

General Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, 9 March 2022
Commenced at 9.00am

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 9.00AM WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022 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, Anne Carpenter, Natalie Curtis, Megan Daniels,
and Gai Sypher

Officers

Chief Executive Officer Sharon Houlihan, General Manager Communities John McDougall, General
Manager Corporate Services Margaret Gatt, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services
Michelle Webster (via teams), General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities Jason Hoolihan and Minute
Secretary Marnie Wills

APOLOGIES

Cr Janice Moriarty

Resolution:

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

2022 / 03 / 09 / 001

Carried (8-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That a leave of absence be granted for Councillor Janice
Moriarty for the General Council Meeting on 23 March 2022.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 002

Carried (8-0)

Resolution:

Cr Carpenter moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That a leave of absence be granted for Councillor
Joseph Burns and Councillor Megan Daniels for the General Council Meeting on 13 April 2022.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 003

Carried (8-0)

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Rod McLennan from the Emerald Presbyterian Church delivered the opening prayer.

Attendance

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities J. Hoolihan left the meeting at 9.11am.
General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities J. Hoolihan returned to the meeting at 9.12am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 23 February 2022

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 23 February 2022 be confirmed.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 004

Carried (8-0)

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS

Councillors reviewed the resolution register (meeting actions) update.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

Attendance

Senior Property Officer M. Ellwood attended the meeting at 9.14am.

DECISION ACTION REPORTS

Customer and Commercial Services

Disposal 53 Porphyry Street (Lot 2 RP603884) Springsure

Purpose:

This report is to finalise the Ministerial exception process for the disposal of 53 Porphyry Street Springsure (Lot 2 on RP603884) to council employee tenant Anthony O’Grady.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Curtis “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the disposal of 53 Porphyry Street Springsure (Lot 2 on RP603884) to Anthony O’Grady for \$200,000 (inclusive 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 has received an independent market valuation to determine the market value which has been applied to the sale.
3. The sale to the current tenant provides a community benefit by:
 - a. allowing the tenant, a long-term employee of council with knowledge of the local area and community, to stay employed within the Springsure 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 with advertising for tender or auction.

2022 / 03 / 09 / 005

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Senior Property Officer M. Ellwood left the meeting at 9.20am.

Infrastructure and Utilities

Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group - Regional Roads Investment Strategy

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek a funding contribution for development of a Regional Roads Investment Strategy, an initiative of the Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group initiative.

Resolution:

Cr Carpenter moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council supports the development of a Regional Roads Investment Strategy by providing an equal share of funding to that of other councils, estimated at \$27,355, subject to the provision of the remainder of project funding from the Queensland Government’s State Capability Development Funding program.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 006

Carried (8-0)

Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) - Request for funding confirmation on Bonnie Doon Road, Yamala

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Central Highlands Regional Council’s (council) contribution to the offer of Federal funding under the Roads of Strategic Importance program for the Bonnie Doon Road, Yamala project.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Burns “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the total value of \$2.4 million within the 2022-23 and 2023-24 budgets as council’s contribution under the Roads of Strategic Importance program to the Bonnie Doon pavement sealing and bridge upgrade at Sandhurst Creek project.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 007

Carried (8-0)

Endorsement of nomination for Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program - Round 9

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to identify projects that may be included in an application for funding through the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 9, 2022.

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the following project for submission under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 9, 2022:

Project	Council Contribution \$	Application \$	Total Project Value \$
Rolleston Runway Rehabilitation Project	997,500	997,500	1,995,000
	997,500	997,500	1,995,000

Furthermore, that if the application is successful, Central Highlands Regional Council (council) will commit to the inclusion of required funds in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 budgets as council's contribution to the projects."

2022 / 03 / 09 / 008

Carried (8-0)

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Local Government Association - 2022 National General Assembly - Call for Motions

Purpose:

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly is being held in Canberra from 19 to 22 June 2022. ALGA is calling for motions under the theme "Partners in Progress".

This report is seeking the endorsement of the motions for the ALGA National General Assembly.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter "That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following motions for inclusion on the agenda for the Australian Local Government Association 2022 National General Assembly:

1. Connectivity in regional and remote Australia
2. Amendment to the principles of the financial assistance grants
3. Affordable housing in rural and remote areas
4. Aged care model funding for rural and remote service providers
5. Royal Flying Doctor Service - use of national roads system."

2022 / 03 / 09 / 009

Carried (8-0)

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Waste Forum - 4 to 6 July 2022

Purpose:

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Waste Forum was scheduled for 8 to 10 March 2022. The forum has now been rescheduled to be held from 4 to 6 July 2022 in Brisbane.

This report is to authorise Councillor Daniels attendance to the forum, in addition to Councillor Brimblecombe.

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Curtis "That Central Highlands Regional Council be represented at the Local Government Association of Queensland Waste Forum to be held at Brisbane from 4 to 6 July 2022 by Councillor Daniels."

2022 / 03 / 09 / 010

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

General Manager Communities J. McDougall left the meeting at 9.57am.

General Manager Communities J. McDougall returned to the meeting at 9.58am.

Coordinator Community Development L. Connell and Community Development Officer Indigenous L. Spackman and attended the meeting at 10.01am.

Request for Sponsorship - Central Highlands 2022 Easter Sunflower Festival

Purpose:

This report seeks approval for the sponsorship for the 2022 Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival.

Recommendation:

That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the sponsorship request for \$5,000 for the 2022 Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival.

Procedural Motion:

Cr Rolfe moved “That the report lie on the table.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 011

Carried (8-0)

INFORMATION REPORTS

Communities

Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2021 - Progress Report - July to December 2021

Purpose:

This report informs councillors of progress made on the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2021 for the period July to December 2021.

Resolution:

Cr Burns moved and seconded by Cr Carpenter “That Central Highlands Regional Council receives the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2021 report for the period July to December 2021.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 012

Carried (8-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Community Development L. Connell and Community Development Officer Indigenous L. Spackman left the meeting at 10.41am

DECISION ACTION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

Procedural Motion:

That the following report be raised from the table - Request for Sponsorship - Central Highlands 2022 Easter Sunflower Festival.

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Recommendation:

That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the sponsorship request for \$5,000 for the 2022 Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the Central Highlands Regional Council approve the sponsorship request for \$5,000 and in-kind support to the value of \$5,205, subject to the provision of insurance coverage for the event for the 2022 Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival.”

2022 / 03 / 09 / 013

Carried (5-3)

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement)

Cr Rolfe

- St Patrick's Races are being held in Springsure on Saturday 19 March 2022.

Cr Sypher

- Has been asked by the community if there has been any consideration to where the freedom camping will be now that the skate park is now located at that site as the tourism season starts in March.
- Requested an updated on the camping strategy. General Manager Communities will follow up with Central Highlands Development Corporation.
 - *As per the standing orders and council briefing sessions and workshop policy, this request for a future agenda item will be referred for consideration and follow up to the next council strategic and briefing forum.*

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 11.08am.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE