

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE
ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers [via Zoom] (Deputy Mayor), Councillors D Arthur, T Gleeson, C Hansen, G Peoples and R Plumb.

OFFICERS

S Gray (Chief Executive Officer), J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), D Young (Minute Secretary), S Habib (Finance Manager), D Howard (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), C Rohan (Director of Works), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra) and D Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services).

Pastor Donna Muston led council in prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mr Glen Cameron of Mt Cornish, Muttaborra; Mr Rooster Forster of Muttaborra, Mr Mark Alexander Robins of Aramac, Mrs Sally Parrott of Jericho and Mr Vaughan Johnson, former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Qld.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Caitlyn Plumb and Councillor Dillon acknowledged the traditional owners of the land; past, present and emerging.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Rogers under items 3.2.1 and 3.7.1 – Councillor Rogers informed the meeting she has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Mayor's and District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra Reports as she may participate in the festival. As the reports are for information only with no decision required, Councillor Rogers will remain in the meeting and participate in discussion and vote on the items.

Councillor Peoples under Mayoral Minute number 3 – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Harry Redford Cattle Drive Report as his businesses may be a supplier to the project. Councillor Peoples will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Arthur under items 3.7.3 and Mayoral Minute number 2 – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Muttaborra Community Development Association Proposal and Rec Park Reports as a close associate, being his employer Michael Horman Transport, may be a supplier to these projects. Councillor Arthur will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.6.2 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Expression of Interest – Lease of Land Report as a close associate (family member) submitted an expression of interest in the tender. Councillor Gleeson will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Gleeson under item 3.6.3 – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Alpha Rodeo Association – Request for Assistance Report as a close associate (family member) is a member of the committee. As the close associate is not an Executive of the Committee, Councillor Gleeson will remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Rogers under item 3.4.2 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

Councillor Dillon under item 3.3.6 – Councillor Dillon informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Indigenous Design Clothing Report as he is a non-paid Director of the Company and will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Arthur under item 3.4.2 – continuing declaration from a prior meeting.

DEPUTATION

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2023/02/031	Moved Cr Plumb That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 17 January 2023 be received.	Seconded Cr Hansen
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Carried
7/0

Resolution: 2023/02/032	Moved Cr Gleeson That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 17 January 2023 be confirmed with the following amendment: That Councillor Arthur be included in the register of Prescribed Conflict of Interest for the Questions on Notice.	Seconded Cr Peoples
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Carried
7/0

2. PETITIONS – Nil

3. REPORTS

3.1 MAYOR

3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report

Summary: From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Plumb
2023/02/033 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.3.1 Chief Executive Officer's Information Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information report to Council.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gleeson
2023/02/034 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.2 Councillor Information Correspondence

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillor Information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Hansen
2023/02/035 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Planning and Development Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Peoples Seconded Cr Gleeson
2023/02/036 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.4 Economic Development Report

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Hansen
2023/02/037 That Council receives the report.

Carried
7/0

3.3.5 Australia Day Awards

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, reporting on the Australia Day Award recipients and event information.

Resolution: Moved Cr Plumb Seconded Cr Peoples
2023/02/038 That Council acknowledges and congratulates the recipients of the Australia Day Awards as follows:

- * Citizen of the year Emma Hay, Aramac
- * Certificate of recognition Peter Ahern, Aramac
- * Community event of the year Muttaborra Stock Show
- * Certificate of recognition Jericho Bush Bash
- * Certificate of recognition Loud Shirt Day, Aramac
- * Certificate of recognition May Day Fundraising Committee – Whippy Griggs
- * Volunteer awards Alexandra Doneley, Barcaldine
 Kerryn Geltch, Muttaborra
 Ken and Donna Robinson, Muttaborra
 Colleen Charman, Barcaldine
- * Sports award Joelene Gleeson, Barcaldine
- * Head Yakka Champion Stacey Ferguson, Aramac
- * Young sports award Max Michaelis, Barcaldine
- * Cultural award Margaretha Siebert, Muttaborra

Carried
7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.41pm.

3.7.3 Muttaborra Community Development Association Proposal

Summary: The Muttaborra Community Development Association are seeking Council's support in installing a disabled toilet block at the Freedom Park as part of Stage 2 of the Union Hole Project.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
2023/02/056 **That Council agrees to support the installation of the disabled toilet block at the Freedom Park as part of Stage 2 of the Union Hole Project (up to the value of \$20,000.00) and will give consideration to enhancing the scope of the project should the grant be successful.**

Carried
6/0

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 2.09pm.

3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.8.1 Information Report

Summary: From the District Manager – Barcaldine, submitting to Council the monthly information report.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Arthur**
2023/02/057 **That Council receives the report.**

Carried
7/0

4. Questions on Notice

4.1.1 Questions on Notice

Questions on Notice for February meeting:

Councillor Gleeson – weeds at Rec Park returning – advised different type of weed and different treatment method required.

Councillor Gleeson – RSPCA involvement with animals being kept in a vehicle.

Councillor Hansen – request re corner of Elm and Pine Streets, accidents reported on intersection.

Councillor Arthur – Home and Community Care Services in Alpha – feedback.

Mayoral Minutes

1.

**Resolution:
2023/02/058****Moved: Cr Peoples****Seconded: Cr Gleeson**

That Council endorses the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to indicate its willingness and support for the QantasLink Service scheduled to land in Barcaldine on 17 August 2023 to be diverted/transferred to Blackall in support of persons wishing to attend the Better in Blackall Festival. Further, that Council requests the currently scheduled QantasLink Service for Blackall on 4 September 2023 be diverted/transferred to Barcaldine in support of persons and exhibitors wishing to attend the Westech Field Days.

**Carried
7/0**

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 2.26pm.

2.

**Resolution:
2023/02/059****Moved: Cr Plumb****Seconded: Cr Hansen**

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the Qld Government Sport and Recreation Minor Infrastructure Grant for upgrades to the value of \$415,000.00 to the Barcaldine Rec Park and commits to contributing the 10% fund requirement if successful.

**Carried
6/0**

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 2.29pm.

Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 2.28pm.

3.

**Resolution:
2023/02/060****Moved: Cr Rogers****Seconded: Cr Gleeson**

That Council endorses the Chief Executive Officer to sanction the 2023 Harry Redford Cattle Drive as an event held under the auspices of Council, provided the Harry Redford Cattle Drive Committee provides a list of the volunteers required to run a successful, quality event and that the necessary state government approval/permits/support are received in due course.

**Carried
6/0**

Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 2.30pm.

5. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.34pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 21 February 2023
