



MINUTES

General Meeting

27 September 2023

**MINUTES OF NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE MT PERRY BOARDROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 9.00AM**

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at TIME and welcomed all attendees.

2 ATTENDEES

COUNCILLORS: Cr Leslie Hotz (Mayor)
Cr Robert Radel (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Dael Giddins
Cr Kingsley Mesner
Cr Melinda Jones
Cr Michael Dingle

OFFICERS: Margot Stork (CEO)
Anna Scott (General Manager Works)
Kim Mahoney (General Manager Corporate and Community)
Kat Bright (Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor)
Kath Hamilton (Executive Assistant - Corporate and Community)*^
Michael Wallace (Contracts and Leasing Officer)*^
Rhys Habermann (Acting Strategic Relationships Manager)
Shaun Johnston (Water and Wastewater Manager)*^

*^ attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams * attended part of the meeting only*

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology had been received from Cr Susan Payne.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and accept Cr Payne's apology for the General Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023/162

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Radel
Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of Council, the Mayor extended an Acknowledgement of Country.

5 MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

The Mayor called for a moment of silence to pay respects to those who have passed in our region.

<i>Eric Bertwistle</i>	<i>Biggenden</i>
<i>Grace McGregor</i>	<i>Biggenden</i>
<i>Malcolm Bishop</i>	<i>Biggenden</i>
<i>Peter Birchley</i>	<i>Eidsvold</i>
<i>Elva Turner</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Gwen Hampson</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Julie Farrell</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Michael Jamieson</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Taine Rooney</i>	<i>Monto</i>
<i>Barry Holznagel</i>	<i>Mundubbera</i>

6 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Mr Mark Postle attended the meeting at 9.18am to make a deputation to Council regarding the old Caravan Park in Mundubbera.

During the discussion, Mr Postle expressed his interest in purchasing the land with a proposal to reinstate the park for Caravan's only suggesting a maximum of 30 vans which the current amenities block would service. Mr Postle suggested that there would be no further infrastructure/amenities required or built on site.

Through the Chair, Margot Stork (CEO) advised that Officers would conduct a preliminary assessment of the land. Following the assessment, a report will be tabled for Council consideration at an upcoming General Meeting.

Mr Postle concluded his presentation at 9.30am.

202309_1 DEPUTATION PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE OLD CARAVAN PARK IN MUDUBBERA

Officers to conduct a preliminary assessment of the land on which the old Caravan Park in Mundubbera is located. Following the assessment, a report will be tabled for Council consideration at an upcoming General Meeting.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2023****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 August 2023 be confirmed.

RESOLUTION 2023/163

Moved: Cr Dael Giddins
Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 August 2023 be confirmed.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

9 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**9.1 OUTSTANDING COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REPORT****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the Outstanding Council Resolutions Report from May 2021 to July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023/164

Moved: Cr Kingsley Mesner
Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

That Council receive the Outstanding Council Resolutions Report from May 2021 to July 2023.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the North Burnett Local Disaster Management Plan as presented.

RESOLUTION 2023/165

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council endorse the North Burnett Local Disaster Management Plan as presented.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 DISASTER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to the ongoing annual licensing and maintenance costs of the Flood Warning Intelligence System, Emergency Management Dashboard Upgrade and Property Level Flood Information Portal.

RESOLUTION 2023/166

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**10.1 FINANCE REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2023****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, in accordance with section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, receives the Finance Report for the period ended 31 August 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023/167

Moved: Cr Dael Giddins
Seconded: Cr Robert Radel

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0**11 WORKS****11.1 REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARD****OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the revised Customer Service Standard for Water and Wastewater.

RESOLUTION 2023/168

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones
Seconded: Cr Kingsley Mesner

That Council adopt the revised Customer Service Standard for Water and Wastewater.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

12 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Councillor Reports for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 August 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023/169

Moved: Cr Dael Giddins
Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council receives the Councillor Reports for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 August 2023.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

13 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Regional Housing Limited - Rescission Motion

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.2 Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre - Rescission Motion

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.3 Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO) 2023 Partnership Proposal

This matter is considered to be confidential under 254J - 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

RESOLUTION 2023/170

Moved: Cr Kingsley Mesner

Seconded: Cr Robert Radel

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

14.1 Regional Housing Limited - Rescission Motion

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interests of the local government.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

THE MEETING MOVED INTO A CLOSED SESSION AT 9.40AM.

NOTE: During the confidential closed session, Councillors discussed the content in the confidential reports listed above.

RESOLUTION 2023/171

Moved: Cr Robert Radel

Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

That Council moves out of Closed Session into Open Session.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO AN OPEN SESSION AT 10.34AM.

14.1 REGIONAL HOUSING LIMITED - RESCISSION MOTION

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council rescind parts 1 and 2 of Resolution 2022/133 in relation to Lot 14 YL836018 Moreton Street, Eidsvold and Regional Housing Limited.

RESOLUTION 2023/172

Moved: Cr Robert Radel

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

That Council rescind parts 1, 2 and 3 of Resolution 2022/133 in relation to Lot 14 YL836018 Moreton Street, Eidsvold and Regional Housing Limited.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

14.2 REGINALD MURRAY WILLIAMS AUSTRALIAN BUSH LEARNING CENTRE - RESCISSION MOTION**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Rescind resolution 2021/52(2);
2. Amends resolution 2021/52(3) to read "Further consider a report on the outcome of the Expression of Interest at the July 2022 General Meeting";
3. Rescind resolution 2022/117(2); and
4. Conduct whole of North Burnett community consultation to gauge community sentiment on the future of the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre and note Officers will continue to investigate issues related to the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre.

RESOLUTION 2023/173

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

That Council:

1. Rescind resolution 2021/52(2);
2. Amends resolution 2021/52(3) to read "Further consider a report on the outcome of the Expression of Interest at the July 2022 General Meeting"; and
3. Rescind resolution 2022/117(2).

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

RESOLUTION 2023/174

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

That Council conduct whole of North Burnett community consultation to gauge community sentiment on the future of the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre and note Officers will continue to investigate issues related to the Reginald Murray Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Robert Radel, Melinda Jones, Dael Giddins, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

14.3 BURNETT INLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (BIEDO) 2023 PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorse a hybrid model, comprising of a reduced BIEDO partnership scope for the 2023 calendar year coupled with economic development work completed by Council staff. OR
- 2. Endorse a reduced BIEDO partnership scope for the 2023 calendar year. OR
- 3. Endorse the full scope of the BIEDO partnership agreement for the 2023 calendar year.

AND

- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a partnership agreement with BIEDO for the 2023 calendar year if required.

OR

- 5. Resolve to take no further action with regards to a partnership agreement for the 2023 calendar year with BIEDO and inform BIEDO of such.

RESOLUTION 2023/175

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Dael Giddins

That Council:

- 1. Endorse a hybrid model, comprising of a reduced BIEDO partnership scope for the 2023/2024 period comprising of pillar 4 to deliver business support and growth workshops for an amount up to \$35,000.00, coupled with economic development work completed by Council staff.
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a partnership agreement with BIEDO for the 2023/2024 period if required.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones and Dael Giddins

Against: Crs Robert Radel, Michael Dingle and Kingsley Mesner

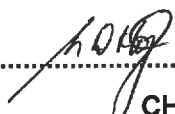
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WITH AN EQUAL VOTE, MAYOR HOTZ USED HIS CASTING VOTE: CARRIED 4/3

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 10.53am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting held on 25 October 2023.

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 CHAIRPERSON