



## **General Council Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, 10 November 2021**  
**Commenced at 9.00am**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 9.00AM WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Councillor (Crs) Kerry Hayes (Mayor), Christine Rolfe (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors (Crs) Charles Brimblecombe, Joseph Burns (attended at 9.03am), Anne Carpenter, Natalie Curtis and Janice Moriarty

**Officers**

Acting Chief Executive Officer Michael Parker PSM, General Manager Communities John McDougall, General Manager Corporate Services Margaret Gatt, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services Michelle Webster, Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities Jason Hoolihan and Minute Secretary Marnie Wills

**APOLOGIES**

Crs Megan Daniels and Gai Sypher

***Resolution:***

Cr Curtis moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That a leave of absence as previously granted for Councillors Daniels and Sypher for today’s meeting be recorded.”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 001**

Carried (6-0)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**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.

***Attendance***

Cr Burns attended the meeting at 9.03am

**OPENING PRAYER**

Father Truc Phan from Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church delivered the opening prayer.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 20 October 2021**

***Resolution:***

Cr Carpenter moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 20 October 2021 be confirmed.”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 002**

Carried (7-0)

**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.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

Nil

## **DECISION ACTION REPORTS**

### **Customer and Commercial Services**

#### **Disposal 23 King Street Duaringa - Ministerial Exception**

##### **Purpose:**

This report is to finalise the Ministerial exception process for the disposal of 23 King Street, Duaringa (Lot 5 on RP616116) to employee housing tenant Adam Turner.

##### **Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Curtis “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the disposal of 23 King Street, Duaringa (Lot 5 on RP616116) to Adam Turner for \$35,000 (including GST) where:

1. The Ministerial exception approval received 26 September 2021, has been applied to sell the property to the current tenant directly impacted by the disposal of employee housing.
2. The property received an independent market valuation to determine the market value which has been applied to the sale.
3. The sale to the current tenants provides a community benefit by:
  - a. allowing the tenant, a long-term employee of council with the knowledge of the local area and community, to stay employed within the Duaringa community.
  - b. allowing council to keep employees in regional centres that have knowledge and skills relevant to that community where it will be hard to replace employees with the same level of knowledge and skills.
  - c. selling the property at market value without additional costs associated without advertising and proceeding through to a tender or auction.”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 003**

Carried (7-0)

##### **Attendance**

Acting Manager Water Utilities M. Pacheco attended the meeting at 9.19am

## Infrastructure and Utilities

### Amendment of fees and charges for water pricing at Sapphire

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to request an amendment to the Register of Commercial and Cost-Recovery Fees 2021-22. This request is to amend the fee for the new Sapphire Standpipe to be consistent with the old Sapphire Standpipe fee.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That Central Highlands Regional Council adopt the following amendment to the Register of Commercial and Cost-Recovery Fees 2021-22:

#### Water and Sewerage

Name	Unit	GST	Year 2021-22 Fee (incl. GST)	Commercial / Cost Recovery Fee	Section Applicable
Supply by standpipe – Commercial Use	per kL	N	\$6.90	Commercial	
Supply by standpipe – Rural Properties and Drought Declared Properties	per kL	N	\$2.80	Commercial	
Supply by standpipe – Sapphire and Rubyvale	per kL	N	\$5.70	Commercial	
Administration Fee		N	\$146.50	Commercial	

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 004**

Carried (7-0)

#### Attendance

Acting Manager Water Utilities M. Pacheco left the meeting at 9.25am

### Building Our Regions Fund - Round 6, 2021

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Central Highlands Regional Council endorsement of projects proposed for application for funding through the Building Our Regions Fund – Round 6, 2021.

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following projects for submission under the Building Our Regions Fund – Round 6, 2021:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Application Amount</u>
Dingo Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade Project	\$984,865
Opal Street Water Treatment Plant Filters	\$968,000
Tieri Capella Pipeline	\$2,000,000”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 005**

Carried (7-0)

### **Yamala Enterprise Area Water Infrastructure Business Case**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is for Central Highlands Regional Council (council) to consider the outcome of the finalised business case developed for provision of a water supply to the Yamala Enterprise Area (YEA) with preferred option of providing raw water to the YEA (Option 4A).

**Resolution:**

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

1. Receive the “Yamala Enterprise Area Water Infrastructure Business Case - Revision Two” as completed by GHD Pty Ltd.
2. Continue to advocate for external funding to progress the preferred option as recommended in the business case - 4A Emerald Connection (Selma Weir – Raw Supply).”

2021 / 11 / 10 / 006

Carried (7-0)

### **Capricorn Highway (Duaringa-Emerald) Codenwarra Road to Opal Street Upgrade Project**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to present the business case report for the proposed Capricorn Highway (Duaringa – Emerald) – Codenwarra Road to Opal Street; flood immunity, traffic capacity and safety upgrade project, a key component of council’s flood mitigation strategy, to council for receipt and adoption for use in future advocacy actions.

**Resolution:**

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Receive the report titled “*Business Case Capricorn Highway (Duaringa – Emerald) – Codenwarra Road to Opal Street; flood immunity, traffic capacity and safety upgrade project*” as completed by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd.
2. Continue to advocate for external funding for the project.”

2021 / 11 / 10 / 007

Carried (7-0)

### **Chief Executive Officer**

#### **Request for Financial Support - Lake Maraboon Holiday Village "Big Redclaw"**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to support Lake Maraboon Holiday Village in the construction and funding towards a new tourist attraction, The Big Redclaw.

**Recommendation:**

That Central Highlands Regional Council consider the monetary value (if any) for this request to provide funding towards the Lake Maraboon Big Redclaw tourist attraction. And further, advise if council will provide a letter of support for the project.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Moriarty “That Central Highlands Regional Council conduct further discussions with the Lake Maraboon Holiday Village regarding construction of the “Big Redclaw”.

2021 / 11 / 10 / 008

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Acting Manager People and Culture T. Lowe attended the meeting at 10.06am

Adjournment

Meeting as adjourned at 10.32am

Meeting resumed at 11.04am

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **Corporate Services**

#### **Quarterly People and Culture Report**

**Purpose:**

This report and presentation provide statistical analysis and an update on council's workforce for the period of 1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021.

**Resolution:**

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe "That Central Highlands Regional Council note the People and Culture workforce update for the quarter 1 reporting period (1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021)."

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 009**

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Acting Manager People and Culture T. Lowe left the meeting at 11.16am

Manager Customer Service R. Brosnan attended the meeting at 11.16am

### **Customer and Commercial Services**

#### **Record of Proceedings - Community Consultation Springsure - 20 October 2021**

**Purpose:**

This report provides a record of proceedings from the Springsure Community Consultation forum held at the Bauhinia Memorial Hall Springsure on 20 October 2021.

**Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Curtis "That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the record of proceedings from the Springsure Community Consultation forum held at the Bauhinia Memorial Hall Springsure on 20 October 2021, noting the following actions have been logged as a Customer Request (CRM):

1. Council to progress installing disabled parking bays at locations discussed. [CRM2021/127243]
2. Council to carry out an inspection of Springsure footpaths and schedule repairs as required. [CRM2021/134193]
3. Council to improve directional signage to the Springsure Showgrounds dump point. [CRM2021/133716]."

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 010**

Carried (7-0)

## **Record of Proceedings - Community Consultation Emerald, St Patricks School - 14 October 2021**

### **Purpose:**

This report provides a record of proceedings from the Emerald (North) Community Consultation forum held at St Patricks School on 14 October 2021.

### **Resolution:**

Cr Moriarty moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the record of proceedings from the Emerald (North) Community Consultation forum held at St Patricks School on 14 October 2021.”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 011**

Carried (7-0)

### Attendance

Manager Customer Service R. Brosnan left the meeting at 11.28am

Central Highlands Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer A. Bloemer attended the meeting at 11.28am

General Manager Communities J. McDougall left the meeting at 11.56am and returned at 11.57am

## **Central Highlands Development Corporation**

### **Central Highlands Development Corporation - 2021-22 Operational Plan - Quarter One Update**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is in accordance with the Service Level Agreement and provides an update to council on the Central Highlands Development Corporation 2021-22 Operational Plan for first quarter ending 30 September 2021.

### **Resolution:**

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Central Highlands Development Corporation 2021-22 Operational Plan Quarter One update report.”

**2021 / 11 / 10 / 012**

Carried (7-0)

### Attendance

Central Highlands Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer A. Bloemer left the meeting at 12.07pm

## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Cr Moriarty

- Praised the Comet community for the event held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 or the Comet Book Swap, Comet Tales and Walking Trails and for council’s investment in this project



Cr Carpenter

- Requested information in relation to the process to ensure that repairs and maintenance is maintained in staff housing and the commitment that is required by council.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 12.19pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE