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Whitsunday Regional Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at
67 Herbert Street, Bowen on
28 October 2021 commencing at **9.00am**

Councillors Present:

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

Council Officers Present:

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

Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):

Troy Pettiford (COO Whitsunday Water); Craig Turner (Chief Operating Officer – Aviation and Tourism); Jessica Cristaudo (Coordinator Transport Planning and Assets); Trevor Williams (Disaster Recovery Project Director); (Shute Harbour Coordinator); John Gwydir (Executive Manager Roads and Drainage); Michael Downing (Coordinator Capital Project Delivery); John Gwydir (Executive Manager Roads and Drainage); James Ngoroyemoto (Manager Governance and Administration)

Other Details:

The meeting commenced at 9.00am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.08am

The meeting reconvened from morning tea at 10.40am

The meeting closed at 12.15pm

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1. Apologies

No agenda items for this section.

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## **2. Condolences**

### **2.1 2021/10/28.01 CONDOLENCES**

#### **SUMMARY**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

Seconded by: **CR G SIMPSON**

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

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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3.1 Declarations of Interest

No agenda items for this section.

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## **4.1 Mayoral Minute**

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No Agenda items for this section.

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4.2 Mayoral Update

Since my last Council meeting on October 13, 2021

Wednesday 13 October	• Council Meeting, in Collinsville • Attended BBQ lunch at Collinsville Depot to celebrate Roy Janz joining the “25 year club” at Council • That afternoon, attended Collinsville & Scottville Miners Memorial Day
Thursday 14 October	• Recorded my Monthly Mayoral Talkback Segment with ABC • Travelled to Townsville to catch a flight to attend Regional Queensland Council of Mayor meeting, being held in Mossman • That evening attended a dinner with other Mayors involved with RQCOM, in Port Douglas
Friday 15 October	• Attended Regional Queensland Council of Mayor meeting, in Mossman • Travelled home
Saturday 16 October	• Officially opened the Whitsunday PCYC Multicultural Day, in Airlie Beach • Attended launch of WRC Our Whitsunday Way, at Airlie Beach Foreshore
Monday 18 October	• Met Kidz at the Beach Super Heroes Reef Guardian at Brisk Bay to unveil the sign they designed to educate our community about caring for our marine wildlife by not littering. • Attended a teleconference hosted by the Premier to update all Queensland Mayors about Queensland’s plan to open back up for business • That evening, attended Collinsville State High School’s Annual Awards Night
Tuesday 19 October	• Presented certificates for Whitsunday Healthy Heart Project Event, in Proserpine • Interview with Sky News to discuss Vaccination Rates in Whitsunday Region
Wednesday 20 October	• Briefing Session, in Bowen • That evening attended Proserpine State High School Annual Awards Night
Thursday 21 October	• Interview with Sky News to provide an update on Covid Vaccinations and the effect on our Tourism industry • Attended public meeting in Mackay regarding issues with Health Services within the Mackay region • Chaired Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors, in Mackay • Met with Georgia Stafford from LGAQ to discuss Coastal Councils segment I am hosting at Annual LGAQ Conference. • That evening, attended Bowen State High School Annual Awards Night
Sunday 24 October	• Travelled to Mackay to attend LGAQ Policy Executive Meeting • That evening, attended Policy Executive Dinner

Monday 25 October	• Attended Day 1 of annual LGAQ Conference, in Mackay • Dialled in to attend a DRFA – Shute Harbour Project Leadership Team meeting
Tuesday 26 October	• Attended a breakfast for Regional Council of Mayors, in Mackay • Attended Day 2 of annual LGAQ Conference, in Mackay • Attended the launch of GWCoM Suicide Prevention Workshop Report • Chaired Coast Coastal segment for LGAQ • That evening, attended the Gala Dinner for conference
Wednesday 27 October	• Attended the last day of annual LGAQ Conference, in Mackay

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

5.1 2021/10/28.02 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES REPORT

SUMMARY

Council is required to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes held on 13 October 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 October 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 October 2021.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**6. Business Arising**

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No agenda items for this section.

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7. Deputations

No agenda items for this section.

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**8. Petitions**

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No agenda items for this section.

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9. Notice of Motion

No agenda items for this section.

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## 10. Questions on Notice

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No agenda items for this section.

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11. Questions from Public Gallery

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Excerpt from Council's Standing Orders:

1. In each 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.
2. Questions from the Public Gallery will be taken on notice and may or may not be responded to at the Meeting.
3. The time allotted shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and no more than three (3) speakers shall be permitted to speak at any one (1) meeting.
4. 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.

No questions submitted for this meeting.

12. Office of the Mayor and CEO

12.1 2021/10/28.03 SHUTE HARBOUR - REEFSTAR TENANCY LEASE

SUMMARY

Council is currently undergoing restoration of the Shute Harbour Marine Terminal and offering a world-class commercial facility providing a range of berthing options, baggage handling areas and fuel facilities. Council is entering into leases with commercial entities to provide marine tourism operations and activities to service the Whitsunday Region.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and execute a lease over part of the land being Lot 298 on SP184769 with Reefstar Cruises in relation to the use of the Shute Harbour Marine Terminal in accordance with Section 236(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and execute a lease over part of the land being Lot 298 on SP184769 with Reefstar Cruises in relation to the use of the Shute Harbour Marine Terminal in accordance with Section 236(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**12. Office of the Mayor and CEO**

**12.2 2021/10/28.04 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

**SUMMARY**

It a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act that the Mayor carries out a performance review of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) annually.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council notes that the annual performance appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer Mr Rod Ferguson has been completed and a new Performance Plan for the period 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022 has been finalised.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M BRUNKER**

**Seconded by: CR J COLLINS**

**That the Council notes that the annual performance appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer Mr Rod Ferguson has been completed and a new Performance Plan for the period 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2022 has been finalised.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Corporate Services

**13.1 2021/10/28.05 REGIONAL QUEENSLAND COUNCIL OF MAYORS
FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP**

SUMMARY

The Regional Queensland Council of Mayors (RQCoM) was established to replace the Northern Alliance of Councils Inc (NAOC) to better reflect the objectives of the Councils and regional local government groups in this area.

In March 2021, Council appointed Mayor, Andrew Wilcox to represent Council on the RQCoM. RQCoM has recently circulated expressions of interest forms for financial membership and the related potential estimated contributions for each Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse Whitsunday Regional Council as a financial member of the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR M BRUNKER

That Council endorse Whitsunday Regional Council as a financial member of the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**13. Corporate Services**

**13.2 2021/10/28.06 COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS  
MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**SUMMARY**

Council's current Competitive Neutrality Complaints Management Policy is due for review and has been revised to reflect the transfer of the Queensland Productivity Commission into Queensland Treasury and its competitive neutrality role transferred to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Competitive Neutrality Complaints Management Policy.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M BRUNKER**

**Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT**

**That Council adopt the Competitive Neutrality Complaints Management Policy.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Corporate Services

13.3 2021/10/28.07 ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS POLICY

SUMMARY

The Trust Funds Policy permits Council to administer funds held in trust that Council accepts from time to time. The Policy has been reviewed with only minor administrative wording changes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Trust Funds Policy.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J COLLINS

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council adopt the Trust Funds Policy.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**13. Corporate Services**

**13.4 2021/10/28.08 FINANCIAL REPORT - FY 2021/22 - PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SUMMARY**

To present the Financial Statements for the period ending 30 September 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2021 for the Financial Year 2021/22.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M WRIGHT**

**Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2021 for the Financial Year 2021/22.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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13. Corporate Services

13.5 2021/10/28.09 CORPORATE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021

SUMMARY

To provide an overview the Corporate Services Directorate for the month of September 2021. The Directorate's purpose is to lead innovation and organisational change in information technology, information management, asset management, project management and procurement to improve organisational outcomes. It seeks to improve Council's organisational capability to augment resilience to future business disruption and increase productivity whilst demonstrating empathy where required.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Corporate Services Monthly Report for September 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: **CR A GRUNDY**

Seconded by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

That Council receive the Corporate Services Monthly Report for September 2021.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**14. Development Services**

**14.1 2021/10/28.10 ECONOMIC & POPULATION STUDY 2021**

**SUMMARY**

Updated economic and population projections.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Whitsunday Economic & Population Study 2021 (EPS 2021).

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M BRUNKER**

**Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT**

**That Council adopt the Whitsunday Economic & Population Study 2021 for the specific purposes of our Priority Infrastructure Area (EPS 2021).**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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14. Development Services

**14.2 2021/10/28.11 DRAFT AIRLIE BEACH FORESHORE LAND
MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021**

SUMMARY

To present the Draft Airlie Beach Foreshore Land Management Plan 2021 for public consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Community Engagement Plan and the Draft Airlie Beach Foreshore Land Management Plan 2021, for public consultation.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR J COLLINS

That Council endorse the Community Engagement Plan and the Draft Airlie Beach Foreshore Land Management Plan 2021, for public consultation.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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#### **14. Development Services**

**14.3 2021/10/28.12 20210518 - DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT (BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT) THREE (3) LOTS INTO THREE (3) LOTS L: 1 RP: 715187, L: 1 RP: 714524, L: 5 RP: 838625 - G J BENNETT & M W BENNETT C/- WYNNE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD**

#### **SUMMARY**

This is an Impact Assessable application to reconfigure three (3) rural allotments into three (3) allotments at Wrights Road and Bennett Road, Strathdickie. All three of the lots are currently used collectively for agricultural purposes (cropping). In the Rural Zone the minimum lot size is 100 hectares.

The current lot sizes are:

L: 1 RP: 714524 – 8.157 Ha

L: 1 RP: 715187 – 1.851 Ha

L: 5 RP: 838625 – 14.78 Ha

The proposed lot sizes are:

Lot 1 – 12.37 hectares

Lot 2 – 6.21 hectares

Lot 3 – 6.21 hectares

Although no additional lots are being created, the proposed configuration of boundaries splits the existing large southern lot of 14.78 hectares to include parts of all three proposed lots. The application material states that the cropping purposes will cease in time as a result of the reconfiguration. The impact of such a proposal is likely to fragment rural land and/or disable the future use of the land for agricultural purposes. The lot is included in the Agricultural Land Overlay and is surrounded predominantly by other rural allotments, and therefore is not considered orderly development. The application attracted one submission from a neighbouring resident. The proposal is recommended for refusal due to non-compliance with the benchmarks set by the Planning Scheme and State Planning Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council refuse the application for Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot (Boundary Realignment) Three (3) Lots into Three (3) Lots, made by G J Bennett & M W Bennett C/- Wynne Planning and Development, on L: 1 RP: 715187, L: 1 RP: 714524, L: 5 RP: 838625 and located at Wrights Road and Bennett Road Strathdickie, on the following grounds:

- a) The proposal is not consistent with the State Planning Policy in respect of fragmentation of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Class A and Class B land;
- b) The proposal is not consistent with the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Regional Plan in respect of rural residential development in an area which is not identified as a rural living area, compromising the intent of the regional plan to protect productive agricultural land;
- c) The proposal conflicts with the Whitsunday Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017 and cannot be conditioned to comply. Specifically:
  - i. The Rural zone is the correct zone for this site, being the default zone for the majority of the planning scheme area which is not included in an urban zone;

- ii. The predicted demand and supply of rural residential land within the planning scheme area was modelled by the WRC Urban Growth Study and adequate land is zoned to accommodate predicted demand;
- iii. The proposal is not consistent with the Rural Zone code, which specifies a minimum lot size of 100 hectares;
- iv. The proposal is not consistent with the agricultural land overlay, which does not support fragmentation of land.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M WRIGHT**

**Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON**

**That Council approve the application for Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot (Boundary Realignment) Three (3) Lots into Three (3) Lots, made by G J Bennett & M W Bennett C/- Wynne Planning and Development, on L: 1 RP: 715187, L: 1 RP: 714524, L: 5 RP: 838625 and located at Wrights Road and Bennett Road Strathdickie, subject to the conditions listed in attachment 5.**

## **Reason For Decision**

This report was submitted for inclusion into Council's Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 October 2021. At that meeting Council adopted a procedural motion that the matter lay on the table to allow for a set of conditions of approval to be developed for Council's consideration for the following reasons:

1. Council Officers have recommended that in accordance with the Whitsunday Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017, Council refuse the application for Development Permit for Material Change of Use, Application No 20210518.
2. In terms of section 273(3) of the *Local Government Regulation, 2012*, and section 63(5)(e) of the *Planning Act, 2016*, the reasons for not adopting the recommendations or advice are as follows:
  - The proposed development will not increase the total number of lots or the potential dwellings; and
  - The development site is located across the road from a rural residential area.

## **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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14. Development Services

14.4 2021/10/28.13 EUREKA GROUP HOLDINGS PTY LTD REQUEST TO WAIVE INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES, DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES & ANY RATES INCREASE ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE – PORT DENISON MOTOR INN

SUMMARY

The Port Denison Motor Inn ("the Property") is located at 11 Dalrymple Street, Bowen. The Property is zoned Mixed Use and is currently used for Short Term Accommodation. Eureka Group Holdings Pty Ltd ("Eureka") is proposing to purchase the site and change the use to Retirement Facility. Council has been requested to waive infrastructure charges, any rates increase associated with the proposed change of use and development application fees (**Attachment 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) refuse the request by Eureka Group Holdings Pty Ltd to waive infrastructure charges and any rates and charges increases associated with the proposed change of use;
- b) any development application fees deemed payable can be negotiated prior to the lodgement of an application.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded by: CR M BRUNKER

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with Eureka Group Holdings Pty Ltd on the basis of paying the outstanding infrastructure charges.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**Procedural Motion**

**2021/10/28.14           PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURN**

**Moved by:               CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by:           CR M WRIGHT**

**That the meeting be adjourned for the purpose of morning tea at 10.08am.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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Procedural Motion

2021/10/28.15 PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR J COLLINS

That the meeting be reconvened from morning tea at 10.40am.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**15. Community Services**

**15.1 2021/10/28.16 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FLAGSTAFF HILL  
CONFERENCE & CULTURAL CENTRE - COMMERCIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUMMARY**

The construction of the Flagstaff Hill Conference & Cultural Centre is nearing completion following significant damage sustained by Tropical Cyclone Debbie in March 2017.

Finance to build the facility was received under the joint State and Federally funded Tourism Recovery Fund (TRF), the State funded Building our Regions (BoR) plus a co-contribution from Whitsunday Regional Council.

A lease arrangement was offered to a local Girudala Community Co-operative Society however the proposal was declined therefore it is recommended Council invites Expressions of Interest for the Flagstaff Hill Conference & Cultural Centre – Commercial Opportunities to operate the Café and/or the Conference/Venue section of the building.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), that as a result of allowing all interested persons to submit their interest without the sometime costly tender process it would be in the public interest to invite 'Expressions of Interest' (EOI) for the Flagstaff Hill Conference & Cultural Centre – Commercial Opportunities.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR M BRUNKER**

**That Council resolves pursuant to section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), that as a result of allowing all interested persons to submit their interest without the sometimes costly tender process it would be in the public interest to invite 'Expressions of Interest' (EOI) for the Flagstaff Hill Conference & Cultural Centre – Commercial Opportunities.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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15. Community Services

**15.2 2021/10/28.17 BURDEKIN DRY TROPICS REGIONAL PEST
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC APPROACH 2020-2025**

SUMMARY

The NQ Dry Tropics Natural Resource Management Group have worked with regional land management stakeholders to develop the latest Regional Pest Management Strategy. The purpose of the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Pest Management Strategic Approach 2020-2025 is to create a document which creates a collective vision and list of regionally important priority work across eight local government areas. The intention of the Burdekin Pest Management Strategy is to fill the gap between the Queensland Government State-wide approach to pest management and the individual local government plans. The NQ Dry Tropics is seeking formal endorsement from each of the seven local governments.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Pest Management Strategic Approach 2020-2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR G SIMPSON

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council endorse the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Pest Management Strategic Approach 2020-2025.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**15. Community Services**

**15.3 2021/10/28.18 DONATION REQUEST - WATER SERVICE CHARGES -  
BOWEN PASTORAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**SUMMARY**

The Bowen Pastoral Agricultural Association (BPAA) is a Not-for-Profit organisation who have applied for a donation on their Water Service charges. BPAA hold a lease with Council for the Bowen Show Grounds located at Lot 55 Mt Nutt Road, Bowen.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve:

- a) a donation of \$13,355.70 to the Bowen Pastoral Agricultural Association which is equivalent to 75% of the nett Water Service charges levied for the period of 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021; and
- b) the inclusion of the Bowen Pastoral Agricultural Association on Council's Rates and Service Charges Donations Register for future donations.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M WRIGHT**

**Seconded by: CR M BRUNKER**

**That Council approve:**

- a) a donation of \$13,355.70 to the Bowen Pastoral Agricultural Association which is equivalent to 75% of the nett Water Service charges levied for the period of 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021; and
- b) the inclusion of the Bowen Pastoral Agricultural Association on Council's Rates and Service Charges Donations Register for future donations.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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15. Community Services

15.4 2021/10/28.19 PROPOSED CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CLIMATE ALLIANCE

SUMMARY

Local governments across Australia are being encouraged to participate more in climate change planning. Climate change planning in a local government context can be complex. There are advantages of establishing networks or alliances of local governments to share climate change information, planning and combine efforts to develop climate change planning projects. The Queensland Government through the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils (QCRC) program have funded two regional Climate Alliances, one in south-east Queensland and one in far North Queensland. There is interest in Central Queensland to establish a Climate Change Alliance at Council officer level to explore climate change planning opportunities across the region.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer:

- a) write to the Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors to express an interest in developing a Central Queensland Climate Alliance; and
- b) write to the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) to express an interest in seeking funding to support the formation of a Central Queensland Climate Alliance.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR A GRUNDY

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council resolves that the Chief Executive Officer:

- a) write to the Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors to express an interest in developing a Central Queensland Climate Alliance; and**
- b) write to the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) to express an interest in seeking funding to support the formation of a Central Queensland Climate Alliance.**

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**15. Community Services**

**15.5 2021/10/28.20 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A JUNIOR ELITE ATHLETE  
- OCTOBER 2021**

**SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy for Financial Support for a Junior Elite Athlete, financial support is available for athletes aged 18 years or younger who are participating in a representative competition at regional, state or national level. The grant is provided by Council to assist in meeting the costs associated with participating in a representative sports program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve financial support for a Junior Elite Athlete of \$500.00 to Giselle Tronc to represent Queensland in the Under 15 years Female State Volleyball Championships on the Gold Coast.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR M WRIGHT**

**Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY**

**That Council approve financial support for a Junior Elite Athlete of \$500.00 to Giselle Tronc to represent Queensland in the Under 15 years Female State Volleyball Championships on the Gold Coast.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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15. Community Services

15.6 2021/10/28.21 DONATION ON COUNCIL FEES - OCTOBER 2021

SUMMARY

Community groups are invited to apply for a Donation on Council Fees when submitting applications to Council prior to the event or works commencing.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the donation on Council fees for the following applicants:

- a) Alpha Epsilon Branch Inc. – Annual Licence Renewal Fee - \$204.00
- b) Save the Children Australia – Annual Licence Renewal Fee - \$204.00
- c) Parkrun Australia - Bowen – Annual Licence Renewal Fee - \$204.00
- d) Parkrun Australia - Airlie Beach – Annual Licence Renewal Fee - \$204.00
- e) Whitsunday Community Gardens Inc. – Annual Licence Renewal - \$204.00
- f) Whitsunday Regional Council – Class 4 Application Fee - \$270.00
- g) Collinsville Lions Club Inc. – Class 3 Application Fee - \$407.00

RESOLUTION

Moved by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

Seconded by: **CR A GRUNDY**

That Council approve the donation on Council fees for the following applicants:

- a) Alpha Epsilon Branch Inc. – Annual Licence Renewal Fee - \$204.00
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- f) Whitsunday Regional Council – Class 4 Application Fee - \$270.00
- g) Collinsville Lions Club Inc. – Class 3 Application Fee - \$407.00

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**16. Infrastructure Services**

**16.1 2021/10/28.22 DESIGNATED WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE  
OPTION - LETHEBROOK SATELLITE WASTE  
TRANSFER STATION**

**SUMMARY**

The Lethebrook satellite waste transfer station, which was established circa 2006, has been confirmed [surveyed] as being established on private property following a request from the landowner for the facility to be removed.

Whitsunday Regional Council Waste Services will progress with the prioritisation of the closure of the Lethebrook satellite waste transfer station and commencement of a kerbside bin collection service, as supported at Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 June 2021.

Prior to the introduction of kerbside collections, Council is required, in accordance with Section 7 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011, to designate the Lethebrook area [by resolution] for the collection of general waste and recycling.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to include Lethebrook as a designated area in accordance with Section 7 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011, to conduct waste collections.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved by: **CR M BRUNKER**

Seconded by: **CR J CLIFFORD**

**That Council resolve to include Lethebrook as a designated area in accordance with Section 7 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011, to conduct waste collections.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 6/1

**CARRIED**

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16. Infrastructure Services

16.2 2021/10/28.23 MT MCCONNELL ROAD EXTENSION OF MAINTAINED LENGTH

SUMMARY

Council has received a request to reinstate the maintain length of Mt McConnell Road to a total length of 23.6km. This is an extension of 16.6km to the current maintained length as per Councils Road Register. This road will be maintained to a width of 6m wide.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) resolve to extend the maintained length of Mt McConnell Road by 16.6km to meet the previous level of service; and
- b) note the requirement for an increase in the roads and drainage operational budget of \$99,600 during the 2021-2022 Quarter 1 budget review as a result of extending the maintained length.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council:

- a) resolve to extend the maintained length of Mt McConnell Road by 16.6km to meet the previous level of service;
- b) note the requirement for an increase in the roads and drainage operational budget of \$99,600 during the 2021-2022 Quarter 1 budget review as a result of extending the maintained length; and
- c) add this road to the road register version 6

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 6/1

CARRIED

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**16. Infrastructure Services**

**16.3 2021/10/28.24 OPERATIONAL REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with information regarding the performance by Council's Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops, and Parks & Gardens operational teams over the month of September 2021 and proposed works for September 2021. The report also provides an update from Council's Disaster Management Co-ordinator quarterly for the calendar year to date.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops, Parks & Gardens, and Disaster Management progress report for the month of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT**

**That Council receive the Roads & Drainage, Mechanical Workshops, Parks & Gardens, and Disaster Management progress report for the month of September 2021.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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16. Infrastructure Services

16.4 2021/10/28.25 FOXDALE QUARRY BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021

SUMMARY

The Business Activity Reports are provided to Council detailing the Quarry's operational performance over a one-month period. This report focuses on the month ending 30 September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Business Activity Report for the Foxdale Quarry for the month of September 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council receive the Business Activity Report for the Foxdale Quarry for the month of September 2021.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**16. Infrastructure Services**

**16.5 2021/10/28.26 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRESS  
REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SUMMARY**

The report provides a summary of key Capital projects underway during the 2021/2022 financial year. The report also includes multi-year projects that remain active and carry over to the 2021/2022 financial year.

Current Financial Progress of Major Projects, W4Q programs, Infrastructure Capital Delivery is \$8,614,532 actual out of a \$42.6 million overall budget.

Other Capital Projects such as Shute Harbour, DRFA works, and Water & Wastewater are the subject of separate reports.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Progress Report for the month of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT**

**That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Progress Report for the month of September 2021.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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16. Infrastructure Services

**16.6 2021/10/28.27 WHITSUNDAY WATER AND WASTE BUSINESS
ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021**

SUMMARY

This report details the monthly operational performance of the Whitsunday Water and Waste business activity.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Whitsunday Water and Waste Business Activity Report for September 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR M BRUNKER

That Council receive the Whitsunday Water and Waste Business Activity Report for September 2021.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**16. Infrastructure Services**

**16.7 2021/10/28.28 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS & SHUTE HARBOUR PROJECT CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SUMMARY**

The report provides a summary of key Capital projects underway during the 19/20, 20/21 & 21/22 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, the Qld Monsoonal Event 2020 and the 2021 Ex TC Imogen & Monsoon Event.

Current Financial Progress:

DRFA – Flood Event 2019 – Expenditure of \$42,662,455.60 to date, including emergency works of \$176,781.94. Seventeen submissions have been closed and reimbursed 100% with three now waiting for final 10% payment from QRA.

Shute Harbour – Expenditure to date is \$54,050,457 with a forecast of a further \$9,575,739 budgeted for completion of the project. This result in a total project expenditure of 63.6M.

The project has a current funding deficit based on the QRA budget of \$48.7M, of approximately \$7.3M.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements & Shute Harbour Project capital progress report for the month of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR M WRIGHT

That Council receives the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements & Shute Harbour Project capital progress report for the month of September 2021.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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17. Matters of Importance

17.1 2021/10/28.29 ELECTORAL COMMISSION QUEENSLAND – PRE-POLLING PERIOD

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR A GRUNDY

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Electoral Commission Queensland requesting consideration to amend the pre-polling period from 2 weeks to 1 week for local government elections.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 5/2

CARRIED

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*Mayor Willcox left the meeting at 12.00pm.*

*Deputy Mayor, Michael Bruner chaired the remainder of the meeting.*

*Discussions were held on the following matters of importance:*

- *Cr Bruner provided an update on automation raised at the LGAQ conference and how a focus will be required to assess the full impacts led by LGAQ for the Whitsunday region.*

*Cr Bruner also provided an update on the success on all motions submitted at the LGAQ Conference and how Council has been successful with the request of a national summit regarding Housing Crisis.*

- *Cr Simpson expressed his concerns regarding the Airlie Beach Lagoon and advised that there needs to be some consideration into opening it longer to coincide with the day light hours.*

*These matters of importance did not require a formal resolution by Council and were taken on notice by the executive team.*

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The meeting closed at 12.15pm

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 10 November 2021.

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**Cr Andrew Willcox  
MAYOR**