



# MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

## ***CONFIRMED MINUTES***

OF THE

## **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

HELD AT THE

BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE  
JULIA CREEK

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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## 1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, Mayor Belinda Murphy declared the meeting open at 9:05 am.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

**Mayor:** Cr. B Murphy

**Members:** Cr. P Curr, Cr. S Royes, Cr. J Fegan, Cr. N Walker.

**Staff:**

Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Fitchat

Director of Engineering, Environmental & Regulatory Services Mr Andrew Boardman

Executive Assistant, Mrs Amy Tinning

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Other people in attendance:**

Nil

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be confirmed.

**Resolution No. 179/1718**

The Minutes of Special Meeting of Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 are confirmed with the following changes:

6.3 remove the word \*required.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. Neil Walker

CARRIED 5/0

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Tender date extended.**

## **5. ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### **5.1 Engineering Works Report**

This report outlines the general activities, revenue and expenditure for the department for the period of 2018.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the 2018 Engineering Works Report.

#### **Resolution No. 180/1718**

Council receives the 2018 Engineering Works Report.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. P Curr

CARRIED 5/0

### **5.2 Landholder Water Infrastructure and Access Usage Agreements**

Council have varying agreements to access water from landholders however many of these are not formal. To formalise the process and to assist with budgeting it is proposed the Council enter into water infrastructure usage and access agreements with landholders.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to delegate the Chief Executive Officer the responsibility to negotiate and enter into water infrastructure usage and access agreements with landholders for access to and use of water infrastructure for Council works on its behalf.

#### **Resolution No.181 /1718**

Council resolves to delegate the Chief Executive Officer the responsibility to negotiate and enter into water infrastructure usage and access agreements with landholders for access to and use of water infrastructure for Council works on its behalf.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

### **5.3 40 Quarrel Street - Hickman Street Driveway**

A formal letter was received from Rosemary Turner of 40 Quarrel Street regarding the steepness of the Hickman Street crossover. Council officers have inspected the crossover and rectification is required.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to rectify the crossover at 40 Quarrel Street (Hickman Street Crossover) under the 2017-2018 budget.

#### **Resolution No. 182/1718**

Council resolves to rectify the crossover at 40 Quarrel Street (Hickman Street Crossover) under the 2017-2018 budget.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

#### **5.4 Lot 2 SP139613**

Council has been approached by the landholder of Lot 2 SP139613 regarding a sewerage inspection upon inspection it was found that the connection to the main from the Lot and the adjacent Lot (Lot 1 SP139613) is inappropriate as they are on the same connection.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to budget to rectify the sewerage issue as a capital item in the 2018-19 Budget.

#### **Resolution No. 183/1718**

Council resolves to budget to rectify the sewerage issue as a capital item in the 2018-19 Budget.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 5/0

**Attendance** - Cr. J Fegan declared a manageable perceived conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 5.5 LATE REPORT – Julia Creek Race Track Damage. Cr. J Fegan remained in the meeting room, however did not take part in the discussion or vote on resolution no. 184/1718

#### **5.5 LATE REPORT – Julia Creek Race Track Damage**

During the sever rain event that affect Julia Creek on the 5 March 2018 damage was sustained to the Julia Creek Race Track. Council Officers have put together costings to fix the race track.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to assist in the repair of the Julia Creek Race Track (surface) damage utilizing funds from the 2017-2018 road maintenance budget to complete the works.

#### **Resolution No.184 /1718**

Council resolves to assist in the repair of the Julia Creek Race Track (surface) damage utilizing funds from the 2017-2018 road maintenance budget to complete the works. Council will continue to advocate for reimbursement of funding through Queensland Racing.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr

CARRIED 4/0

## 6. ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICE REPORT

### 6.1 Environmental and Regulatory Services Report – February 2018

This report outlines the general activities, revenue and expenditure for the department for the February period 2018.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the February 2018 Environment and Regulatory Services Report.

#### **Resolution No. 185/1718**

Council receives the February 2018 Environment and Regulatory Services Report.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**Attendance** – Mayor Belinda Murphy declared a material personal interest (as per section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009) in relation to agenda item 6.2 Lot 3 EN150 – PSBA Intention to Resign as Trustee. Mayor Belinda Murphy left the meeting room at 9:33am taking no part in the discussion or decision.

Deputy Mayor Neil Walker stepped in to chair the meeting, in Mayor Belinda Murphy's absence due to her declared material personal conflict of interest.

### 6.2 Lot 3 EN150 – PSBA Intention to Resign as Trustee

The State of Queensland (represented by Public Safety Business Agency – PSBA) on behalf of Queensland Police Service (QPS) is the Trustee for the property described as Lot 5 on Crown Plan EN150. QPS no longer has use for this land and intend that PSBA resign as Trustee under the Land Act. PSBA wish to know if Council requires the land with a change of community purpose.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to respond to the State of Queensland Public Safety Business Agency expressing its interest to utilise the land for community use and be nominated as Trustee of the land described as Lot 5 on Crown Plan EN150.

#### **Resolution No. 186/1718**

Council resolves to respond to the State of Queensland Public Safety Business Agency expressing its interest to utilise the land for community use and be nominated as Trustee of the land described as Lot 5 on Crown Plan EN150.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

**Attendance** – Mayor Belinda Murphy re-entered the meeting room at 9:38am.

Mayor Belinda Murphy re-commenced chairing the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

### 6.3 Adoption of 2018-19 Fees and Charges Schedule

Advice has been received from Avdata in relation to airport charge rates for RPT airlines.

Council were advised that when airport charge rates are going to change, some RPT airlines such as REX require 3 months notice of the change to update their systems and ensure correct payment from the date of the change. If an airline such as REX does not receive sufficient notice they may short pay according to an out of date charge rate.

As such we propose to adopt the airport charges to allow REX enough notice to update their system with the new charge rate.

Propose to adopt the airport commercial usage charges for 2018-19 Financial Year to;

- All commercial aircraft landing fees \$9.60 per tonne (incl GST)
- Commercial Passenger \$2.65 per person (incl GST)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the 2018-19 Fees and Charges Schedule Section 19.1 – Julia Creek Airport Commercial Usage Charges as presented.

#### **Resolution No. 187/1718**

Council adopts the 2018-19 Fees and Charges Schedule Section 19.1 – Julia Creek Airport Commercial Usage Charges as presented.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 5/0

#### **6.4 Expression of Interest - Kynuna Road Reserve Paddock 1**

In January 2018, Sharon Fayers and Kenny Daniells had written to Council to advise that they wished to relinquish their lease on Kynuna Road Reserve Paddock 1. Council have had interested persons enquire about utilising this paddock. Council has the option to advertise this paddock as an Expression of Interest.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to advertise Kynuna Road Reserve Paddock 1 as an expression of interest.

#### **Resolution No.188 /1718**

Council resolves to advertise Kynuna Road Reserve Paddock 1 as an expression of interest.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

#### **6.5 Application to Renew Term Lease over on Lot 35 EN98**

State Land Asset Management (SLAM) are assessing the renewal of the lease on Lot 35 Crown Plan EN98. SLAM wish to know if Council are interested in purchasing the block and having it converted to freehold.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to respond to the State Land Asset Management (SLAM) expressing it's interest for purchasing Lot 35 on Crown Plan EN98 and to have the Lot converted to freehold.

#### **Resolution No. 189/1718**

Council resolves to respond to the State Land Asset Management (SLAM) expressing it's interest for purchasing Lot 35 on Crown Plan EN98 and to have the Lot converted to freehold.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

#### **6.6 Domestic Greywater Reuse**

The introduction of a domestic Greywater Reuse Program for the properties connected to the sewage reticulation network in the town of Julia Creek as part of the proposed reduction method for the treatment loading at the Julia Creek Sewer Treatment Plant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to support the community members who may wish to undertake the conversion of their domestic greywater on their property by the way of suppling information and reference material from the State and other authorities to allow the conversion to a reuse system in compliance with all Act’s, Regulations and Codes.

**Resolution No. 190/1718**

Council resolves to support the community members who may wish to undertake the conversion of their domestic greywater on their property by the way of suppling information and reference material from the State and other authorities to allow the conversion to a reuse system in compliance with all Act’s, Regulations and Codes.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

**6.7 Nelia Tennis Court Removal**

In December Council received word of the lighting structures failing at the rundown Nelia Tennis Courts and the infrastructure is becoming a safety concern. Council staff has inspected this infrastructure and it is a safety concern.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to remove the dilapidated Nelia tennis court infrastructure including lighting, fences and observing shed.

**Resolution No.191 /1718**

On discussion and information that the observing shed is in a saleable condition;  
Council resolves to;  
1.remove the dilapidated Nelia tennis court infrastructure including lighting and fences.  
2.offer the observing shed for removal by sale in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 275 (1) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

**Resolution No. 192/1718**

Council closed the meeting to the public in accordance with section 275 (1) (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr

CARRIED 5/0

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was closed at 9:54am.

**6.8 CONFIDENTIAL - Correspondence requesting formal review of resolution 166/1718**

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with *Section 275 1(h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, which provides for a local government to resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councilor’s consider it necessary to discuss *(h) other business for which a public discussion would br likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain financial advantage.;*

Council has received correspondence requesting a formal review of resolution 166/1718.



## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to uphold resolution 166/1718.

## **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

### **Resolution No. 193/1718**

Council re-open the meeting to the public.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P. Curr

CARRIED 5/0

The meeting re-opened to the public at 10:05am.

### **6.8 Resolution No. 194/1718**

Council resolve to uphold resolution 166/1718.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**Attendance** – Cr. J Fegan declared a material personal conflict interest (as per section 172 of the Local Government section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009) in relation to agenda item 6.9 Sale of 69 Coyne Street Tender. Cr. J Fegan left the meeting room at 10:05am taking no part in the discussion or decision.

### **6.9 Sale of 69 Coyne Street Tender**

Council have recently advertised for the sale of Lot 44 on Crown Plan JC55713 known as 69 Coyne Street by way of tender. Keir Steele Lawyers were appointed to receive and assess tenders on behalf of Council.

### **6.9 Resolution No.195 /1718**

Council resolve to accept the tender received from Robert & Anna Hick for the purchase of Lot 44 on Crown Plan JC55713 known as 69 Coyne Street, Julia Creek for the value of \$35,000.00 including GST.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 4/0

**Attendance** – Cr. J. Fegan re-entered the meeting room at 10:06am.

**Attendance** – Mr Andrew Boardman Director of Engineering, Environmental & Regulatory Services left the meeting room at 10:09am.

**Adjournment** – The Ordinary Meeting of Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:09am.

## **7. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Attendance** – Mrs Tenneil Cody Director of Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting room at 10:09am.

**Adjournment** – The Ordinary Meeting of Council re-commenced at 10:15am.

### **7.1 Community Services Monthly Report**

Council is presented with the monthly Community Services report, which provides an overview of the operations for the month of February 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the Community Services monthly report for February 2018.

**Resolution No. 196/1718**

Council receives the Community Services monthly report for February 2018.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**7.2 Community Drought Support Package 2017-2018**

Council has been offered \$87,500 in drought relief funding from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council allocate the drought relief funding provided from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors to events and initiatives listed below provided the funds are expended in accordance with the guidelines with the funding program and that 2017 funds are acquitted.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>Dirt N Dust Festival</i>	\$5,000
<i>Saxby Round –Up</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Campdraft</i>	\$5,000
<i>Sedan Dip Sports and Recreation, Races, Rodeo and Campdraft</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Turf Club Annual races</i>	\$5,000
<i>CSA Town V’s Country</i>	\$5,000
<i>McKinlay Races</i>	\$5,000
<i>McKinlay Shire Cultural Association</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Pony Club Gymkhana</i>	\$3,500
<i>Sedan Dip Pony Club camp</i>	\$3,500
<i>McKissa</i>	\$2,000
<i>Julia Creek Mini School</i>	\$2,000
<i>McKinlay Shire Community Christmas Tree</i>	\$10,000
<i>McKinlay Xmas Tree</i>	\$1,000
<i>Nelia Xmas Tree</i>	\$1,000
<i>School holiday activities</i>	\$5,000
<i>Men’s Day</i>	\$2,500
<i>Julia Creek Amateur Swimming Club Ball</i>	\$5,000
<i>Women’s Day Event</i>	\$5,000
<i>Under 8’s Day</i>	\$500
<i>Lions Ladies Lunch</i>	\$3,000
<i>Unallocated</i>	\$3,500

**Resolution No.197 /1718**

Council allocate the drought relief funding provided from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors to events and initiatives listed below provided the funds are expended in accordance with the guidelines with the funding program and that 2017 funds are acquitted.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>Dirt N Dust Festival</i>	\$5,000
<i>Saxby Round -Up</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Campdraft</i>	\$5,000
<i>Sedan Dip Sports and Recreation, Races, Rodeo and Campdraft</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Turf Club Annual races</i>	\$5,000
<i>CSA Town V's Country</i>	\$5,000
<i>McKinlay Races</i>	\$5,000
<i>McKinlay Shire Cultural Association</i>	\$5,000
<i>Julia Creek Pony Club Gymkhana</i>	\$3,500
<i>Sedan Dip Pony Club camp</i>	\$3,500
<i>McKissa</i>	\$2,000
<i>Julia Creek Mini School</i>	\$2,000
<i>McKinlay Shire Community Christmas Tree</i>	\$10,000
<i>McKinlay Xmas Tree</i>	\$1,000
<i>Nelia Xmas Tree</i>	\$1,000
<i>School holiday activities</i>	\$5,000
<i>Men's Day</i>	\$2,500
<i>Julia Creek Amateur Swimming Club Ball</i>	\$5,000
<i>Women's Day Event</i>	\$5,000
<i>Under 8's Day</i>	\$500
<i>Lions Ladies Lunch</i>	\$3,000
<i>Unallocated</i>	\$3,500

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**7.3 Budget Re-allocation**

Proposal to Council to reallocate budgeted funds within a program area for another activity.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council reallocates \$18,000 from within the Corporate Building Capital Works program – Civic Centre Screen to the Tourism Virtual Reality project.

**Resolution No. 198/1718**

Council reallocates \$18,000 from within the Corporate Building Capital Works program – Civic Centre Screen to the Tourism Virtual Reality project.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### 8.1 Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services Report as of February 2018 which summarises the financial performance and position is presented to Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### **Resolution No.199 /1718**

Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

### 8.2 2017-2018 Amended Budget Adoption

In accordance with *section 170 (3) and (4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Regs)*, Council may by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year. The budget must continue to comply with *section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012* in order for the amendment to take effect.

In accordance with the above sections an amended 2017-2018 Budget is presented for Council's consideration.

**Attendance** – Cr. P Curr left the meeting room at 10:39am.

**Attendance** – Cr. P Curr re-entered the meeting at 10:40am.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2017-2018 Amended Budget; 2017-2018 Operational Plan Version 2 and the Capital Works Program Version 2 be adopted as presented.

#### **Resolution No.200 /1718**

That the 2017-2018 Amended Budget; 2017-2018 Operational Plan Version 2 and the Capital Works Program Version 2 be adopted as presented.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

**Attendance** – Cr. B Murphy left the meeting at 10:43am.

**Attendance** – Mrs Tenneil Cody Director of Corporate and Community Services, left the meeting room at 10:43am.

**Attendance** – Cr. B Murphy re-entered the meeting room at 10:45am.

**Attendance** – Cr. P Curr left the meeting room at 10:46am.

**Attendance** – NWHHS Barb Davis entered the meeting room at 10:46am.

## **9.CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**Attendance** – Cr. P Curr re-entered the meeting room at 11:04am.

**Attendance** – NWHHS Barbara Davis left the meeting room at 11:12am.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Move to change the order of agenda to accept late agenda item 9.2 Late report – 180309 McKinlay Shire MPHS-NWHHS.

#### **Resolution 201/1617**

Council resolve to move to change the order of agenda to accept late agenda item 9.2 Late report – 180309 McKinlay Shire MPHS-NWHHS

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. J Fegan  
CARRIED 5/0

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION:**

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 275 1(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which provides for a local government to resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councilor's consider it necessary to discuss (e) contracts proposed to be made by it;

#### **Resolution 202/1617**

Council resolve to close the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Moved Cr N Walker

Seconded Cr J Fegan  
CARRIED 5/0

Close the meeting at 11:13am

#### **9.2 Late report – 180309 McKinlay Shire MPHS-NWHHS**

NWHHS is unable to source any further funding to address the \$1,500,000.00 deficit. This project will be discussed at their Board level on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

It appears that at this stage the project will not happen without additional funding.

Possible options:

- Financial assistance by Council (\$500,000 towards infrastructure that could be considered Councils to get the project of the ground. For example the driveways, footpaths and water and sewer connections).
- Engage a consultant to rewrite a funding application under the following fund- Regional Growth Fund Open for Initial Applications (we only get a verbal that the original application may have DILGP Funding and waiting on a formal confirmation on the percentage).

I have spoken to LGAQ and they would assist with this application, at an initial estimate of \$5,000.00 but this pending on how much of the current funding application can be used, and how it is written.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

#### **Resolution 203/1718**

Council resolve to re-open the Ordinary Meeting of Council to the public.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. N Walker

CARRIED 5/0

The Ordinary Meeting of Council re-opened at 11:31 am.

**Resolution 204 /1617**

Council will write to the NWHHS to offer strong support to obtain the short fall funding to ensure that the new McKinlay Shire Multi-purpose Health Service building will proceed. Council authorise Mayor Belinda Murphy to enter into any discussions on this matter with both the NWHHS and any relevant state government department.

Moved Cr. N walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr  
CARRIED 5/0

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

That Council resolve to return to the intended order of agenda.

**Resolution 205/1617**

Council resolve to return to the intended order of agenda.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Fegan  
CARRIED 5/0

**9.1 Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program**

We have been successful in our nomination for Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program – Leading Practice Climate Change Resources Project – LGAQ.

The Q CRC is working to strengthen internal council decision-making processes through strong governance arrangements and tools. Thirty-one councils are now participating from across the state.

While we are still delivering tailored briefings on climate implications and undertaking detailed climate governance assessments to participating councils, the program is now commencing the development of a package of leading practice resources to support local governments to respond effectively. This work will create a world leading resource for Queensland councils, but only if it delivers what councils need.

The resources will include materials that will be of value to multiple areas of councils from finance and land use planning, to asset management and infrastructure planning, covering the needs of elected members, executives, managers and staff.

To ensure these resources hit the mark and are easy to adopt, we are asking councils to nominate up to three representatives from different areas of council (including an elected member, if desired) to work with the Project Governance Group and the project team as members of the Local Government Community of Practice or LGCoP.

The LGCoP will assist in the identification of priority needs, types of resources required, the assessment of the quality of the resources and how the resources should be deployed to maximise their uptake. (See attached Term of Reference).

It is intended that the group will continue as a peer to peer knowledge sharing and capability building group after the project's completion.

Participation in the LGCoP will require council to commit to supporting its representatives to attend 2 workshops in Brisbane.

The first meeting will be held in early-mid March. Other meetings may be attended in person or via teleconference.

Representatives will be asked to undertake reviews of materials relevant to their areas of expertise only. These reviews will be scheduled well in advance to ensure adequate time can be set aside.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the Report and agrees to Senior Staff and Elected Members participation in the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program.

#### **Resolution No.206 /1718**

Council note the Report and agrees to Senior Staff and Elected Members participation in the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

### **9.3 Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

The explanatory notes state that the policy objective of the Bill is to implement the Government's response to certain recommendations of the Crime and Corruption Commission's report Operation Belcarra:

A blueprint for integrity and addressing corruption risk in local government to:

- reinforce integrity and minimise corruption risk that political donations from property developers has potential to cause at both a state and local government level
- improve transparency and accountability in state and local government
- strengthen the legislative requirements that regulate how a councillor must deal with a real or perceived conflict of interest or a material personal interest.

It should be noted that the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, which is substantially the same as the 2018 Bill, was referred to the former Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee prior to the dissolution of the 55th Parliament for the 2017 election. The former committee had not concluded its inquiry for the 2017 Bill, which lapsed when the 55th Parliament was dissolved.

The closing date for written submissions is Friday, 23 March 2018 at 12pm. Submissions should be

The committee will hold a public briefing with departmental officers on Monday, 19 March 2018, and a public hearing to hear from invited witnesses in relation to the Bill on Wednesday, 28 March 2018.

That Council note the Report for information purposes only.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council note the Report.

#### **Resolution No.207 /1718**

Council note the Report.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. P Curr

CARRIED 5/0

### **9.4 Civic Leaders Summit**

The biennial Civic Leaders Summit will be held at RACV Royal Pines Resort, Benowa on

10-11 May 2018 which will immediately follow on from the QTC/LGAQ Financial Sustainability Summit on 8 May.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council nominates Cr. Neil Walker to attend the 2018 Civic Leaders Summit on the 10-11 May 2018 at Benowa.

**Resolution No. 208/1718**

That Council nominates Cr. Neil Walker to attend the 2018 Civic Leaders Summit on the 10-11 May 2018 at Benowa.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 5/0

**10.WHS REPORT**

*Report supplied for information purposes only.*

**11. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

**Cr. P Curr** – Road maintenance discussion.

**Cr. N Walker** – Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, meeting in Cloncurry with; Assistant Commissioner at Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Michael O’Neil, Commissioner at Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Katarina Carroll & Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, Craig Crawford MP.

**Cr. S Royes** – Yard surrounding the Water Tower requires maintenance and up-keep.

**Cr. B Murphy** – Update following meeting with Minister Grace to discuss teachers position the Julia Creek State School. Soft-fall update.

**Cr. B Murphy** – Department of Agriculture meeting update.

**Cr. B Murphy** – Update on Suncorp Bank.

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair of the meeting Mayor Belinda Murphy declared the meeting closed at 12:33 pm.



Mayor, Belinda Murphy