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Whitsunday Regional Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at
Council Chambers, 67 Herbert Street, Bowen on
22 July 2020 commencing at **9:00am**

Councillors Present:

Andrew Willcox (Mayor/Chair), Jan Clifford, Al Grundy, John Collins, Michelle Wright, Gary Simpson and Michael Brunker.

Council Officers Present:

Rodney Ferguson (Chief Executive Officer); Julie Wright (Director Community Services); Neil McGaffin (Director Development Services); Jason Bradshaw (Director Corporate Services); Matthew Fanning (Director Infrastructure Services); Greg Martin (Communications and Marketing Manager); Tailah Jensen (Governance Administration Officer/Minute Taker)

Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):

Trevor Williams (Disaster Recover Project Director); Norman Garsden (Acting Manager – Governance & Administration)

Other Details:

The meeting commenced at 9.00am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.07am

The meeting reconvened from morning tea at 10.26am

The meeting closed at 11.42am

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1. Apologies

No Agenda items for this section.

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## 2. Condolences

### 2.1 2020/07/22.01 CONDOLENCES

#### **SUMMARY**

Council has received advice of the passing of community members within the Whitsunday Region.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council observes one (1) minutes silence for the recently deceased.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY

That Council observes one (1) minutes silence for the recently deceased.

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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3.1 Mayoral Minute

No Agenda items for this section.

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### 3.2 Mayoral Update

#### Since my last Council meeting on July 8, 2020

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| <b>Wednesday<br/>8 July</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filming for 2020/21 Budget with Councillors, in Bowen</li><li>• Council meeting, in Bowen</li><li>• Tour with Minister for Main Roads Mark Bailey and Labor candidate Tracey Cameron around Airlie Beach &amp; Shute Harbour to discuss current and future projects. Then travelled to Bowen to inspect the new rock wall at the Bowen Boat Harbour</li></ul> |
| <b>Thursday<br/>9 July</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting with ratepayers, in Bowen</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Friday<br/>10 July</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trip to visit Mt Coolon &amp; Collinsville area to inspect:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Road upgrade between Collinsville &amp; Mt Coolon</li><li>○ Adani Rail Camp No 5</li><li>○ Workers Camp around Mt Coolon</li></ul></li></ul>                                                                                                               |
| <b>Monday<br/>13 July</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting a ratepayer, in Bowen</li><li>• Teleconference for LDMG Extraordinary Meeting</li><li>• Attended an event hosted by Bowen Tennis Association, Queens Beach with Robert Barty (Ash Barty's father) as guest speaker.</li><li>• That evening attended Bowen Collinsville Enterprise Group meeting, in Bowen</li></ul>                                   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>14 July</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Media Training with Kim Skubris, in Proserpine</li><li>• Bowen Netball Association celebrated turning on their new court lights</li><li>• That evening I attended Bowen Lions Club – Annual Changeover Dinner</li></ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>15 July</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Budget Meeting, in Bowen</li><li>• Briefing Session, in Bowen</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday<br/>16 July</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trip with Tourism Whitsunday to tour Collinsville looking at tourism opportunities and stayed overnight in Collinsville</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Friday<br/>17 July</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue tour of Collinsville.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday<br/>18 July</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo shoot in front of new Proserpine Administration Building</li><li>• Official opening of Proserpine State High School Cricket Nets</li><li>• Catch up with CEO, in Bowen</li><li>• That evening attended a dinner with Mackay Hospital Health Board, in Bowen</li></ul>                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>19 July</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audit &amp; Risk Committee Meeting, in Bowen</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **4.1 2020/07/22.02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY**

Council is required to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes held on 8 July 2020 and the Special Meeting held on 15 July 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2020 and the Special Council Meeting (Budget) held on 15 July 2020, with the exception of Item 12.2 of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2020;
2. resolves to:
  - a. Support the submission to the Queensland Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund seeking funding amounts as identified for the following projects:
    - a) \$300,000 for the Strategic Floodplain Management Plan Project
    - b) \$414,000 for the Regional Floodway Resilience Program
    - c) \$105,000 for the Flood cameras & Intelligent Systems Project; and
  - b. Approve the proposed Council co-contributions, in the event the funding application is successful:
    - a) \$50,000 for the Strategic Floodplain Management Plan Project
    - b) \$46,000 for the Regional Floodway Resilience Program
    - c) \$15,000 for the Flood cameras & Intelligent Systems Project

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J COLLINS**

**Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT**

**That Council:**

1. **confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2020 and the Special Council Meeting (Budget) held on 15 July 2020, with the exception of Item 12.2 of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 July 2020;**
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    - b) **\$46,000 for the Regional Floodway Resilience Program**
    - c) **\$15,000 for the Flood cameras & Intelligent Systems Project**

## MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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5. Delegations

Council received a deputation from Mr Stephen Thurtell regarding issues associated with applications for a Material Change of Use for Short Term Accommodation.

Mr Thurtell was thanked for his presentation and Council will consider the issues raised when assessing the development application that was reference in relation to short term accommodation.

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## **6. Petitions**

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No agenda items for this section.

## **7. Notice of Motion**

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No agenda items for this section.

## **8. Questions on Notice**

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No agenda items for this section.

## 9. Questions from Public Gallery

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### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At this time in the meeting the opportunity is provided to members of the gallery to ask questions of the Council or to make statements about the Council and its operations. Under Council's Standing Orders the following applies in relation to this public question time:

1. In every Council Meeting time shall be set aside to permit members of the public to address the Council on matters of public interest related to local government. Questions from the Public Gallery will be taken on notice and may or may not be responded to at the Meeting and must be submitted in writing to Council prior to the Council Meeting in accordance with Council's Policy for Standing Orders – Meetings. The time allocated shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and no more than three (3) speakers shall be permitted to speak at any one (1) meeting. The right of any individual to address the Council during this period shall be at absolute discretion of the Council.
2. If any address or comment is irrelevant, offensive, or unduly long, the Chairperson may require the person to cease making the submission or comment.
3. Any person addressing the Council shall stand, state their name and address, act and speak with decorum and frame any remarks in respectful and courteous language

### QUESTION ONE

**Name:** Noel Hardie

**Address:** 1 Lascelles Lane, Bowen

I would like Council to provide me with a letter of consent to present in court. I am seeking compensation for the cost of replacing the street trees on my footpath in Lascelles Lane, Bowen from another person, whom I will be taking to court to initiate legal action against the person responsible for damaging these trees. I believe that they deliberately damaged the trees and I have also referred the matter to the Queensland Police Service by providing a statement. Finally, I am seeking a letter of consent to represent Council and to seek remuneration for this damage caused. I would hope that I have Council's support on the matter.

\* Edited version of complaint to protect the privacy of another person.

### COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

*CEO, Mr Rod Ferguson advised that Mr Hardy will be representing himself in court and cannot represent Council. However, it is confirmed that Mr Hardy has previously been provided approval in 2011 to plant the trees. Mr Ferguson advised that he would arrange for a council officer to provide a copy of this letter to Mr Hardy.*

## 10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

### 10.1 2020/07/22.03 SHUTE HARBOUR CLOSURE 22 JULY 2020 TO 21 JANUARY 2021

#### **SUMMARY**

Council at its meeting on 13 November 2019 resolved to close Shute Harbour (to the same standards and conditions being recommended in this report) for the period 30 November 2019 to 30 April 2020. This report recommends continuing this closure for an additional 6 months (the maximum time period allowed under Council Local Laws).

Attachment 1 to this report is an aerial photograph depicting Shute Harbour Transit Facility and the 'Construction Zone' and other facilities such as the Fishing Pontoon. The works required by Council for the redevelopment project authorised by the Development Approval will be undertaken in the 'Construction Zone'.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council resolves to:

- 1) Close the Council controlled area marked as 'Construction Zone' on Attachment 1 within the Shute Harbour Transit Facility from 22 July 2020 to 21 January 2021 as specified in Table 1 to public access (other than Council's contractors, agents, authorised personnel and approved persons) in accordance with section 8(1) of the *Whitsunday Regional Council Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2014* to facilitate the construction of the redevelopment of the Shute Harbour terminal and works approved under the development approval issued on 12 June 2019 (Council Reference 20190025) and operational works approval issued on 06/01/2020.

Table 1

| Council Controlled Facility at Shute Harbour | Details of Closure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lower Car Park                               | Closed to all public access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Fishing Pontoon                              | Closed to all public access unless limited access has been approved by the Chief Executive Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Shute Harbour Facility Pontoons              | Closed to all public access with the exception of Cruise Whitsundays for limited Ferry operations                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Boat Ramp                                    | Closed to all public access with the exception of the tourism operators as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scamper</li><li>• Island Transfers</li><li>• Paradise Explorer</li><li>• Mars Charters</li><li>• Pioneer Adventures</li><li>• Elysian Retreat</li><li>• Palm Bay Resort</li></ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salty Dog Sea Kayaking, and any other tourism operator approved by the Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul> |
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- 2) Close part of Shute Harbour Road (Entrance to the Shute Harbour Transit Facility) from the 'Site Gate' as marked on Attachment 1 to the part of that road within the area marked as 'Construction Zone' on Attachment 1 from 30 July 2020 to 29 January 2021 to all traffic (other than Council's contractors, agents, authorised personnel and approved persons) in accordance with section 69(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) in the interests of public safety to support the construction noted in paragraph 1.
- 3) Furthermore, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a) to give formal notice to the existing operators requiring access to the Boat Ramp.
- 4) Record its reasons for the closure of the Shute Harbour facilities as follows:
  - a) to protect the safety of the general public in an area of heavy construction activity as noted in the officer report occurring within a constrained work site at Shute Harbour by the advancement of the rights conferred by the development approval issued on 12 June 2019 (Council Reference 20190025) (Development Approval) and operational works approval issued on 3 January 2020.
  - b) to ensure that Council is able to complete the construction of the project in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Development Approvals within the timeframes dictated by the State Government which has granted funding to Council to advance the re-development of the Council controlled facilities at Shute Harbour as noted in the officer report.
  - c) to ensure that Council is able to complete the construction of the project within its budgetary allocations conferred for delivery of the project and within the funding the State Government has granted to Council as noted in the officer report to advance the re-development of the Council controlled facilities at Shute Harbour.
  - d) to ensure that access is provided by Council to its contractors and their equipment within a constrained site in a way that ensures the project is constructed in a timely and cost effective way for Council and within the limits of the budgetary allocations to the project as noted in the officer report.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved by:** CR J CLIFFORD

**Seconded by:** CR A GRUNDY

**Council resolves to:**

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| Shute Harbour Facility Pontoons                     | Closed to all public access with the exception of Cruise Whitsundays for limited Ferry operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Boat Ramp                                           | <p>Closed to all public access with the exception of the tourism operators as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scamper</li> <li>• Island Transfers</li> <li>• Paradise Explorer</li> <li>• Mars Charters</li> <li>• Pioneer Adventures</li> <li>• Elysian Retreat</li> <li>• Palm Bay Resort</li> <li>• Salty Dog Sea Kayaking, and</li> </ul> <p>any other tourism operator approved by the Chief Executive Officer</p> |

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- 3) Furthermore, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a) to give formal notice to the existing operators requiring access to the Boat Ramp.
- 4) Record its reasons for the closure of the Shute Harbour facilities as follows:
  - a) to protect the safety of the general public in an area of heavy construction activity as noted in the officer report occurring within a constrained work site at Shute Harbour by the advancement of the rights conferred by the development approval issued on 12 June 2019 (Council Reference 20190025) (Development Approval) and operational works approval issued on 3 January 2020.
  - b) to ensure that Council is able to complete the construction of the project in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Development



Approvals within the timeframes dictated by the State Government which has granted funding to Council to advance the re-development of the Council controlled facilities at Shute Harbour as noted in the officer report.

- c) to ensure that Council is able to complete the construction of the project within its budgetary allocations conferred for delivery of the project and within the funding the State Government has granted to Council as noted in the officer report to advance the re-development of the Council controlled facilities at Shute Harbour.
- d) to ensure that access is provided by Council to its contractors and their equipment within a constrained site in a way that ensures the project is constructed in a timely and cost-effective way for Council and within the limits of the budgetary allocations to the project as noted in the officer report.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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11. Corporate Services

11.1 2020/07/22.04 REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - 2020-2024

SUMMARY

At Council's meeting of 27 May 2020 Councillors were authorised to represent Council on a number of internal and external committees and boards. Since then, Council has additionally been asked to nominate a Council representative to be included on the Regional Development Australia Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday (RDA MIW) Committee. Correspondence from RDA MIW is attached for Council's information. Cr Clifford currently holds an appointment on the committee until 31 December 2020 in her own right – not as a representative of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate Cr Clifford to represent Whitsunday Regional Council on the Regional Development Australia Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday (RDA MIW) Committee until 31 December 2020.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M BRUNKER

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council nominate Cr Clifford to represent Whitsunday Regional Council on the Regional Development Australia Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday (RDA MIW) Committee until 31 December 2020.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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## **11. Corporate Services**

**11.2 2020/07/22.05 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **SUMMARY**

Council are invited to bring forward for discussion motions which relate to the objectives of the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration at the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Submit the following motions to the LGAQ to be considered for inclusion in the LGAQ Annual Conference 2020 Business Papers:
  - a) That the LGAQ call on the Queensland Government to review the requirements imposed on local governments regarding the publishing of notices in newspapers and consider alternatives, including publishing notices online.
  - b) That based on the performance of the ECQ at the 2020 Local Government Elections, the LGAQ call for a review of the Local Government Electoral Arrangements including the right for each local government to run the election.
  - c) That the LGAQ call on the Queensland Government to continue the 'Works 4 Queensland' funding program for a further two years to support local communities in their economic recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - d) That the LGAQ lobby the State Government for a review of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) methodology in conjunction with the Federal Government so that the method of allocation better reflects contemporary local councils and their diverse responsibilities.
  - e) That the LGAQ call on the State Government to take the lead in resolving any known issues of PFAS contamination that arises from the historical operations of fire stations and where contamination is found in soil or water that the state addresses the contamination and its management.
2. Nominate Mayor Andrew Willcox and Cr XXXX as its delegates to the LGAQ Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M BRUNKER**

**Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**That Council:**

1. **Submit the following motions to the LGAQ to be considered for inclusion in the LGAQ Annual Conference 2020 Business Papers:**
  - a) **That the LGAQ call on the Queensland Government to review the requirements imposed on local governments regarding the publishing of notices in newspapers and consider alternatives, including publishing notices online.**

- b) That based on the performance of the ECQ at the 2020 Local Government Elections, the LGAQ call for a review of the Local Government Electoral Arrangements including the right for each local government to run the election.
  - c) That the LGAQ call on the Queensland Government to continue the 'Works 4 Queensland' funding program for a further two years to support local communities in their economic recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - d) That the LGAQ lobby the State Government for a review of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) methodology in conjunction with the Federal Government so that the method of allocation better reflects contemporary local councils and their diverse responsibilities.
  - e) That the LGAQ call on the State Government to take the lead in resolving any known issues of PFAS contamination that arises from the historical operations of fire stations and where contamination is found in soil or water that the state addresses the contamination and its management.
2. Nominate Mayor Andrew Willcox and Cr Grundy as its delegates and Cr Simpson and Cr Wright as observers to the LGAQ Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 6/1

**CARRIED**

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11. Corporate Services

11.3 2020/07/22.06 LEASE - BOWEN HILL - ISLAND FM

Cr Jan Clifford declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter could exist (as per section 175E of the Local Government Act 2009), due to her involvement in a weekly radio show on Island FM however she receives no financial support in doing so, therefore she had considered her position and was firmly of the opinion she could participate in debate and vote on this matter in the public interest.

Cr Clifford left the meeting at 9.50am to allow for the other Councillors to decide whether she may remain in the meeting to participate in the discussion and decision making on this matter.

Councillors voted 6/0 that Councillor Clifford does not have a Conflict of Interest and that she may participate in the discussion and decision making on this matter.

Cr Clifford returned at the meeting 9.52am.

SUMMARY

Island FM are a community-based service that provide radio services to the Whitsunday Region including Airlie Beach, Bowen, Collinsville and Hamilton Island. They currently have telecommunications equipment on Councils telecommunications tower located at the Bowen Reservoir, 27 Tynwald Avenue Bowen.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and execute a part of land lease with the Island FM at 27 Tynwald Avenue, Bowen (L2 SP171907) in accordance with Section 236(1)(b) and Section 236(1)(c)(vi) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M BRUNKER

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and execute a part of land lease with the Island FM at 27 Tynwald Avenue, Bowen (L2 SP171907) in accordance with Section 236(1)(b) and Section 236(1)(c)(vi) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**11. Corporate Services**

**11.4 2020/07/22.07**

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA MACKAY –  
ISAAC AND WHITSUNDAY AGRIBUSINESS FUTURES  
ALLIANCE PROJECT**

**SUMMARY**

Mr Craig Turner, Chief Operating Officer – Aviation and Tourism has been invited to be the regional aviation representative on a newly formed Agribusiness Futures Committee. The primary purpose for forming the RDA MIW Agribusiness Futures Alliance Project is to develop the MIW agribusiness industry capacity and capability with a view to increasing productivity, quality assurance, social responsiveness, economic and environmental sustainability in the face of diminishing returns and global competition.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirm the Chief Operating Officer – Aviation and Tourism to be nominated to represent Whitsunday Regional Council's views to the Regional Development Australia Mackay – Isaac and Whitsunday Agribusiness Futures Alliance Project.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council confirm the Chief Operating Officer – Aviation and Tourism to be nominated to represent Whitsunday Regional Council's views to the Regional Development Australia Mackay – Isaac and Whitsunday Agribusiness Futures Alliance Project.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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11. Corporate Services

**11.5 2020/07/22.08 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/20 QUATERLY REVIEW -
QUARTER 4**

SUMMARY

Council's Operational Plan states how Council will progress the implementation of the 5-year Corporate Plan during the 2019/20 period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Operational Plan 2019/20 quarter four review report.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J COLLINS

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council receive the Operational Plan 2019/20 quarter four review report.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**11. Corporate Services**

**11.6 2020/07/22.09 FINANCIAL REPORT - FY 19/20 - PERIOD ENDING JUNE 2020**

**SUMMARY**

To present the Unaudited Estimated Draft Financial Statements for the period ended June 2020 to ensure ongoing compliance with our legislation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the Unaudited Estimated Draft Annual Financial Statements for Whitsunday Regional Council for the period ended 30 June 2020 of the Financial Year 2019/20.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON**

**That Council receive the Unaudited Estimated Draft Annual Financial Statements for Whitsunday Regional Council for the period ended 30 June 2020 of the Financial Year 2019/20.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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11. Corporate Services

11.7 2020/07/22.10

CORPORATE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2020

SUMMARY

To provide an overview the Corporate Services Directorate for the month of June 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Corporate Services Monthly Report for June 2020.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR J COLLINS

That Council receive the Corporate Services Monthly Report for June 2020.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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## **12. Development Services**

### **12.1 2020/07/22.11 LOCAL ROAD AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING - PROJECT SELECTION**

#### **SUMMARY**

Whitsunday Regional Council has been advised by the Federal Government of a Nominal Funding Allocation offer of \$1,050,537 to deliver road and community infrastructure projects as part of the Federal Government's economic stimulus response to Covid-19. Council can apply for one or more projects via a project nomination process to access these funds. ELT recommend Chapman Street Off-Street Parking Facility Project with an estimated project cost of \$1.1M. In the event it is not supported to nominate the Airlie Lagoon Deck and Shared Cycleway & further development to Proserpine RV Park projects that have a combined construction cost of \$1.15M.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council submit the Chapman Street Off-Street Parking Facility Project (\$1.1M) for the Federal Government's Covid-19 stimulus funding opportunity Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J COLLINS**

**Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**That Council submit the Chapman Street Off-Street Parking Facility Project (\$1.1M) for the Federal Government's Covid-19 stimulus funding opportunity Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.**

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Community Services

**13.1 2020/07/22.12 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE -
RELOCATION OF BUILDING - BOWEN MEN'S SHED**

SUMMARY

Council is approached by community groups for donations and attempts to assist where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves a donation of \$20,000.00, from budget code JC: 2967.11074 – Community Donations (2967) / Donations (11074), to assist the Bowen Men's Shed to relocate a building from the Bowen Coke Works to their Dalrymple Street site. The donation to be contingent on funding from other sources being secured to cover the full cost of the project.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M BRUNKER

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council approves a donation of \$20,000.00, from budget code JC: 2967.11074 – Community Donations (2967) / Donations (11074), to assist the Bowen Men's Shed to relocate a building from the Bowen Coke Works to their Dalrymple Street site. The donation to be contingent on funding from other sources being secured to cover the full cost of the project.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**13. Community Services**

**13.2 2020/07/22.13 OFFER TO DONATE A SCULPTURE TO COUNCIL -  
ROTARY CLUB OF AIRLIE BEACH**

**SUMMARY**

Council is approached from time to time to consider receiving donations of art work.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept the donation of a Turtle Sculpture from the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach as part of the Heritage Trail Project.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council accept the donation of a Turtle Sculpture from the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach as part of the Heritage Trail Project.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Community Services

13.3 2020/07/22.14 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - 2020 DON RIVER DASH - BURDEKIN OFFROADERS INC.

SUMMARY

Council is approached from time to time to support events or activities via sponsorship.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) approve a donation of \$7,500.00, from budget code JC: 2967.11074 - Community Donations (2967) / Sponsorship (10249), to assist the Burdekin Offroaders Inc. to host the 2020 Don River Dash to be held from 4-6 September 2020; and
- b) provide in kind support, up to the value of \$10,000.00, from budget code JC: 2967.10642 - Community Donations (2967) / Council In-Kind Support (10642) to assist with traffic management activities.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M BRUNKER

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council:

- a) **approve a donation of \$7,500.00, from budget code JC: 2967.11074 - Community Donations (2967) / Sponsorship (10249), to assist the Burdekin Offroaders Inc. to host the 2020 Don River Dash to be held from 4-6 September 2020; and**
- b) **provide in kind support, up to the value of \$10,000.00, from budget code JC: 2967.10642 - Community Donations (2967) / Council In-Kind Support (10642) to assist with traffic management activities.**

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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### **13. Community Services**

#### **13.4 2020/07/22.15 ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FERAL PIGS ON REGIONAL ECONOMY**

##### **SUMMARY**

In 2019, Council received a Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI) Grant - Round 3 to expand the feral animal control and management program. Council was successful in gaining \$133,000.00 in funding through the QFPI over a three-year period. One of the project tasks associated with the QFPI grant was the modelling of the economic impacts of feral pigs on grazing, horticulture and sugarcane land uses.

Council engaged a consultant to undertake the economic modelling of feral pig impacts. The study involved interviewing landholders to gain data on feral pig impacts. The study has found that feral pig direct and indirect impacts on the regional agricultural sector is estimated at \$12.58 million a year.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- a) Receive the *Estimating the Economic Impact of Feral Pigs in the Whitsunday Region Report*, and
- b) Endorse the *Estimating the Economic Impact of Feral Pigs in the Whitsunday Region Report*, to distribute to regional land management stakeholder organisations.

##### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council:

- a) Receive the *Estimating the Economic Impact of Feral Pigs in the Whitsunday Region Report*, and
- b) Endorse the *Estimating the Economic Impact of Feral Pigs in the Whitsunday Region Report*, to distribute to regional land management stakeholder organisations.

##### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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Procedural Motion

2020/07/22.16 PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURN

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That the meeting be adjourned for the purpose of morning tea at 10.07am.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**Procedural Motion**

**2020/07/22.17           PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE**

**Moved by:               CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by:           CR M WRIGHT**

**That the meeting be reconvened from morning tea at 10.26am.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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14. Infrastructure Services

14.1 2020/07/22.18 OPERATIONAL REPORT - ROADS & DRAINAGE - JUNE 2020

SUMMARY

The report is to provide Council with information regarding the performance by Council's Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops and Parks & Gardens Operational teams over the month of June 2020 and may include proposed works for July 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops and Parks & Gardens Operations progress report.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council receive and note the Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops and Parks & Gardens Operations progress report.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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## **14. Infrastructure Services**

### **14.2 2020/07/22.19 DRFA & SHUTE HARBOUR PROJECT CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT - JUNE 2020**

#### **SUMMARY**

The report provides a summary of key Capital projects underway during the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 financial years. The attachments include multi-year projects that remain active or have been completed during this financial year. This month's report lists the DRFA Flood Event 2019, the Shute Harbour Project and the Qld Monsoonal Event 2020.

Current Financial Progress:

NDRRA – TC Debbie – Work completed 30/06/19, with expenditure of \$1,480,519.00 carried over into 19/20 Financial Year. Submissions acquitted and waiting on QRA to pay final submission acquittal for Bowen Front Beach Wall.

DRFA – Flood Event 2019 – Expenditure of \$20,818,406.25, to date with forecast of a further \$24,524,396.69 budgeted by the end of 20/21 Financial Year.

Shute Harbour – Expenditure of \$19,664,238.15 to date with a forecast of a further \$34,835,761.85 budgeted by the end of 20/21 Financial Year. QRA budget \$54.5m including \$2.9m Council contribution from insurance payout.

Qld Monsoonal Flood Event 2020 – Expenditure for Emergency Works is currently \$510,788.06 with Emergency period ended on the 03/05/20. PDM underway with pick up of damage. Emergent Claim in being prepared for lodgement with the QRA. First submission lodged with QRA for Proserpine Roads, currently in infield at \$2,092,211.15.

Council and external contractors undertook emergency repairs to roads damaged by this event. Emergency works were completed by 03 May 2020. Assessment are currently being assessed for submission to the QRA.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the DRFA & Shute Harbour Project capital progress report for the month of June 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by: **CR J COLLINS**

Seconded by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

That Council receive the DRFA & Shute Harbour Project capital progress report for the month of June 2020.

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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Procedural Motion

2020/07/22.20 PROCEDURAL MOTION - CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR J COLLINS

That Council close the meeting to the public at 11.01am in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, for the purpose of discussing employee or industrial matters, budget, rating concessions, contractual matters, legal proceedings, planning matters or other business likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.2.1 MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS TENDER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it

16.3.1 FUTURE OF IN-HOUSE BUILDING CERTIFICATION

(h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**Procedural Motion**

**2020/07/22.21                   PROCEDURAL MOTION – REOPEN OF MEETING**

**Moved by:                       CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by:               CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 11.39am.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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16.1 Confidential Matters – Office of the Mayor and CEO

No Agenda items for this section.

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## **16.2 Confidential Matters – Corporate Services**

### **16.2.1 2020/07/22.22 MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS TENDER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **SUMMARY**

Council resolved on 12 June 2020 to adopt the Queensland Government Prequalification (PQC) System for Building Suppliers for invitation to tender for building works over \$1 million. As a result, Council has successfully conducted a number of tenders however the application of a pure dollar limit in the application of the PQC does not fully address the risk levels to Council.

The proposed increase of the dollar limit to \$5 million and the application of the Service Risk Profile would benefit Council by reducing the tender assessment timeframe and encourage more local tenders for suppliers of building services.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to continue to use the framework for the Queensland Government Prequalification (PQC) System for Building Suppliers for invitation to tender for building works but amend the value of works from over \$1 Million to works over \$5 Million and/or for projects with a PQC Service Risk Score of 2 or higher.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

Seconded by: **CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council resolves to continue to use the framework for the Queensland Government Prequalification (PQC) System for Building Suppliers for invitation to tender for building works but amend the value of works from over \$1 Million to works over \$5 Million and/or for projects with a PQC Service Risk Score of 2 or higher.**

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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16.3 Confidential Matters – Development Services

16.3.1 2020/07/22.23 FUTURE OF IN-HOUSE BUILDING CERTIFICATION

SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the future management of In-house Building Certification Services currently offered by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Discontinue the provision of Building Certification Services for new Building Applications from 30 August 2020; and
2. Develop a communication strategy to notify the community and industry of Council's decision.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

Seconded by: **CR G SIMPSON**

That Council:

1. Discontinue the provision of Building Certification Services for new Building Applications from 30 August 2020; and
2. Develop a communication strategy to notify the community and industry of Council's decision.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 6/1

CARRIED

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### **16.4 Confidential Matters – Community Services**

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No Agenda items for this section.

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16.5 Confidential Matters – Infrastructure Services

No Agenda items for this section.

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*The meeting closed at 11.42am*

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 12 August 2020.

**Cr Andrew Willcox
MAYOR**