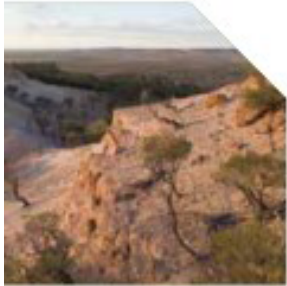
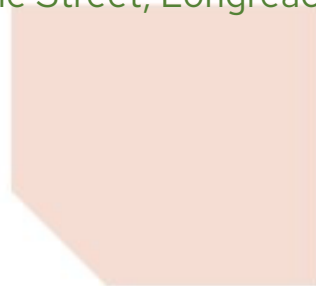
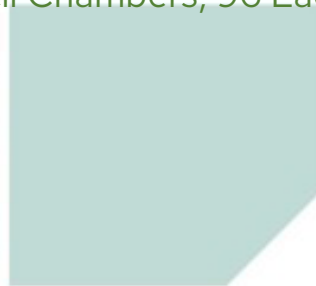
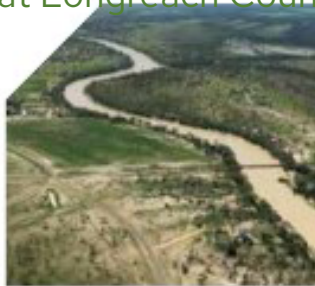


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## Longreach Regional Council **AGENDA**

Of the **Governance Committee** Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 July  
2025  
at Longreach Council Chambers, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach, Qld 4730



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Dear Councillors

**Re: Meeting Notice for Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 July 2025**

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 16 July 2025 commencing at 10:00am.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully



Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer  
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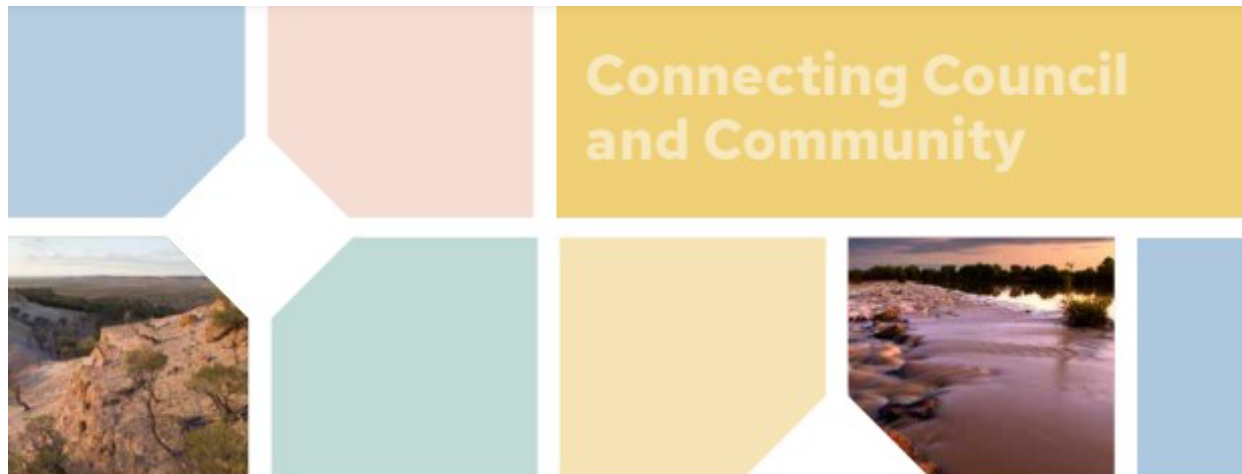
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**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

**4.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

***Recommendation***

*That the Committee confirm the Minutes dated 18 June as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*



## Longreach Regional Council **MINUTES**

of the **Governance Committee** Meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2025



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## 1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgment of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **11:15am**.

"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  
Deputy Mayor

Cr AC Rayner  
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 Johnson
Director of Works	André Pretorius
Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness	Grace Cronin-Jones
Manager of Governance and Economy	Simon Kuttner
Executive Assistant to CEO, Mayor and Councillors	Elizabeth Neal

### Apologies

Nil

## 2 Leave of Absence

Nil

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

Nil

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

### 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

#### Recommendation

*That the committee confirm the minutes dated 14 May 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

ENDORSED

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**5 Notices of Motion**

Nil

**6 Deputations**

Nil

**7 General Business**

**7.1 Customer Service Requests**

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

**Recommendation**

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

ENDORSED

**7.2 Meetings Action Register**

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

**Recommendation**

*That the Committee receive the Meetings Actions Register report, as presented.*

ENDORSED

**7.3 Communities Policies**

Consideration of below policies for discussion and review.

**Recommendation**

*That the Committee receives the report.*

ENDORSED

**7.4 Council's resilience against climate-related risks**

Discussion on council's approach to resilience against climate-related risks.

**Recommendation**

*That the Committee receives the report.*

ENDORSED

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## 7.5 Lease Reserves

Presentation from Senior Land Officer – Stock Routes, from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.

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## 7.6 Standing Item – Agenda Briefing

Review of Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda Items.

**Recommendation**

*That the Committee receives the report.*

ENDORSED

## 8 Late Items

Nil

## 9 Closed Matters

Nil

## 10 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **4:38pm**.

### Minutes Certificate

These minutes are unconfirmed

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Cr AJ Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer

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**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 Stock Route Presentation**

A presentation from Kent Morris on stock route management options for local governments.

***Recommendation:***

*That the Committee receive the presentation.*

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## **7.2 EHO Presentation**

A presentation from Council's Environmental Health Officer, discussing relevant matters for the information of the committee.

***Recommendation:***

*That the Committee receive the presentation.*

### **7.3 RAPAD Presentation**

A presentation from RAPAD Acting CEO Morgan Gronold, discussing relevant matters for the information of the committee.

***Recommendation:***

*That the Committee receives the presentation.*

## **7.4 Childcare Analysis**

Provision of a commercial analysis on the childcare centre.

### **Corporate Plan Alignment**

Strategy

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

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

#### **OUR ECONOMY**

2.1.2 Grow the region's importance as service hub to communities beyond our local government area

2.2.3 Create a business-friendly environment within Council

2.2.5 Provide comprehensive childcare services that meet the needs of families and to support working parents

#### **OUR FINANCES**

4.1.1 Achieve efficiency and reduce risks through contemporary technology, and innovative work processes

4.1.4 Robust budget processes deliver a financially sustainable Council into the future

### **Consultation:**

Internal	External
Council management.	Nil.

### **Officer Report**

#### **Responsible Officer:**

*David Wilson (Chief Financial Officer)*

The analysis will provide a commercial overview of the childcare centre for councillor information. The analysis discusses:

- The value created for the community by council providing the service.
- The historical cost of providing the service.
- The actions that management have underway to address the increasing cost of providing the service.

#### **Recommendation:**

*That the Committee receives the presentation.*

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## **7.5 AI Briefing**

Consideration of a briefing outlining the use of Artificial Intelligence.

### **Corporate Plan Alignment**

Strategy
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<b>OUR FINANCES</b>
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4.1.1 Achieve efficiency and reduce risks through contemporary technology, and innovative work processes
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### **Consultation:**

Internal	External
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## **Officer Report**

### **Responsible Officer:**

*Kimberley Dillon (Manager of Innovation and Business Improvement)*

Presenting a briefing on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the local government context.

<b>Recommendation:</b>
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<i>That the Committee receive the report.</i>
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## **7.6 Customer Service Requests**

Consideration of Customer Service Requests for the previous month.

### **Corporate Plan Alignment**

Strategy
<b>OUR LEADERSHIP</b> 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.*

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

<b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That the Committee receives the Customer Service Request report, as presented.</i>
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## **7.7 Meetings Action Register**

Consideration of actions arising from previous meetings.

### **Corporate Plan Alignment**

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#### **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*

Presenting a summary of the actions arising from previous meetings.

#### **Recommendation:**

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

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## **7.8 Community Forum Outcomes**

Consideration of outcomes from the last round of community forums held in May.

### **Corporate Plan Alignment**

Strategy
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#### **OUR LEADERSHIP**

5.2.2 Increase opportunities for meaningful community engagement to improve transparency and to strengthen community trust
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### **Consultation:**

Internal	External
ELT	Forum attendees

## **Officer Report**

### **Responsible Officer:**

*Brett Walsh - Chief Executive Officer*

Presenting a report summarising discussion at the community forums held in May.

### **Recommendation:**

<i>That the Committee receive the report.</i>
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## **7.9 July Council Meeting Agenda Review**

Consideration of the July Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, for the information of Committee members.

### **Appendices**

Nil

#### ***Recommendation:***

*That the Committee note the Council Meeting Agenda contents.*

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**8 Late Items**

Nil for this meeting

**9 Closed Matters**

Nil for this meeting

**10 Closure of Meeting**