



General Council Meeting

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council held in the **Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street, Emerald** on

Tuesday, 10 March 2020
Commenced at 2.00pm

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 2.00PM TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Cr) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors (Cr) P. Bell AM (arrived at 2.04pm), C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, A. McIndoe, G. Nixon, C. Rolfe and G. Sypher

Officers

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Communities J. McDougall, General Manager Corporate Services M. Gatt, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, Minute Secretary M. Wills

APOLOGIES

General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That a leave of absence be granted for Cr Brimblecombe for the meeting of 25 March 2020.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 001

Carried (9-0)

*** CEO Note – Leave of absence for Cr Brimblecombe is for the General Council Meeting to be held on 24 March 2020.*

Attendance

Cr Bell attended the meeting at 2.04pm

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Stephen Gellatly from the Emerald Baptist Church delivered the opening prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Hayes acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and he paid our respects to the elders, past, present and emerging.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Special General Council Meeting: 21 February 2020

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the previous Special General Council Meeting held on 21 February 2020 be confirmed.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 002

Carried (9-0)

General Council Meeting: 25 February 2020

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 25 February 2020 be confirmed.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 003

Carried (9-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Councillors reviewed the resolution register (meeting actions) update

REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Discussions were held regarding upcoming agenda items.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Nil

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter attended the meeting at 2.12pm

DECISION ACTION REPORTS

Communities

Policies Review - Arts and Culture Policy

Executive summary:

The report presents amendments to the Arts and Culture policy for Council's consideration for adoption.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the revised Arts and Culture Policy."

 Central Highlands Regional Council	COUNCIL POLICY
	Arts and Cultural Policy
POLICY NUMBER: CHRCP: 0018	DEPARTMENT: Communities
EFFECTIVE DATE: 10 March 2020	UNIT: Connected Communities

1. Purpose and Scope

This policy recognises Council's commitment to supporting and celebrating arts, cultural, history and heritage activities and their contribution to the wellbeing of the community.

The policy covers all arts, cultural, history and heritage activities within the Council area.

2. Reference

Council

Central Highlands Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2018 – 2023
Creative Cultural Futures Strategy 2016 – 2026
Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2018 - 2020 FYs
Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Compliance
Heritage Management Framework 2018
Library Strategy and Action Plan 2019 – 2021
Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2020
Regional Council Land Use Management

State

Arts for All Queenslanders Strategy 2017-2022
Arts and Cultural Investment Framework 2016
Queensland Heritage Strategy 2015

Federal

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003
Australian Council of the Arts Strategic Plan 2014-2019
Australian Heritage Strategy 2015
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

International

Convention of Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expression UNESCO Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

3. Policy Statement

In recognising the contribution that arts, culture, history and heritage make towards enriching the communities social/emotional wellbeing and development Council will endeavour to:

3.1 consider arts, cultural, history and heritage planning as a part of its strategic objectives in the Corporate and Operational Plan and master plans.

3.2 create enjoyable and interesting public spaces throughout the Council area by delivering high quality, innovative, evocative and diverse public art spaces..

3.3 maintain and manage the safety of its public art.3.4 encourage internal and external consultation on and cooperation, partnerships and participation in, community arts, cultural, history and heritage activities and programs.

3.5 document and promote the local strength of arts, cultural, history and heritage diversity.

3.6 promote community identities and cultural heritage that are unique to our communities and encourage tourism experiences.

3.7 develop strategic partnerships to improve and enhance the arts and cultural communities within the region.

partner with the State Government to assist in delivery of community arts and cultural funding

3.8 encourage innovation in arts, cultural, history and heritage.

3.9 source external funding for arts, cultural, history and heritage projects.

3.10 encourage community capacity building to enhance participation in arts, cultural, history and heritage programs.

4. Policy Review

All policies will be reviewed annually or when any of the following occurs:

- Relevant legislation, regulations, standards and policies are amended or replaced; and
- Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Leadership Team / Managers.

2020 / 03 / 10 / 004

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter left the meeting at 2.14pm

Chief Executive Officer

Call for Motions - Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly

Executive summary:

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2020 National General Assembly (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 14 - 17 June 2020. ALGA is calling for motions under the theme “Working Together for our Communities”.

This report seeks council’s endorsement of the motions for the ALGA National General Assembly.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following motions for inclusion on the agenda for the Australian Local Government Association 2020 National General Assembly:

1. Water Security
2. Availability and Affordability of Aged Care
3. Data Collection
4. Financial Assistance Grants
5. Financial support for General Practice Super Clinics.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 005

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Airports S. Kloppers attended the meeting at 2.31pm

General Manager Communities J. McDougall left the meeting at 2.42pm and returned at 2.42pm

Corporate Communications Officer J. Lorenzen attended the meeting at 2.52pm and left the meeting at 2.53pm

Cr Bell left the meeting at 3.01pm

INFORMATION REPORTS

Customer and Commercial Services

Emerald Airport Runway and Apron Project Report

Executive summary:

On 13 November 2019 Council was updated on the progress of the Emerald Airport Runway Upgrade Project. This report, with subsequent reports laid the basis for the Emerald Runway and Apron Overlay Project (Project Denison) that has now reached practical completion. This report updates Council on the implementation/ construction phase of the project, its finalisation and the project outcomes and learnings.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Emerald Airport Runway Project Report.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 006

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manger Airports S. Kloppers left the meeting at 3.06pm

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Attendance

Cr Bell returned to the meeting at 3.06pm

Manager Project Development and Contract Delivery K. Downey attended the meeting at 3.07pm

Cr Sypher left the meeting at 3.29pm and did not return.

Special General Council Meeting – 19 March 2020

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council hold a Special General Council Meeting on 19 March 2020 commencing at 10.00am for the purpose to consider the correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister The Hon Michael McCormack around the Infrastructure Investment Program and potential economic stimulus package.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 007

Carried (8-0)

Fast Tracking of Land Transport Infrastructure Projects on Local Roads

Executive summary:

Central Highlands Regional Council (Council) has received correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Michael McCormack MP asking Council to identify any Australian Government land transport infrastructure projects on local roads for which construction could commence or be brought forward in the next three to six months. Three projects that are at or close to being ‘shovel ready’ are proposed. These projects are proposed to be included in the Council submission as potential road improvement projects.

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council note the report.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 008

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Manager Project Development and Contract Delivery K. Downey left the meeting at 3.31pm

Acting Manager Water Utilities J. Hoolihan and Acting Manager Infrastructure T Meredith attended the meeting at 3.31pm

Nogoa River Timber Pedestrian Bridge

Executive summary:

A recent inspection of the Nogoa River Pedestrian Bridge has indicated rapid deterioration of the superstructure. Considerable movement of the deck surface has occurred since previous inspections. It is recommended that the bridge be permanently closed to the public as soon as practicable.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Support the Department of Transport and Main Roads to close the Nogoia River Pedestrian Bridge as soon as practicable due to safety concerns;
2. Cooperate with the Department of Transport and Main Roads on a joint communication strategy; and
3. Cooperate with Department of Transport and Main Roads to identify options for people to cross the river to integrate the botanical gardens.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 009

Carried (7-1)

Attendance

Acting Manager Infrastructure T Meredith left the meeting at 4.02pm

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 010

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was closed at 4.02pm

Central Queensland Inland Port - Proposed supply of land for water infrastructure

Attendance

Business Transformation Manager P. Choy attended the meeting at 4.07pm

Acting Manager Water Utilities J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 4.07pm

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert left the meeting at 4.08pm

oneCouncil Status Update

Attendance

Business Transformation Manager P. Choy left the meeting at 4.19pm

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 011

Carried (8-0)

The meeting was opened at 4.20pm

Central Queensland Inland Port - Proposed supply of land for water infrastructure

Executive summary:

Council have received correspondence, dated 26 August 2019, from Central Queensland Inland Port (CQIP) relating to their preparedness to supply land to facilitate future water supply infrastructure to meet demand for the future development of Stage one of the Yamala Enterprise Area.

There is currently a grant funding application pending to progress the proposed Yamala Enterprise Area Water Infrastructure and Design Business Case. The proposed business case will progress the proposed water infrastructure to support Stage one of Yamala Enterprise Area, through planning, design and delivery.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Acknowledges Central Queensland Inland Port’s preparedness to supply land to facilitate future water supply infrastructure for the Yamala Enterprise Area subject to the project proceeding after the development of a satisfactory business case addressing project feasibility and identifying the availability of water supply and the requirements for delivery and storage infrastructure; and
2. Declines the monetary contribution offered by Central Queensland Inland Port towards the development of the Yamala Enterprise Area Water Infrastructure and Design Business Case.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 012

Carried (8-0)

oneCouncil Status Update

Executive summary:

This report provides an update on the overall project status and the upcoming activities for the OneCouncil software system.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council receives this report.”

2020 / 03 / 10 / 013

Carried (8-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement and or additional follow-up by officers)

Cr Rolfe

- Advised council that Galilee Energy (who conduct operations at Orion and southward) have communicated with landholders and that workshops will be held.
- The Gasfields Commission have also advised that workshops are to be held sometime in the future.

Cr Nixon

- Requested for the Springsure community to have some fogging programs carried out for mosquitos. Has concerns that residents may contract ross river fever – *General Manager Corporate Services advised that a contractor has been engaged and that they are due commence on Monday 16 March 2020.*

Cr McIndoe

- Requested that communications around the upcoming mosquito fogging program be communicated to the communities.

Trade Investment Queensland – Fitzroy Central Queensland (FCQ) Trade and Investment Group Meeting - 12 March 2020

CEO Mason advised that a meeting with the Trade Investment Queensland is scheduled to be held on 12 March 2020 with the Chief Executive Officer of Central Highlands Development Corporation Mrs Sandra Hobbs representing our region. Mrs Hobbs has asked council to advise the top three investment priorities for the Central Highlands Regional Council. Council's priorities that were identified are:

1. Capella Water Supply pipeline
2. Central Queensland Inland Port water supply – Ensham Mine void
3. Central Highlands water security audit (Theresa Creek, Comet/Nogoa Rivers junction)
4. Central Queensland Inland Port water supply – LGIP supply
5. Central Queensland Inland Port – feeder roads for freight task/type 2 road train access
6. AirHub CQ business incubator & alternate air routes
7. Aged care – Ivy Anderson Home, Springsure
8. Emerald Entertainment Facility
9. Meat Processing Plant
10. Fairbairn Dam Recreational Area

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 4.35pm

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE