



**Minutes of the  
Special Meeting - Budget held on  
Wednesday 27 May 2026 at  
Council Chambers, 67 Herbert  
Street, Bowen**

*Council acknowledges and shows respect to the Traditional Custodian/owners in whose country we hold this meeting.*

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### **Councillors Present:**

Ry Collins (Mayor/Chair), John Finlay (Deputy Mayor), Clay Bauman, John Collins, Gary Simpson, and Michelle Wright

### **Council Officers Present:**

Warren Bunker (Chief Executive Officer); Julie Wright (Acting Director Liveability and Development Services); Patty Johnson (Director Corporate Support Services); Gary Murphy (Director Infrastructure Services); Leah Bradley (Manager Financial Systems and Services); Katie Coates (Coordinator Financial Services) via Microsoft Teams; and Madeleine Bailey (Minute Taker)

### **Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):**

Edwina Pettiford (Management Accountant – Commercial Businesses) via Microsoft Teams; Erin Finau (Administration Coordinator Liveability - Community Services & Facilitation); and Tamara Dansie (Manager Sports, Recreation and Community Development)

### **Apologies:**

Cr Jan Clifford

The meeting commenced at 3:11pm

The meeting adjourned for the confidential discussion at 3:12pm

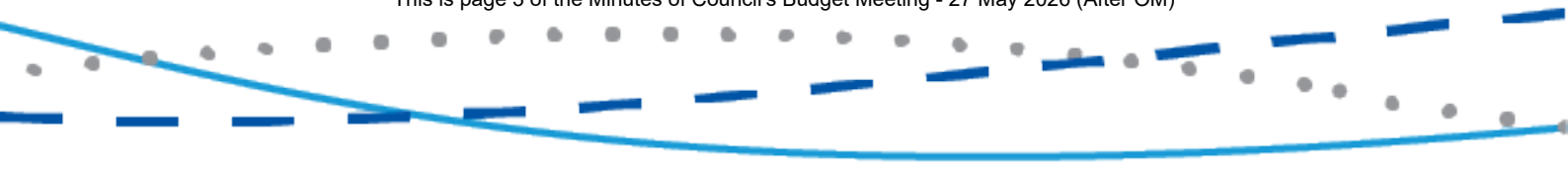
The meeting reconvened from the confidential discussion at 5:13pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

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## 1 RECONVENE MEETING

### 1.1 – Reconvene Meeting – 20 May 2026

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE SM2026/05/27.1

Moved by: CR C BAUMAN

Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That council reconvene the Special Meeting - Budget on the 27 May 2026 at 3:11pm that was adjourned on the 20 May 2026.

#### MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 5 / 1

CARRIED

## 2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Collins advised the public that Cr Clifford was an apology for this meeting.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### 3.1 – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared at this meeting.

## 4 MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING

### 4.1 - Move into Closed Meeting - Confidential Budget Discussion

#### CONFIDENTIAL

#### **S254J Local Government Regulation 2012 - Closed Meetings**

- (1) *A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.*
- (3) *However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—*

*(c) the local Government's budget.*

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURNMENT SM2026/05/27.2

Moved by: CR C BAUMAN

Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That Council close the meeting to the public at 3:12pm in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for closed meetings, for the purpose of discussing the Whitsunday Regional Council's 2026-2027 Budget.

### MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 5 / 1

CARRIED

## 5 RETURN INTO OPEN MEETING

### 5.1 - Return into Open Meeting

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING SM2026/05/27.3

Moved by: CR J FINLAY (DEPUTY MAYOR)

Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN

That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 5:13pm.

### MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 6 / 0

CARRIED

## 6 OFFICERS REPORTS

### 6.1 - Community Support Guidelines and Funding Model

#### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the updated Community Support Policy and endorse the corresponding guidelines.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Community Support Policy in **Attachment 6.1.1**.
2. Endorse:
  - a. Community Donations Program Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.2**
  - b. Community Grants Program Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.3**
  - c. Community Sponsorship Program Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.4**

- d. Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grant Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.5**
- e. Young Achievers Grant Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.6**
- f. Donation on Rates and Charges for Not-for-Profit Organisations Guidelines as per **Attachment 6.1.7**
- g. Community Support Glossary as per **Attachment 6.1.8**
3. Rescind:
- a. Arts and Culture Policy – Community Services – Community Development CORP\_18
- b. Community Donations Policy – SM2025/06/18.17
- c. Community Grants Policy – SM2025/06/18.17
- d. Community Sponsorship Policy – SM2025/06/18.17
- e. Donation on Rates and Charges for Not-for-Profit Organisations Policy – SM2025/06/12
- f. Associated Guidelines with the above Policies.
4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to approve minor changes in:
- a. Community Donations Program Guidelines
- b. Community Grants Program Guidelines
- c. Community Sponsorship Program Guidelines
- d. Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grant Guidelines
- e. Young Achievers Grant Guidelines
- f. Donations on Rates and Charges for Not-for-Profit Organisations Guidelines
- g. Community Support Glossary
5. Endorse:
- a. The proposed 26/27 budget for Community Support Funding as per **Attachment 6.1.9**.

#### **RESOLUTION SM2026/05/27.4**

**Moved By: CR G SIMPSON**

**Seconded By: CR J COLLINS**

**That Council:**

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#### MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 3 / 3.

Mayor Collins cast his vote in favour of the motion.

CARRIED

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#### 7 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION

##### 7.1 - Additional Documents for Information - Agenda

There were no agenda items for this section.

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#### 8 ADJOURN MEETING

##### 8.1 - Adjourn Meeting - 3 June 2026

##### PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURNMENT SM2026/05/27.5

Moved by: MAYOR R COLLINS

Moved by: CR G SIMPSON

That Council adjourn the Special Budget Meeting at 5:15pm and reconvene on the 3 June 2026 at which point Council will continue the remaining business from the original Special Budget Meeting Notice.

#### MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 6 / 0

CARRIED

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*The meeting closed at 5:15pm*

Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 17 June 2026.

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**Cr Ry Collins  
MAYOR**

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