



# MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

## ***CONFIRMED MINUTES***

OF THE

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

HELD AT THE

FATHER BILL BUSUTTIN CENTRE  
JULIA CREEK

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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**1. OPENING BUSINESS**

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, the Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:03am

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**Mayor:** Cr. B Murphy

**Members:** Cr. N. Walker, Cr. P. Curr (teleconference 10:15- 11:35am), Cr. J. Fegan, Cr. S. Royes

**Staff:**

Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Fitchat  
Director of Corporate and Community Services Mrs Tenneil Cody  
Director of Engineering Services Mr Brian Wood  
Interim Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Mr Robert Savage  
Executive Assistant Linda McNab

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Other people in attendance:**

Nil

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.85/1617

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nelia fencing – reserves.

**5. ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

**Attendance** – Interim Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Robert Savage Entered the meeting at 9:28am.

**5.1 Engineering Works Report**

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council receive the October Engineering Services Works Report

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.86/1617

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**5.2 TIDS Program 2016/2017 – 2019/2020**

The 2016/17 to 2019/20 TIDS works program was approved at the last RRTG meeting held on 29 April. Since that time the RTA has advised the NWQRRTG TIDS allocation will remain at \$5,493,071 from 2017/18 through to 2019/20 inclusive.

**Recommendation:**

That the revised 4 year TIDS program for 2016/2017 – 2019/2020 be agreed and submitted to NWQRRTG for ratification.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That the revised 4 year TIDS program for 2016/2017 – 2019/2020 be agreed and submitted to NWQRRTG for ratification.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.87/1617

**5.3 Caravan Park, Nature Trail and Creek Expansion**

A Masterplan for Julia Creek Caravan Park Upgrade, RV Creek Expansion, and Nature Trail including a high level budget estimate has been adopted by Council.

In order to be “shovel ready” for funding applications, the concept designs for the three separate areas need to be advanced to a stage where more reliable estimates may be prepared.

**Recommendation:**

That proposals be sought from consultants for the above detailed design works.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. S Royes

That proposals be sought from consultants for the above detailed design works.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.88/1617

**5.4 Dodge Hearse Restoration**

The Dodge Hearse was purchased by Council about 45 years ago. This vehicle is about 80 years old and is now in a very poor condition. There is no point in continuing to do nothing with the vehicle. It could be sold or it could be restored. A proposal has been received to restore the vehicle and this is presented for consideration.

**Recommendation:**

That restoration proceeds subject to available funding.

That staff with Council support see if funding can be obtained through Grants for 2017-18 financial year, or if sufficient saving can be justified in a 2016-17 financial year budget review be approved for this project in this financial year.

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Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. N Walker

That restoration proceeds subject to available funding.

That staff with Council support see if funding can be obtained through Grants for 2017-18 financial year, or if sufficient saving can be justified in a 2016-17 financial year budget review be approved for this project in this financial year.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.89/1617

**Attendance** – Cr. Curr teleconferenced into Council meeting at 10:17am

### 5.5 Flood Warning Gauge Network

The QRA has written regarding the report undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology into the provision of flood warning data. As discussed at recent meetings with QRA, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) and Council officers, Council's draft Investment Plan has now been finalised.

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council consider the recommendations for flood warning systems investment as included in the Bureau of Meteorology Report for expression of interest for funding opportunities and Council contribution in the 2017-18 financial year.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. S Royes

That Council consider the recommendations for flood warning systems investment as included in the Bureau of Meteorology Report for expression of interest for funding opportunities and Council contribution in the 2017-18 financial year. Council has requested a deputation with the Deputy Premier on this matter at the LGAQ Annual Conference.

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.90/1617

### 5.6 Water Supply Fluoride Levels

The Julia Creek water quality results indicate excessive fluoride concentrations. All of the test results exceeded the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) health related level of 1.5 mg/L. A Water Quality Incident Report is permanently open for Julia Creek. Consistent levels of 3.0 mg/L of fluorine are measured in the Julia Creek bore supply.

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council discuss this matter of defluoridation of its drinking water with senior and experienced personnel from the department of Health with regard to the risks, benefits and costs associated with treatment or any other possible options.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. N Walker

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CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.91/1617

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**5.7 Combo Water Hole Access**

In addition to the proposed application for the connection from Shaw St to the RV site, the construction of the access to Combo Waterhole from the Landsborough Highway is also proposed as a candidate for the Transport and Tourism Connection funding.

That discussion with Winton Shire Council continues towards a negotiated contribution to this project. This project could be reduced to just an improved gravel depending on what the outcome is as the project detail explains the cost for 4m seal below.

**Recommendation:**

That Council consider proceeding with an application for Transport and Tourism Connection funding with endorsement under the RRTG process, with Winton Shire Council to contribute towards the project through negotiation.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

That Council consider proceeding with an application for Transport and Tourism Connection funding with endorsement under the RRTG process and liaise with Winton Shire Council on co-contribution as well as TMR for increased subsidy.

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.92/1617

**5.8 Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP)**

Applications for funding for Remote Airstrip Upgrading (RAU) Funding close on 21 October 2016. The key objectives of the program are accessibility and safety of remote and isolated aerodromes. To meet eligibility for funding the aerodrome musty meet one of the following requirements:

- Currently receives a RASS service
- Identified by RFDS or by operators providing similar aero-medical services as a priority location in need of an upgrade or repair to facilitate RFDS or similar operations

**Recommendation:**

That the RAU funding for the lighting and pavement upgrade at the Julia Creek aerodrome be applied for in the current round of funding.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. S Royes

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CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.93/1617

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:40am – 10:50am The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

**Attendance** – Director of Engineering Mr Brian Wood left the meeting.

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**6. ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT**

**6.1 Environment and Regulatory Works Report – September 2016**

This report outlines the general activities, revenue and expenditure for the department for the period of August 2016 and generally up to date of writing this report.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

That Council receive the September 2016 Environment and Regulatory Services Works Report.

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.94/1617

Cr. Shaun Royes declared a material conflict of interest (as per section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009) in relation to item 6.3 Lease – Nelia Common Area. Cr Royes left the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

**Attendance** – Cr. Royes left the meeting at 11:20am

**6.2 Lease – Nelia Common Area**

Trustee Lessees of the Nelia Common seek redress for losses purported to have been incurred as a result of perimeter fencing on the Common not being on property boundaries. They assert that 378.09ha is unusable and has been unusable since previous lease.

They seek waiver of rent (or as they call it, an offset for overpayment) in the amount of approximately \$15,000.

**Recommendation:**

That Council: In regard to the Trustee Lessees request for redress for “overpaid” rent on the area known as Nelia Common, Council agrees to Trustee Lessees request and agrees to waive rent for the remaining term of the lease effective from 1/10/2016.

NOTE: At expiry of the current lease Council will need to determine what action it takes in regard to the fencing issue and the amount of “usable” land.

Moved Cr. P Curr

Seconded Cr. N Walker

That Council In regard to the Trustee Lessees request for redress for “overpaid” rent on the area known as Nelia Common, Council agrees to Trustee Lessees request and agrees to waive rent for the remaining term of the lease effective from 1/10/2016.

That CEO and Director consider all other boundaries of trustee leases that is in trust to Council within in the Shire for accuracy.

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.95/1617

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**Attendance** – Cr. Curr left the meeting via teleconference at 11:35am

**Attendance** – Cr. Royes re-entered the meeting at 11:39am

### 6.3 McKinlay Land Purchase

Council have been given the opportunity to purchase Lot 22 on Crown Plan AL75 in McKinlay for a price of \$825.00. No strategic reasons have been identified for accepting the offer.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that: Council resolves to thank the Department of Housing and Public Works for the opportunity to purchase Lot 22 on Crown Plan AL75 but prefers to let the opportunity pass.

Moved Cr. N walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council resolves to thank the Department of Housing and Public Works for the opportunity to purchase Lot 22 on Crown Plan AL75 but prefers to let the opportunity pass.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.96/1617

**Attendance** – Director of Corporate and Community Services Mrs Tenneil Cody entered the meeting at 11:46am and Interim Director of Environment and Regulatory Services Robert Savage left the meeting at 11:50am.

## 7. COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

### 7.1 Community Services Report

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council receive the October Community Services Report.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.97/1617

### 7.2 Middle School – Student Enrolment

Council has worked closely with the community and government departments since 2012 to establish a Middle School in Julia Creek. 2015 was the first year of running middle school for years seven and eight in Julia Creek. In 2016 the middle school expanded to include years nine and ten. With 2017 fast approaching Council is presented with prospective student numbers for considering continuation of the initiative.

**Recommendation:**

For Council's consideration

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. N Walker

That Council continue the Julia Creek Remote Learning Facility in 2017 with fees set at \$10,000 per annum per child for a minimum of two students. Council notes current commitment of two students.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.98/1617



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**7.3 Rural Support Officer Program**

Council partnered with Richmond Shire Council and Flinders Shire Council to implement a Rural Support Officer for the three shires. This was made possible through funding obtained from the Queensland Government's Mental Health Commission, for a twelve month period.

**Recommendation:**

That Council thanks the Richmond Shire Council for initiating the Rural Support Program that worked across three Shires, funded by the Queensland Governments Mental Health Commission.

That Council thanks Ellen Langston for her interest in continuing the Rural Support Program; however Council's will not provide financial support beyond the cessation date of December 2016 as per the agreement.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

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That Council thanks Ellen Langston for her interest in continuing the Rural Support Program, however Council's will not provide financial support beyond the cessation date of December 2016 as per the agreement.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.99/1617

**7.4 Drought Relief Funding**

Council were allocated \$130,000 in drought relief funding from the Department of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services which is to be expended by 30 November 2016.

**Recommendation:**

That Council allocate the drought relief funding provided from the Department of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services to events and initiatives listed below provided the funds are expended in accordance with the guidelines with the funding program and that 2015 funds are acquitted, and give the Chief Executive Officer the discretion to allocate the remainder of funds at his discretion.

Kynuna Christmas Tree	\$200
Roaring Twenties	\$2,500
Swim Club Squad Event, Carnival	\$2,500
Community Event Equipment	\$4,000
Hall Opening	\$5,000
McKinlay Shire Christmas Tree (additional)	\$8,000
McKinlay Shire Cultural Association	\$5,000
Nelia QCWA Dinner	\$2,000
Childcare Ball	\$5,000
School Holiday Program	\$5,000
Library Summer Program	\$2,000
CEO Discretion	\$15,930.40
	\$57,130.40

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Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. N Walker

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CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.100/1617

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### 8.1 Corporate Services Report

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S Royes

That Council receive the October Corporate Services Report.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.101/1617

### 8.2 Enterprise Risk Management Policy

Council is presented with a draft Enterprise Risk Management policy for consideration and adoption.

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Enterprise Risk Management Policy V1.2 as presented.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council adopt the Enterprise Risk Management Policy V1.2 as presented.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.102/1617

**Attendance** – Director of Corporate and Community Services Mrs Tenneil Cody left the meeting at 1:09pm

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**9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**9.1 Chief Executive Officers Report**

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council receives the October Chief Executive Officer Report.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.103/1617

**9.2 Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report**

This is a summary from Mr Col Meng email correspondence via email from the complaints referral secretariat, Program review and Implementation, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on the 28 September 2016.

Further to my email of 1 September 2016, this is a reminder that the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal (the Tribunal) is commencing its annual remuneration review program to determine the remuneration to be paid to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors from 1 July 2017, in accordance with the requirements of section 244 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Tribunal is inviting submissions in relation to remuneration for councillors of local governments to inform the Tribunal's deliberations.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday 28 October 2016.

In addition, the Tribunal will also be taking deputations from council representatives at the Local Government Association of Queensland's 2016 annual conference at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, on 19 and 20 October 2016.

Delegates wishing to meet with the Tribunal at the conference can arrange appointments by emailing the Tribunal at [enquiries@lg.remunerationtribunal.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@lg.remunerationtribunal.qld.gov.au) or by telephoning the Secretariat on 1800 030 114 before 30 September 2016.

**Recommendation:**

That Council receives this notification and no response required by Council at this time.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. S Royes

That Council receives this notification and no response required by Council at this time.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.104/1617

**9.3 Minister Deputation State LGAQ Conference 2016**

At the Council briefing on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Council discussed the following deputations.

That a submission for deputation was submitted on the following items:

Hon Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment:

- Bureau of Meteorology draft McKinlay Shire Council Investment Plan.

Minister Mark Bailey (Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply):

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- the continuation of the Western Road Upgrade beyond 2015-16 financial year,
- the Transport and Tourism Connections fund (Upgrade of the road leading to the RV Park as project priority 1, and that a consideration for the Combo Waterhole will be given with possible contribution from Winton Shire Council taking in consideration that negotiation for this partnership is not finalised)
- The power issues in regards in McKinlay Shire for remote properties (Single Wire Earth Return (high voltage transformer) and the issues this present with possible alternative power supply options

**Recommendation:**

That Council receives these notification and prepare for the deputations with Hon Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister Mark Bailey

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. S. Royes

That Council receives these notification and prepare for the deputations with Hon Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier and Minister Mark Bailey.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.105/1617

**9.4 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Program**

The Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has asked for a formal response for to the next The Australia Day Ambassador program 2017.

This is offered by the Queensland Government, in association with the National Australia Day Council, the program brings accomplished and inspirational Queenslanders to local council Australia Day celebrations throughout the State, since its launch in 2005. The program has grown significantly to become a valuable and highly anticipated element of many Australia Day celebrations. Each Ambassador offers their own story to enrich these events and inspire local communities as they celebrate this important national day.

I strongly encourage you to consider how your council may benefit from involving an Ambassador in your local Australia Day activities.

**Recommendation:**

That Council replies back to the Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk advising that McKinlay Shire would like to take part in the 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Program.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. S. Royes

Council notes that a reply has been sent to the Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk advising that McKinlay Shire would like to take part in the 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Program.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.106/1617

**9.5 Use of Electronically assisted voting at a local government election**

The LGAQ Board is responsible for the operation of the business of the company. The Board of four Directors consists of the President elected by the member councils at the Annual General Meeting following the quadrennial council elections and three other Directors elected by all Council representatives from all Councils across Queensland, at our LGAQ on 20 October 2016.

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**Recommendation:**

That Council has two votes and delegate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to vote on behalf of McKinlay Shire Council.

Moved Cr. N Walker

Seconded Cr. J Fegan

That Council has two votes and delegate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to vote on behalf of McKinlay Shire Council.

CARRIED 4/0

Resolution No.107/1617

**10. WORK PLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Councillors were presented with the September Work Place Health and Safety Report and additional report in relation to the Flinders Highway accident that took place Thursday 22 September.

**11. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

Cr. Fegan - Hall upgrade. Progression and completion schedule.

Councillors discussed the Town and Country Club in regards to memorabilia and previous community consultation. A Report will be made to Council at the next Ordinary meeting.

Cr. Murphy:

- Update for Federal and State Ministers for the Hall Opening.
- Community Trip to McKinlay and Kynuna. Hoping to attend Nelia prior to Christmas closure. Meetings went well and had good council representation.
- A Member of the Nelia CWA made contact regarding fencing issues with Council block and Nelia CWA block. Have discussed with CEO. Nelia CWA will write to council with this request.
- Update on Motorhome tour. Marketing strategy and message.

**12. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair of the meeting, Cr. Belinda Murphy declared the meeting closed at 2:19pm

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Cr Belinda Murphy  
Mayor