



ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 18th March 2025

CCEC Chambers, 49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared open at 9:10am

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Council would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this meeting is taking place and Elders both past and present. We also recognise those whose ongoing effort to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future Elders and leaders.

3 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Mayor	Suzette Beresford	Chairperson
Deputy Mayor	Rick Brian	
Councillor	Tomas King	
Councillor	Corissa Jackson	
Councillor	Joann Woodcroft – Via Teams	

APOLOGIES

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Interim CEO	Neil Polglase
Director of Infrastructure	David Burges
Director of Community Support & Engagement	Tony Koch
Director of Corporate Services, Governance and Risk	Sarmad Habib

4 MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Council Resolution (RES.M25/80)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That council move a motion of sympathy for Carol Mitchell

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MOTION

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 81)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held February 18th 2025 as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

nil

8 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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Cr King Left the Room prior to the discussion and voting of items 10.2.6

9 MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Office of the Mayor
Author: Suzette Beresford, Mayor
Attachment: Nil.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the meetings and events that Mayor Beresford has attended in October 2024.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/82)

Moved: Cr Brian
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report.

Carried unanimously.

9.2 2025 National General Assembly Call for Motions (ALGA) Aged Care

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Attachments: 1. ALGA – NGA 2025 – Motion - Paroo SC – Aged Care

Purpose

Motion for the ALGA National General Assembly in June has been drafted for approval to submit to the NGA agenda.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/83)

Moved: CrBrain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council endorse the following motion on Aged Care for submission to the ALGA National General Assembly for inclusion in its June 2025 conference agenda.

"This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the level of subsidy available to aged care accommodation facilities with less than 20 residents to enable such facilities to provide a service to rural and remote communities. Due to limited revenue raising capacity, smaller facilities require additional financial support to cover increased regulatory requirements and the costs of specialist staffing".

Carried unanimously.

9.3 2025 National General Assembly Call for Motions (ALGA) Day Care

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Attachments: 1. ALGA – NGA 2025 – Motion - Paroo SC – Day Care

Purpose

Motion for the ALGA National General Assembly in June has been drafted for approval to submit to the NGA agenda.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/84)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council endorse the following motion on Day Care for submission to the ALGA National General Assembly for inclusion in its June 2025 conference agenda.

“This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to review the regulations governing day care centers in rural and remote locations with a specific focus on:

- relaxing the qualifications required for non- executive staff; and*
- streamlining necessary regulatory and compliance measures to ensure fit for purpose models for rural and remote communities”.*

Carried unanimously.

9.4 2025 National General Assembly Call for Motions (ALGA) Carbon Farming

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Attachments: 1. ALGA – NGA 2025 – Motion - Paroo SC – Carbon Farming

Purpose

Motion for the ALGA National General Assembly in June has been drafted for approval to submit to the NGA agenda.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/85)

Moved: Cr Brian

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council endorse the following motion on Carbon farming for submission to the ALGA National General Assembly for inclusion in its June 2025 conference agenda.

“This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to embed in its regulatory framework a compulsory Code of Conduct for the Australian Carbon Farming Industry to safeguard that carbon farming activities are environmentally sustainable, socially responsible, and economically viable”.

Carried unanimously.

10 OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 News App for SW Region (Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie)

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Author: Interim CEO
Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation from Peter LePetit

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information from a PowerPoint presentation from Peter Le Petit to SWROC to gauge interest in establishing a regional news app for Southwest Queensland.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/86)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

- 1. receive and note the presentation from Mr Peter Le Petit to the SWROC Councils and*
- 2. notify SWROC of their interest in establishing the News App in Southwest Queensland.*

Carried unanimously

10.1.2 Economic Development Projects Briefing

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Author: Economic Development

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 87)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council Receive and note the Economic Development Projects Briefing.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/88)

Moved: Cr Brain

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That council Connect with the Yowah Community regarding a monument to replace the tree planted to commemorate the 100th year of the Yowah Bore which was established in 1912

Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Author: Grants Officer, Alison Shaw

Attachments: 1. Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program fact sheet
2. Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program guidelines.

Purpose

This report aims to update the Council on the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). RJED Round 2 grant opportunity - \$17.6 million for approximately 252 jobs, opened on 4 February 2025 and is closing on 31 March 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/89)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council submit an application to the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to create a new position as an indigenous tourism trainee at the Cunnamulla Visitor Information Centre.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Grant Applications Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Author: Alison Shaw, The Right Grant

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on grant applications as at the end of February 2025 as prepared by Alison Shaw of The Right Grant.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 90)

Moved: Cr Brain

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Grant Applications Report

Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am for morning tea and resumed at 11:00am.

10.1.5 Action Items Registers Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Author: Interim CEO

Attachments: 1. Action Item Register

- Action Item Register - Cunnamulla
- Action Item Register - Eulo
- Action Item Register - Noorama
- Action Item Register - Wyandra
- Action Item Register – Yowah

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on items that were raised in previous Council Meetings and during the Noorama, Yowah, Eulo, Wyandra and Cunnamulla Site Visits requesting information, action or follow up.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/91)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the included Amendments of the Action Items Register Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2 Director of Infrastructure

10.2.1 Infrastructure Operations Status Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Authors: A/Director of Infrastructure and Staff
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to provide the Council with an update on the works undertaken in the Infrastructure Department for the month of December 2024.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 92)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Operations Status Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.2 Major Projects Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: Project Manager
Attachment: Nil.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on Major Projects for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/93)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Major Projects report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.3 Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: Council Program Manager
Attachments: 1. South West Trough and Flooding Event September 2022 – Status @ January 2025 (Shepherd Services)
2. South West Queensland Flooding January 2024 – Status @ January 2025 (Shepherd services)
3. December 2024 Severe Storm – Status @ January 2025 (Shepherd Services)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA) flood repair works for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 94)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.4 2024-25 Works Program Status Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: A / Director of Infrastructure
Attachments: 1. Works Program Gannt Chart

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of the capital works program.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/95)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the 2024-25 Works Program Status Report

Carried unanimously.

10.2.5 January 2024 Flood Event – Restoration of Essential Public Assets Tenders 2025-001 and 2025-002 Granular Pavement Material Procurement

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: A / Director of Infrastructure

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with tender details for the January 2024 flood event Granular Pavement Material Procurement and for Council to accept one or more tenders for the works.

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr King declares a Declarable Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 10.2.5 January 2024 Flood Event – Public Assets Tender (Granular Pavement) as he is the owner of JESTOM contracting and is currently operating as a sub-contractor to Tuckwells Earthmoving.

Cr King Left the Room at 12:23pm prior to the discussion and voting of items 10.2.5 and returned at 12:40pm

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 96)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council:

1. Accept the following schedule of rates tenders under the Vendor Panel Marketplace categories “Construction and Operation” and “Plant and Equipment Hire” for the January 2024 flood event:

Tender Number	Tenderer	Scope of Accepted Works	Amount excluding GST
RFT 2025-001	Russell's Grader Hire Pty Ltd	Granular Pavement Material Procurement North Zone	\$652,614.00
RFT 2025-002	Tuckwell Transport and Earthmoving Pty Ltd	Granular Pavement Material Procurement South Zone	\$634,060.00

AND

2. Delegate financial and other authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Contract and negotiate any variations that may arise.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.6 January 2024 Flood Event – Restoration of Essential Public Assets**Tenders 2025-003, 2025-004 and 2025-005 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration**Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Infrastructure

Author: A / Director of Infrastructure

Attachments: 1. Tender Summary Report

2. Tender Evaluation Report

3. Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring

4. QRA Submissions Locality Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with tender details for the January 2024 flood event Flood Damaged Roads Restoration and for Council to accept one or more tenders for the works.

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr King declares a Declarable Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 10.2.6 January 2024 Flood Event – Public Assets Tender (Restoration) as he is the owner of JESTOM contracting and is currently operating as a sub-contractor to Tuckwells Earthmoving.

Cr King Left the Room at 12:23pm at 12:23 prior to the discussion and voting of items 10.2.6 and returned at 12:40pm

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 97)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

Tender Number	Tenderer	Scope of Accepted Works	Amount excluding GST
RFT 2025-003	Russell's grader Hire Pty Ltd	Flood Damaged Roads Restoration North Zone	\$2,721,876.75
RFT 2025-004	Tuckwell Transport and Earthmoving Pty Ltd	Flood Damaged Roads Restoration South West Zone	\$1,018,903.95
RFT 2025-005	Schmidt Contracting Pty Ltd	Flood Damaged Roads Restoration South East Zone	\$1,614,433.84

1. Accept the following tenders under the Vendor Panel Marketplace categories "Construction and Operation" and "Plant and Equipment Hire" for the January 2024 flood event:

AND

2. *Delegate financial and other authority to the Chief Executive.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.7 Eulo Landfill Extension

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: A / Director of Infrastructure
Attachments: 1. Site photos

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Eulo landfill facility and for Council to consider undertaking works necessary for the facility to continue operating.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 98)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council allocate \$85,000 for the expansion of the Eulo landfill facility and make the necessary budget amendments to the 2024/25 capital works budget.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.8 Cunnamulla Pool and John Kerr Park Master Plans RFQ 2025-001

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: A / Director of Infrastructure Nil.
Attachments:

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results of a Request for Quotation for the preparation of master plans for the Cunnamulla Pool Complex and John Kerr Park and to award these works.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/99)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1. *Accept the submission under RFQ 2025-001 from Fulton Trotter Architects Pty Ltd for the preparation of master plans for the Cunnamulla Pool Complex and John Kerr Park for a cost of \$160,750 excluding GST under the Vendor Panel pre-qualified supplier category "Planning, Surveying, Design & Architecture LB335"; and*
2. *Delegate financial and other authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Contract and negotiate any variations that may arise.*

Carried unanimously.

10.3 Director Community Support & Engagement

10.3.1 Tourism Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Community Support & Engagement
Author: Ian Stone, Tourism Team Leader
Attachments: NIL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the progress of the Tourism Program for February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/100)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Tourism Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.2 Library Services Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2024
Department: Community Support & Engagement
Author: Librarian
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the activities relating to Library Services within the shire for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/101)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

*That Council receive and note the Library Services Report and;
Express a vote of thanks to Tammy Hicky for almost 13 years of service to Council and the community*

Carried unanimously.

10.3.3 Cunnamulla Pool Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support & Engagement

Author: Rachael Johnson, Community Services Team Leader

Attachments: Monthly Report Cunnamulla Swimming Pool

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the activities undertaken by the Pool Contractor for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/102)

Moved: Cr Brain

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Pool Report supplied by All About Aquatics.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.4 Community Grant Expenditure Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support and Engagement

Author: Rachael Johnson, Community Services Team Leader

Attachments: 1. Community Grants Expenditure Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Community Expenditure for the current Financial Year to the end February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/103)

Moved: Cr Brain

Seconded: Cr King

That Council Receive and note the Community Grants Expenditure report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.5**Community Grant Application: EULO HOSTEL ASSOCIATION**

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support and Engagement

Author: Community Services Team Leader

Attachments: 1. Community Grant Application

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a community grant application from Eulo Hostel Association.

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Beresford declares a Declarable Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 10.3.5 Community Grant Application: Eulo Hotel association as committee members are family

Cr Beresford Left the Room at 1:00pm prior to the discussion and voting of items 10.3.5 and returned at 1:47pm

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr King declares a Declarable Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 10.3.5 Community Grant Application: Eulo Hotel association as he is the owner and operator of outback grazing.

Cr King Left the Room at 1:00pm prior to the discussion and voting of items 10.3.5 and returned at 1:47pm

Cr Brain Chaired the meeting for Item 10.3.5 only

Council Resolution (RES.M25/104)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Eulo Hostel Association for event dated late March or Early April, date to be confirmed;*

2. *agree to donation of \$2,500.00 and waive the hire fees for Eulo Hall and the cold room.*

Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm for Lunch and resumed at 1:47pm

10.3.6 Community Grant Application: CUNNAMULLA FISHING & RESTOCKING CLUB

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support and Engagement
 Author: Community Services Team Leader
 Attachments: 1. Community Grant Application

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a community grant application from Cunnamulla Fishing & Restocking Club Inc.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/105)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Cunnamulla Fishing & Restocking Club Inc. for event dated 2-4 May 2025;*
2. *agree to a donation of \$2500;*
3. *Advise that this is a non-commercial event, hire fee is not applicable for John Kerr Park.*

Carried unanimously.

10.3.7 Community Grant Application: EULO DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support and Engagement
 Author: Community Services Team Leader
 Attachments: 1. Community Grant Application

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a community grant application from Eulo Development Association Inc.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/106)**Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr King***That Council:*

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Eulo Development Association Inc. for meeting dated 4 May 2025;*
2. *agree to waiver of hire fees for Eulo Hall for Eulo Development Association meetings as required;*
3. *Advise Council of dates for future Meetings.*

Carried unanimously.**10.3.8 Rural Lands and Compliance Report**Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support & Engagement

Author: Colin Ickeringill, Rural Lands Officer

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the Council with an update on the activities undertaken by the Rural Lands & Compliance Unit for the month of February 2025

Council Resolution (RES.M25/107)**Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Woodcroft***That Council receive and note the Rural Lands Compliance Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.3.9 Community Services Report**

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support & Engagement

Author: Rachael Johnson, Community Services Team Leader

Attachments: NIL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the activities undertaken by the Community Services Team for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/108)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Community Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.10 Lot 7 on WN134 (Pistol Range) and Lot 84 on C114610 and Lot 1 on AP2306 (the former permit to occupy) (Pistol Range Safety Zone)

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support & Engagement
 Author(s): Rural Lands Compliance Supervisor & Senior Advisor – Legal and Compliance
 Attachments: 1. Schedule 1 Pistol Club Site
 2. Schedule 2 lot and plans
 2. Schedule 3 images taken 27 February 2025 Pistol Range Premises

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the developments regarding the expiring of Cunnamulla Pistol Club's Term Lease on Lot 72 on WN134 (the Pistol Range) and neighboring permit to occupy site Lot 1 on AP2306 (Pistol Range Safety Zone) – Collectively as the Pistol Range Premises.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/109)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1. *Note the correspondence attached to this report.*
2. *Resolve that:*
 - a. *It accepts being a trustee of Lot 72 on WN134, once the Department of Resources converts the current status of the land to Reserve Land; and*
 - b. *Council accepts being a trustee, as it relates to Lot 1 on AP2306, once the Department of Resources rescinds the current permit to occupy, and converts the land to Reserve Land or as otherwise permissible to facilitate Council having the power to issue a trustee lease; and*
 - c. *It accepts the existing infrastructure of the Pistol Range on an as-is basis and will deal with a relevant prospective or actual trustee lessee on future use.*
3. *Authorise the CEO:*

- a. *To inform the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development of Council's acceptance to be the trustee of Lot 72 on WN134 (and Lot 1 on AP2306 if necessary);*
 - b. *To prepare for potential future community use of the Pistol Range Premises, being the combined Lot 72 on WN134 and Lot 1 on AP2306 to either:*
 - i. *undertake a Request for Tender for a Trustee Lease for the Pistol Range Premises; and/or*
 - ii. *Undertake other means than a request for tender for a trustee lease for the Pistol Range Premises, where the prospective trustee lessee is a community organisation as defined in Schedule B of the Local Government Regulations 2012 (Qld).*
4. *Endorse the CEO:*
- a. *to exercise relevant powers he reasonably deems appropriate, to ensure the safety of the Pistol Range Premises between when Council becomes the trustee, and a trustee lease is entered into: and*
 - b. *to enter into any agreement to lease (or permit) in the first instance, if appropriate, to facilitate construction and other improvements, undertaken by any potential trustee lessee to the Pistol Range Premises, so conditions can be met regarding the standards of the fixtures and fittings, before the trustee lease can be executed.*

Carried unanimously.

10.3.11 Lot 87 on WELL5340 adjacent to Abbadoah and SR:054PARO

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support & Engagement
 Author(s): Senior Advisor – Legal and Compliance
 Attachments 1.Trustee Permit Application dated 20 February 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the occupation of Lot 87 on WELL5340 adjacent to Abbadoah as a result of anomalies at the time of the conveyance that stopped any potential for previous permits to occupy remaining valid once Sam and Diane (Rosie) Clements (through the Clements Family Trust) acquired Abbadoah from the Moody family.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 110)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1. *Note the correspondence of 17, January 2025, 4 and 6 February 2025;*
2. *Receive the Application and fee of \$500.00 for a Trustee Permit;*
3. *Authorise the CEO:*

a) To Issue a trustee permit for one year over Lot 87 on WELL5340 to SRC Ag Nominees Pty Limited (ACN 644 671 750) ATF The Clements Family Trust (ABN 45 220 462 560) for \$3800.00, with conditions the CEO deems appropriate.

b) To support any Application made by Mr and Dr Clements for a Road Corridor permit on the Balonne Highway over (SRN) section SR:054PARO

Carried unanimously.

10.3.12 RADF Committee Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support and Engagement
 Author: Rachael Johnson, Community Services Team Leader
 Attachments: 1. RADF Committee Meeting Minutes
 2. Arts and Cultural Policy
 3. Arts and Cultural Development Plan 2025-29

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the RADF Committee meeting held on 24th February 2025. In particular, the report outlines the following:

1. approved applications for 2024/2025 RADF Funding
2. Arts and Cultural Policy review
3. Arts and Cultural Plan review (pages 12 – 19)

Council Resolution (RES.M25/111)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council

- a) *receive and note the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (unconfirmed) held on 24th February 2025*
- b) *approve the recommendation of the RADF Committee for 2024-2025 funding and allocate the following grants:*
 - *Cunnamulla Tourism ORLF Lantern Workshops* \$4,000.00
 - *Wildflowers Garden Workshops* \$4,598.00
 - \$8,598.00**
- c) *endorse the Arts and Cultural Policy for implementation*
- d) *Refer the Arts & Cultural Development Plan to a future Workshop for review.*

Carried unanimously.

10.4 Director of Corporate, Governance and Risk

10.4.1 Financial Position Update Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Corporate, Governance and Risk
Author: Director Corporate, Governance and Risk
Attachment: 1. Monthly Financial Report – February 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on our current financial position and financial performance year to date.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/112)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Financial Position Update Report

Carried unanimously.

10.4.2 Capital Budget Update Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Corporate, Governance and Risk
Author: Director, Corporate, Governance and Risk
Attachments: 1. Capital Budget Update / Grants Expense Update

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on our current financial position in relation to overall Capital Projects and Grants.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/ 113)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Capital Budget Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.3 Customer Service Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Corporate, Governance and Risk

Author: Teresa King, Team Leader Governance & Administration
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the progress of complaints or requests for private works logged in Council's Customer Request system.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/114)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.4 Environmental Health and Building Update Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Author: Teresa King, Team Leader Governance & Administration
Attachments: NIL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Environmental Health and Building activities for the month of February 2025.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/115)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

*That Council:
Receive and note the Environmental Health and Building Update Report;*

Carried unanimously.

11. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Council Resolution (RES.M25/116)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council resolve to move into Closed Session.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/117)**Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council re-open the meeting to the public.***Carried unanimously.**

QLGR 2012 Section 254J (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would likely prejudice the interests of the local government.)

11.1 CONFIDENTIAL Cunnamulla Hot Springs Surrender of Trustee LeaseCouncil Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:

Purpose

Current lessees have notified Council that they wish to terminate their current lease as of 31st July 2025.

Cunnamulla Hot Springs are in discussions with a prospective new operator to enable a re-assignment of the existing lease.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/118)**Moved: Cr Brain****Seconded: Cr King***That Council:*

1. *note the current operator Cunnamulla Hot Springs intention to terminate the lease and*
2. *in line with clause 3.2 of the Trustee Lease approve termination of the lease as of 31st July 2025 and*
3. *note the current operator's intention to re-assign the lease to a suitable trustee lessee prior to the termination date.*

Carried unanimously.

QLGR 2012 Section 254J (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would likely prejudice the interests of the local government.)

12.3 CONFIDENTIAL Cunnamulla Hot Springs Re-Assignment Interest of Trustee LeaseCouncil Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:

Purpose

To consider the re-assignment of the Trustee lease from Cunnamulla Hot Springs to Belgravia Leisure.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/119)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

1. note the interest from Belgravia Leisure as per their letter of 10th March 2025 and
2. delegate powers to the Mayor and CEO to further negotiate with Belgravia Leisure on costs associated with the Hot Springs.

Carried unanimously.

Pursuant s 254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), it is recommended Council resolve to treat this report as confidential due to the necessity to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government and/or legal proceedings that may be taken against the local government.

11.2 CONFIDENTIAL Lot 8 CP PR8 Paroo Shire Council Title Reference 49004439 (Wyandra Reserve)

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support & Engagement

Author(s): Rural Lands Compliance Supervisor &
Senior Advisor – Legal and Compliance Reviewed by Tim Smith McInnes
Wilson Lawyers

Attachments

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the occupation on Lot 8 CP PR8 Paroo Shire Council Title Reference 49004439 (**Wyandra Reserve**), to inform Council of steps taken to ensure the unlawful occupation ceases, and to make determinations for the future use of the Wyandra Reserve, including responding to an application for fencing work, including on 8/PR8 made by the Bredhauers on 25 February 2025..

Council Resolution (RES.M25/120)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1. *Note the correspondence of 4 October 2024, 4, 11, 18, 23 and 25, 26, 28 February 2025, and 3, 4 and 5 March 2025, relating to the Notice to Leave Lot 8 on PR8 (the Wyandra Reserve) to and from Council and the Bredhauers.*
2. *Endorse the CEO:*
 - a. *to exercise relevant powers that the CEO reasonably deems appropriate, to ensure the Wyandra Reserve is vacated and unoccupied in accordance with Council's letters to the Bredhauers on 4 and 19 February 2025 and 3 March 2025.*
3. *Authorise the CEO:*
 - a. *To enforce any relevant conditions on any Permit to Occupy, as it relates to:*
 - i. *Lot 3 on PR67;*
 - ii. *Lot A on AP23079.*
 - b. *To issue Fencing Permits and/or Fencing Notices for the relevant land parcels on the cadastral boundary of the Wyandra Reserve, including any notice empowered by any Permit to Occupy conditions or by s 149 of the Stock Route Management Act 2002 (Qld), requiring the Bredhauers:*
 - i. *to build a stock-proof fence on the boundary of the land to prevent stock on the land entering a part of the network; and*
 - ii. *any fencing is to be inside the cadastral boundaries of Lot 3 on PR67 (the Policeman's Paddock), and of Lot A on AP23079 (the PTO), as required to comply with:*
 - a. *the conditions of the respective permits to occupy;*
 - b. *the Land Act 1994 (Qld) including incorporating the recent Land and Other Legislation Amendment No. 2 Bill 2024, to ensure reserve land is being used only for its purpose, unless otherwise approved by the Minister; and*
 - c. *any other conditions the CEO sees fit to impose.*
4. *Resolves that Wyandra Reserve will remain vacant until further resolution of Council.*

Carried unanimously.

Pursuant s 254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), it is recommended Council resolve to treat this report as confidential due to the necessity to discuss legal actions contemplated by the local government and/or legal proceedings that may be taken against the local government.

11.3 CONFIDENTIAL: Fencing and other Structures on the Stock Route SR059PARO, Lot 6 on plan KU14 Title Ref: 50565023 (Willacora)

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Community Support & Engagement

Author(s): Rural Lands Compliance Supervisor & Senior Advisor – Legal and Compliance

Attachments

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the installation and planned corrective action and removal of fencing erected using non-frangible materials and design, on the Road Corridor and Stock Route on the Mitchell Highway at Tuen Plains.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/121)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *Note the correspondence of 19 July 2025, 1 and 14 August 2024, and 6 February 2025 and SLM (ALF) Willacora Pty Limited reply to Council the same day;*
2. *Endorse the CEO's approach to take no further action, if the removal of the fencing occurs in accordance with a three month time frame.*

Carried unanimously.

Pursuant s 254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), it is recommended Council resolve to treat this report as confidential due to the necessity to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government and/or legal proceedings that may be taken against the local government.

11.4 CONFIDENTIAL: Field Solutions Group Pty Limited (Receivers/Managers Appointed)

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025

Department: Corporate, Governance and Risk

Author(s): Senior Advisor – Legal and Compliance

Attachments:

Purpose

Council has engaged Field Solutions Group Pty Limited on two key activities and this report is to identify potential impacts of a receiver and manager being appointed. The major project is the Building Our Regions (BOR#4 and BOR#5) for digital connectivity towers and also they provide services with Council's CCTV cameras. This report focusses on the BOR tranche.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/122)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

1. *Note the attached documentation, from the recently appointed Receiver/Managers, that FSG is still operating but under external administration by a Receiver/Manager*
2. *Authorise the CEO:*
 - a. *To continue to monitor FSG operations to ensure Councils interests are protected.*
3. *Endorse the CEO:*

- a. to exercise relevant powers to ensure Council's legal interests are preserved, including arising out of:
- i. any Building Our Regions Project Delivery Agreement (as varied);
 - ii. any Deed of Covenant and Consent;
 - iii. any funding agreement; and
 - iv. otherwise as available and appropriate in the CEO's opinion.

Carried unanimously.

Pursuant to s254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), it is recommended Council resolve to treat this report as confidential due to the necessity to discuss 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.

11.5 CONFIDENTIAL: Tender – Operator of Vessel Paroo and delivery of associated tourism activity

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Community Support & Engagement
 Author: Tony Koch, Director of Community Support & Engagement
 Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to note the tender for *RFT 20241212-VP1-01-Request for Tender Vessel Paroo* and recommend an award of contract.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/123)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council;

1. receive and note the report, and
2. authorise the Mayor and CEO to negotiate a contract with *Belgravia Leisure Pty Ltd* (BL) for the lease of Vessel Paroo and the contingent delivery of tourism activities as detailed in BL's Response Schedule.

Carried unanimously.

12 LATE REPORTS

12.1 Fleet Tracking - Purchase of New Fleet Monitoring System

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
 Department: Infrastructure

Author: Monique Gavin – Warehouse Co-Ordinator A / Director of Infrastructure
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to summarise the responses received for PSCRFQ Fleet Tracking Upgrade and award a contract.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/124)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

Receive the report and award the contract for PSCRFQ Fleet Tracking Upgrade to Manage My Fleet under Local Buy Arrangement LB281 Fleet Management Services for the total cost of \$48,179.95 excluding GST for the supply and installation of 55 Geotab Go 9 Devices and 15 Geotab Satellite Devices.

Carried unanimously.

12.2 Plant Tender - Purchase of Two New Prime Movers

Council Meeting: 18 March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: Monique Gavin – Warehouse Co-Ordinator and A / Director of Infrastructure
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to summarise the responses received for RFQ2025-003 Supply and delivery of Two prime Movers (1 x Road train rated 97 Tonnes and 1 x standard 60 Tonnes) and recommend award of contract.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/125)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive the report and award the contract for RFQ 2025-003 to Brown and Hurley Group Toowoomba for the total cost of \$774,545.46 excluding GST for the supply and delivery of two new 97 tonne road train rated prime movers as detailed below:

1. Kenworth T610SAR 97 Tonne Rated \$387,272.73

2. Kenworth T610SAR 97 Tonne Rated \$387,272.73

Carried unanimously.

12.4 Human Resources Report

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Corporate, Governance and Risk
Author: HR Manager
Attachments: NIL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on advertised positions, employees changes and positions to be advertised.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/126)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources Report.

Carried unanimously.

12.5 Community Grant Application: CUNNAMULLA RSL SUB-BRANCH

Council Meeting: 18 March 2025
Department: Community Support and Engagement
Author: Community Services Team Leader
Attachments: 1. Community Grant Application

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a community grant application from Cunnamulla RSL Sub-branch.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/127)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Cunnamulla RSL Sub-branch for events dated 25th April 2025 - ANZAC Day and 11th November 2025 – Remembrance Day;*
2. *agree to donation of \$3,300.00.*

12.6 Bitumen Surfacing Quotations Eulo Toompine Road

Council Meeting: 18 March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: A/Director of Infrastructure
Attachments: 1. Quotation Assessment

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to summarise the responses received for quotations to undertake bitumen sealing works on Eulo Toompine Road as part of the current Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) project.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/128)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council

1. *Receive the report and award the contract for the bitumen sealing of the 2024/25 Eulo Toompine Road TIDS project to RPQ Spray Seal for the cost of \$354,694.50 excluding GST under the Vendor Panel pre-qualified supplier category "Road and General Civil Construction LB313"; and*
2. *Delegate financial and other authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Contract and negotiate any variations that may arise*

12.7 Country Roads Connect Program

Council Meeting: 18th March 2025
Department: Infrastructure
Author: Minister for Main Roads & Transport
Attachment: Letter from Ministers Mickelberg and Last

Purpose

For Council's consideration and decision on its submission for funding under the Country Roads Connect Program.

Council Resolution (RES.M25/129)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council submit a road construction and seal project on the Jobs Gate Road to the Country Roads Connect Program for funding.

Carried Unanimously.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting was declared closed at 5:05pm

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

This is to confirm that the minutes constitute a true and correct record of the proceedings at the meeting.

Suzette Beresford
Mayor
Date: 21/01/2025

Neil Polglase
Interim Chief Executive Officer