | Seconded: Cr Tracy Hatch
That the Committee receives the proposed Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

7.3 Meetings Action Register

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Nikki Gay | Seconded: Cr Tony Emslie
That the Committee receives the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.
CARRIED 7 / 0

8 Late Items
Nil

9 Closed Matters

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Dale Bignell | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn

That pursuant to section 254J(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the meeting be closed at 12:06 pm to discuss the following matters, which are considered closed to the public for the reasons indicated.

9.1 YARAKA POOL
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

Attendance:
Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 12:08pm

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tony Emslie | Seconded: Cr Leonie Nunn
That Council move out of closed session at 12:51 pm, to vote on item 9.1 Yaraka Pool.

CARRIED 7 / 0

9.1 Yaraka Pool

Recommendation
Moved: Cr Tracy Hatch | Seconded: Cr Andrew Watts
That the Committee:

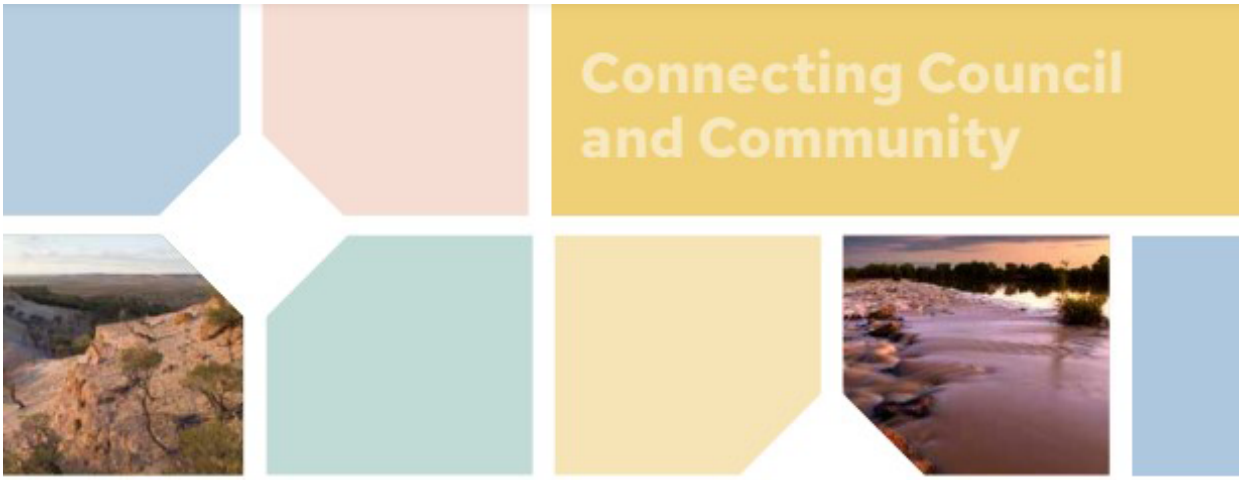
1. *Receives the Yaraka Swimming Pool – Options Analysis report and attached reports.*
2. *Notes that the existing pool remains closed and that current technical advice indicates the existing shell is not a viable long-term public pool asset.*
3. *Provide feedback to the Community at the upcoming Community Forum.*
4. *Notes that officers will scope procurement for the options discussed and bring back to a future Council meeting.*

CARRIED 7 / 0

Attendance:
Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 1:01pm

10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **1:02 pm**.



Longreach Regional Council

MINUTES

of the Governance Committee – Round Table Meeting held on Monday 26 October 2026.



Longreach Regional Council
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE - ROUND TABLE MEETINGMINUTES

1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **10:10 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	Cr AC Rayner
Deputy Mayor	Cr LJ Nunn
	Cr DJ Bignell
	Cr AJ Emslie
	Cr TM Hatch
	Cr AR Watts

Officers

Chief Executive Officer	Brett Walsh
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Apologies

Councillors	Cr NA Gay

Officers

Chief Financial Officer	David Wilson
Director of Works	André Pretorius

2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3 Declaration of any Material Personal Interest / Conflicts of Interest by Councillors

No declarations were made during this point of the meeting.

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE - ROUND TABLE MEETINGMINUTES

4 General Business

4.1 Forum Strategy

Consideration of strategy to be implemented when presenting upcoming Community Forum information.

Recommendation:
That the Committee notes the information presented.
RECEIVED & NOTED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:34pm and resumed at 1:03pm with all those present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager joined the meeting at 1:03pm

4.2 Showgrounds - Priority list

Consideration of Showgrounds facility plan to identify priority list of works.

Recommendation:
That the Committee notes the priorities, as discussed.
RECEIVED & NOTED

Committee members expressed their preferences of high priority from the 23 options presented:

- New kitchen & bar building
- New unisex accessible amenities
- Refurbish existing Wool pavilion
- Grandstand inclusivity improvements
- Refurb existing Arts pavilion
- Hardstand to be installed between existing stables and adjacent buildings
- Hardstand to be installed east of grandstand building
- Footpaths throughout site
- Hardstand parking facility
- Oval lighting
- Rodeo lighting
- Portable covered rodeo grandstand
- Remove existing bird hut

Attendance:

Joel Perry, Project Manager left the meeting at 2:38pm

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
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4.3 Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre (OBIC)

Consideration of the information presented.

Recommendation:
That the Committee receives the report, as presented.

RECEIVED & NOTED

Attendance:

Cr Andrew Watts left the meeting at 2:56pm

5 Late Items

Nil

6 Closure of Meeting

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

5 Notices of Motion

Nil

6 Deputations

Nil

7 General Business

7.1 Community Forum - Longreach

Consideration of the upcoming Longreach Community Forum.

Corporate Plan Alignment

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

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors and ELT	

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:
Sharon Calligaro (Executive Officer of Governance)

Discuss upcoming Longreach Community Forum to be held Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Appendices
Nil

Recommendation:
That the Committee notes the discussion.

7.2 Outback Independent Living (OIL) - presentation

Consideration of presentation by Outback Independent Living CEO.

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR COMMUNITY 1.2.1 Actively engage with the community to foster inclusiveness, identity, heritage, and participation **OUR ECONOMY** 2.1.1 Advocate to and partner with regional organisations, industry stakeholders, and governments to support emerging economic development opportunities

Consultation:

Internal	External
Councillors, ELT	

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:

Presentation made by Sandra Warren, CEO of Outback Independent Living.

Appendices

Nil

Recommendation:
That the Committee notes the presentation.

7.3 Ilfracombe and Isisford Service Provision

Consideration of service provision levels in Ilfracombe and Isisford.

Corporate Plan Alignment

Strategy
OUR LEADERSHIP 5.1.1 Prioritise the safety, wellbeing, and inclusiveness of employees across all Council operations 5.1.2 Foster a high-performance team culture through holistic workforce development initiatives 5.3.1 Deliver quality, timely, and efficient service to prioritise customer needs and outcomes

Consultation:

Internal	External
Managers Customer service staff	Nil – but referenced QTC materials on establishing service levels for effective and sustainable service delivery.

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:
Brett Walsh (Chief Executive Officer),
David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer),
Andre Pretorius (Director of Works),
Grace Cronin-Jones (Director of Organisational Services),
Tanya Scott (Director of Communities)

During the recent strategy workshop, Councillors discussed the structure of service provision in Ilfracombe and Isisford.

This session provides the opportunity to explore the options to improve service provision to achieve the best sustainable outcome for the organisation and the community.

Establishing the Outcome

1. What is the service gap that we are seeking to address in Ilfracombe?
2. What is the service gap that we are seeking to address in Isisford?
3. What would residents experience differently if we addressed it successfully?
4. What are the range of options that could achieve the desired outcomes?
5. What small steps could we take immediately to improve service provision?

Appendices
Nil

Recommendation:
That the Committee notes the discussion.

7.4 Customer Service Requests

Open Customer Service Requests that are over 30 days old for information only.

Corporate Plan Alignment
Nil

Consultation:
Nil

Officer Report

Responsible Officer:
Council officers as described in the report.

Appendices
1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - CSR over 30 days Oct 2026 [**7.4.1** - 2 pages]

Recommendation:
That the Committee receives the report, as presented.

7.5 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 only current as at 12/11/2026. Staff are continuously working in this space so it can change frequently.

Appendices

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Actions Register - Nov 2026 Gov Meeting [**7.5.1** - 7 pages]

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

8 Late Items

Nil

9 Closed Matters

Nil

10 Closure of Meeting