

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BARCALDINE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 71 ASH STREET, BARCALDINE  
ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023  
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councillor S Dillon (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers (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), P Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra), D Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services, K Jones (Director of Works) and K Coomber (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho).

Councillor Arthur led council in prayer.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of the late Mr Mervyn Bryant of Barcaldine and Mr Andrew Cowper of Aramac.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Karyn Coomber

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Prescribed Conflicts of Interest**

**Councillor Peoples under item 3.8.2** – Councillor Peoples informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Lease Agreement – Lake Dunne Amenities Report, as his business may be involved in the project. Councillor Peoples will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

**Councillor Hansen under item 3.9.2** – Councillor Hansen informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance Number RA19202324 – Mackay Powerboat Report, as he is involved in the event. Councillor Hansen will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

**Councillor Arthur under items 3.3.7, 3.4.1, 3.6.2 and 3.8.3** – Councillor Arthur informed the meeting he has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Upgrade of Aramac Sewerage Treatment Plant, Plant and Fleet Renewal Program Allocation 2023/2024, Flood Damage Packages 4/5/6 and Muttaborra Museum – Building Proposal Reports; as a close associate, his employer – Michael Horman Transport, may be a supplier to these projects. Councillor Arthur will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on these items.

**Councillor Plumb under item 3.3.3** – Councillor Plumb informed the meeting she has a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the Planning and Development Report; as a close associate,

being her son, is mentioned in the report. Councillor Plumb will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

**Councillor Plumb under item 3.6.2** – Councillor Plumb informed the meeting she has a Prescribed Conflict in the Flood Damage Packages 4/5/6 Report; as a close associate, being her son, is a tenderer. Councillor Plumb will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

**Declarable Conflicts of Interest**

**Councillor Rogers under items 3.8.1 and 3.10.1** – ongoing declaration.

**DEPUTATION**

Central West Aboriginal Corporation

**BUSINESS**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>Resolution: 2023/09/246</b>	<b>Moved Cr Hansen That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 15 August 2023 be received.</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Arthur</b>	<b>Carried 7/0</b>
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<b>Resolution: 2023/09/247</b>	<b>Moved Cr Plumb That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 15 August 2023 be confirmed.</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Hansen</b>	<b>Carried 7/0</b>
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<b>Resolution: 2023/09/248</b>	<b>Moved Cr Gleeson That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 12 September 2023 be received.</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Plumb</b>	<b>Carried 7/0</b>
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<b>Resolution: 2023/09/249</b>	<b>Moved Cr Plumb That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 12 September 2023 be confirmed.</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Rogers</b>	<b>Carried 7/0</b>
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**2. PETITIONS**

Nil

**3. REPORTS****3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****3.1.1 Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone**

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/250** **That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J(3)(e) and (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding legal advice obtained by the local government and 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.**

**Carried**  
7/0

*The meeting was closed at 8.45am, adjourned at 9.32am and moved in to open session at 10.22am.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**  
**2023/09/251** **That Council reopens the meeting.**

**Carried**  
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*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling information as requested on the sale of land for the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**  
**2023/09/252** **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations to purchase part of Lot 3 on SP136834 as per draft Proposed Subdivision, for \$880,000 plus GST and Stamp Duty; subject to all approvals being in place prior to settlement; following confirmation of signed infrastructure funding instrument/s from the State Government, reflecting the State Government's 2023-2024 Budget Commitment of \$7M.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**3.2 MAYOR**

### 3.2.1 Mayor's Information Report

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

**Resolution: Moved Cr Arthur Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/253 That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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### 3.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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*Councillor Dillon left the meeting at 10.27am with Councillor Rogers in the Chair, Councillor Dillon returned at 10.28am.*

#### 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 Plumb**  
**2023/09/254 That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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#### 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 Peoples Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/255 That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Plumb declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 10.35am.*

#### 3.3.3 Planning and Development Report

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

**Resolution: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Arthur**  
**2023/09/256 That Council receives the report.**

Carried

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Councillor Plumb returned to the meeting at 10.40am.

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### 3.3.4 Economic Development Report

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

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Hansen** **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**2023/09/257** **That Council receives the report.**

Carried

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### 3.3.5 Workplace Health and Safety Report

*Summary: From the Workplace Health and Safety Specialist, presenting a report on Council's Work Health and Safety.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Arthur** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/258** **That Council receives the report.**

Carried

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### 3.3.6 2024 Council Meeting Dates

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, proposing dates for the general meetings of Council to be held in 2024.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/259** **That Council holds its general meetings for the commencement of 2024 in the Barcaldine Council Chambers commencing at 8.30am on the following dates:**  
**\* Tuesday 23 January 2024**  
**\* Tuesday 20 February 2024**  
**\* Tuesday 12 March 2024**  
**\* Tuesday 9 April 2024 (Post-Election Meeting)**  
**\* Tuesday 16 April 2024 (General).**

Carried

7/0

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following two reports and left the meeting at 10.48am.

### 3.3.7 Upgrade of Aramac Sewerage Treatment Plant

**Summary:** From the Chief Executive Officer, seeking formal endorsement of Flying Minute conducted for the Upgrade of Aramac Sewerage Treatment Plant for Wastewater Recycling Detailed Design – Variation Request.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Hansen**  
**2023/09/260** **That Council confirms it has budgeted the financial contribution to the Upgrade of the Aramac Sewerage Treatment Plant for Wastewater Recycling Detailed Design Project, is committed to delivering the Project and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.**

**Carried**  
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## 3.4 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

### 3.4.1 Plant and Fleet Renewal Program Allocation 2023/2024

**Summary:** Council, as part of the Barcaldine Regional Council Budget for 2023/2024 funded a capital program for the renewal of plant and fleet. This report is for Council to allocate the funding to specific items for ordering and delivery as part of the 2023/2024 capital program.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/261** **That Council:**  
**1. Approve the allocation of \$2,927,000 for the Plant and Fleet Renewal Program to the items identified in Schedule 1 for delivery in 2023/2024.**  
**2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make reasonable changes to plant items identified for renewal on the basis of the new item being designed more fit for the purpose it is to be providing.**

**Carried**  
5/1

*Councillor Peoples voted against the motion in opposition to one line item (street sweeper).  
Councillors Dillon, Rogers, Plumb, Hansen and Gleeson voted for the motion.*

Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 11.50am.

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## 3.5 FINANCE

### 3.5.1 Financial Performance Report

*Summary: Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a finance report to present at each monthly meeting of the local government. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government’s budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.*

*The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council’s budget performance as at 31 August 2023.*

**Resolution: 2023/09/262      Moved Cr Plumb      Seconded Cr Hansen**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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**3.5.2 Community Care Services Report**

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Community Care Services financial progress. The financial performance of the business unit is broken up into the care packages provided by Council.*

**Resolution: 2023/09/263      Moved Cr Peoples      Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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**3.6.1 Director of Works Report**

*Summary: From the Director of Works, presenting the status of the scope of works assigned to Infrastructure Services.*

**Resolution: 2023/09/264      Moved Cr Hansen      Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillors Arthur and Plumb declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 12.13pm.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Peoples**    **Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/265**                      **That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J(3)(g) regarding 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.**

**Carried**  
5/0

*The meeting was closed at 12.27pm and moved in to open session at 12.49pm.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Hansen**    **Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/266**                      **That Council reopens the meeting.**

**Carried**  
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*Meeting was adjourned at 12.51pm and reconvened at 12.52pm.*

### **3.6.2 Flood Damage Packages 4, 5 and 6**

*Summary: This report provides for Council to consider the submitted tenders for Flood Damage 2023 Packages 4, 5 and 6. The works required are those works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) from the January 2023 flood event.*

*The flood event caused significant damage to Council's road network across the region. Following the initial period of emergent flood damage works, six submissions were made to QRA for work across the region. The works, once approved, have then been packaged up and issued for tender.*

*The open public tenders for these packages of works were requested through Council's online public tendering system, VendorPanel. The Packages were as follows:*

- \* Package 4 – various road maintenance and road construction works on Monklands Road, Alpha*
- \* Package 5 – various road maintenance and road construction works on Springton Road, Jericho*
- \* Package 6 – various road maintenance and road construction works on Minnamoora Road, Jericho.*

*Additional packages will be provided to Council for consideration at future meetings.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Hansen**    **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2023/09/267**                      **That Council:**



1. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Package 4 – Monklands Road, Alpha submission from KS Welsh & Sons Pty Ltd for the submitted value of \$72,415.30 (ex GST).
2. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Package 5 – Springton Road, Jericho submission from KS Welsh & Sons Pty Ltd for the submitted value of \$26,378.63 (ex GST).
3. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Package 6 – Minnamoora Road, Jericho submission from KS Welsh & Sons Pty Ltd for the submitted value of \$73,018.72.
4. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's procurement policy, Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contracts awarded in 1, 2 and 3.

**Carried**

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*Councillors Peoples and Gleeson voted against the motion.  
Councillors Dillon, Rogers and Hansen voted for the motion.*

Meeting was adjourned at 12.53pm and recommenced at 1.24pm.

Councillors Arthur and Plumb returned to the meeting following the adjournment at 1.24pm.

### 3.7 DISTRICT MANAGER – ALPHA AND JERICHO

#### 3.7.1 Information Report

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Alpha and Jericho District.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Hansen**    **Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**2023/09/268**                      **That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**

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#### 3.7.2 Request for Assistance – Fee Waiver

*Summary: Consideration to be given by Council to approve a fee waiver for the hire of equipment for Farewell Dinner for Qld Police Service Officers.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Peoples**    **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/269**                      **That Council approve the fee waiver for the hire of tables, chairs and Public Address system for the farewell dinner for two well respected Qld Police Service Officers that serviced the Alpha area.**

Carried  
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### 3.7.3 Alpha Land Sale

*Summary:* Consideration to be given by Council to relinquish two parcels of land currently owned by Council to be offered up for sale by tender.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Hansen**  
**2023/09/270** **That Council approve to commence process to sell two parcels of land for Sale by Tender:**  
**1. Neil Street, Alpha – Lot 2 on SP120226, 2881 m2; and**  
**2. 5 Dunning Street, Alpha – Lot 16 on SP120226, 1723 m2.**  
**3. That a subsequent vacant land report be made available for consideration at the October Meeting.**

Carried  
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### 3.8 DISTRICT MANAGER – ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

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#### 3.8.1 Information Report

*Summary:* This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Aramac and Muttaborra District.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Plumb** **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2023/09/271** **That Council receives the report.**

Carried  
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*Councillor Peoples declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.40pm.*

#### 3.8.2 Lease Agreement – Lake Dunn Amenities

*Summary:* Council to consider the proposed New Lease Agreement for Lake Dunn Amenities between Barcaldine Regional Council and Noel Dickson.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/272** **That Council agrees to lease the Lake Dunn Amenities to Noel Dickson as per the Lease Agreement.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting at 1.45pm.*

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*Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.45pm.*

**3.8.3 Muttaborra Museum – Building Proposal**

*Summary: The Dr Arratta Memorial Museum Association are seeking permission to erect a shed on the Cassimatis Museum Ground; Bruford Street, Muttaborra.*

**Resolution: 2023/09/273**                      **Moved Cr Peoples**                                      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**That Council agrees for the Dr Arratta Memorial Museum Association to erect a shed for the Brookwood display on the Cassimatis museum grounds subject to development approval and that it be added to Council’s asset register.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Arthur returned to the meeting at 1.46pm.*

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**3.9 DISTRICT MANAGER – BARCALDINE**

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**3.9.1 Information Report**

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Barcaldine District.*

**Resolution: 2023/09/274**                      **Moved Cr Plumb**                                      **Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**That Council receives the report.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Hansen declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 1.56pm.*

**3.9.2 Request for Assistance Number RA19202324 – Mackay Powerboat**

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to donation to Mackay Powerboat Club Incorporated to assist with provision of onsite medical and diver specialists for event being held at Barcy Rec Park.*



*Act. S150EU – "If there is less than a quorum at a meeting following councillors leaving the meeting after declaring conflicts of interest, under subsection (2), the local government must delegate deciding the matter under section 257, unless deciding the matter cannot be delegated under that section."*

- *Local Government Act – Section 257 – Delegation of local government powers*
- *Local Government Act 2009 – Section 150EU – Procedure if no quorum for deciding matter because of prescribed conflicts of interest or declarable conflicts of interest.*

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**Resolution:**                    **Moved Cr Peoples**     **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2023/09/278**                    **That Council establishes and adopts the Delegated Decision Standing**  
**Committee in accordance with S264 of the Local Government Regulation**  
**2012.**

**Carried**  
7/0

#### 4. Questions on Notice

##### 4.1.1 Questions on Notice

*Summary:*                         *From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the responses received to the August Council Meeting Questions on Notice.*

**Resolution:**                    **Moved Cr Plumb**     **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**2023/09/279**                    **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
7/0

Questions on Notice for September meeting:

Councillor Dillon – Artesian Hotel update.

Councillor Rogers – long grass near Bauhinia Street: fire breaks.

Councillor Rogers – Botanical Garden Walk (two kilometres south of Common).

Councillor Rogers – cats: damage to native animals: consider curfew.

Councillor Plumb – clean-up week/kerbside collection as part of Get Ready Qld in October.

Councillor Arthur – meeting videos on website (none since February, check YouTube also).

Councillor Arthur – update website with new Executive/staff.

Councillor Hansen – revisit closure of Showgrounds over festive season.

Councillor Gleeson – Alice River on Jericho Road rubbish removal.

Councillor Peoples – further information on August request re: Harry Redford Drive.

**5. Close of Meeting**

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: -----

DATED: 26 September 2023

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