

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council
held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie
on Friday, December 20, 2013 commencing at 8am.**

1. ATTENDANCE

Councillors Geoff Morton (Mayor), Garth Tully (Deputy Mayor), Steve Cramer, Don Rayment and Jody Barr with Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting – November 18, 2013

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-01

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held November 18, 2013 be confirmed.'

**Carried
5/0.**

4. MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

A(i) Diamantina Shire Council – Use of Environmental Health Consultants

Executive Summary

Diamantina Shire Council currently utilises the services of two Environmental Health Officers (EHO) for the same type of services. Mr Robert Powell has been providing services since 2000 and Mr Tony Goldsworthy has been providing services since 2012. Council only requires the services of one EHO.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council resolves to appoint Mr Robert Powell as Environmental Health Officer on a contract basis with the periods of engagement to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-02

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Tully

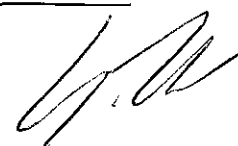
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

A(ii) Expressions of Interest: Freight Service Providers

Executive Summary

The provision of freight services for Diamantina Shire Council is currently determined through a preferred supplier arrangement for the various routes. Council has decided to continue this practice and consequently in October 2013, Expressions of Interest were invited for Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the Provision of Freight Services to Council. An evaluation is presented to Council for adoption.



Recommendation

That the following providers be accepted onto the Panel of Preferred Suppliers for Freight Services for the nominated routes as follows:-

- Quilpie to Bedourie/Birdsville - Steve Bonsey Transport - fortnightly service
- Brisbane to Bedourie/Birdsville - Steve Bonsey Transport - fortnightly service
- Adelaide to Bedourie/Birdsville – Jim Smith
- Mount Isa to Bedourie/Birdsville – Nortons Express Pty Ltd and D&E Freight Service.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-03

**Moved Cr Barr, Seconded Cr Cramer
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(iii) Diamantina Shire Council Annual Report and Audited Financials for 2012/2013

Executive Summary

Council] is required to prepare an annual report for each financial year. The annual report must be adopted by Council within 1 month after the day the auditor-general provides its audit report. Council received notification that the auditor-general's signed audit certificate was received by Council on December 10, 2013.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the 2012/13 Diamantina Shire Council's Annual Report including Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-04

**Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Tully
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(iv) Charity Proposal – Quad Bike Riding for a Cause

Executive Summary

Council has been approached by the Far North Quad Bike Riders group Incorporated and asked if the Diamantina SES could be the recipient charity for their 2014 event. A further request has been received for approval to produce a passport with the Shire logo on the front cover and for the Mayor to attend the event.

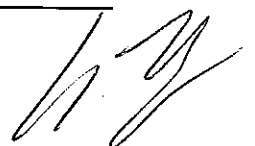
Recommendation

That Council agree to be the recipient charity for the Quad Bike Riding for a Cause event, the Mayor or other council representative to attend if available and that council provide suitable recognition of individual participation in the event.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-05

**Moved Cr Barr, Seconded Cr Rayment
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.



A(v) World Land Speed Record Attempt

Executive Summary

Rosco McGlashan OAM and a team from Land Surveys and Position partners travelled out to the Diamantina Shire on 11-14 November to survey a possible site for a world land speed record attempt on the Bilpa-Morea Claypan. The survey team returned 2 weeks later for an additional visit. They have discovered a 31 km straight run which would be suitable but they need to work through a number of approvals and technical issues before an attempt on the world record can be made. Mr McGlashan has asked for the support of council to proceed with this project.

Resolution

That Diamantina Shire Council agree to support 'in-principle' the World Land Speed Record attempt on Bilpa-Morea Clay pan and request that the organisers provide more detail on the support requested from Council for further consideration.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-06

**Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Barr
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(vi) Diamantina Visitors Guide for Approval

Executive Summary

A draft has been prepared of the 2014 Diamantina Visitors Guide for approval by council

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council approve the 2014 Diamantina Visitor's Guide as presented and endorse the printing of 30,000 copies at a cost of \$11,393.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-07

**Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Tully
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(vii) Birdsville Caravan Park Proposed Price Increases

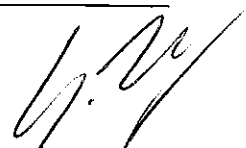
Executive Summary

Minserv Pty Ltd, lessee of the Birdsville Caravan Park, has proposed increased tariffs be approved for 2014 including tariffs for 2014 Birdsville Race week.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the increase in park fees by Minserv Proprietary Limited for the Birdsville Caravan Park as per table 1:

Table 1 TYPE	CURRENT PER NIGHT	PROPOSED PER NIGHT
Powered Site (Double)	\$29.00	\$30.00
Camping/Unpowered Site(Double)	\$22.00	\$25.00
Motel Units (Double)	\$90.00	\$100.00



Cabins (Double)	\$130.00	\$130.00
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Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-08

**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Barr
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(viii) Big Bedourie Camp Oven – Design for Approval

Executive Summary

Council has requested a design for the proposed Big Bedourie Camp Oven that will be located on the Northern approach to Bedourie.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council approve in principle the design of the proposed Big Bedourie Camp Oven subject to further detailed design and costs and allocate \$10,000 towards this project in the Quarter 2 Budget review to enable further design and costing to be undertaken.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-09

**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Cramer
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(ix) Birdsville Footpath Design and Construction – Layout Estimation

Executive Summary

The aim of this project is to provide better pedestrian facilities for the community, entrance gateways and a vibrant main street for locals to gather in and enjoy. The concept plan has established the priorities for staged implementation of work over the coming years. All the future work will be subject to available funding.

Recommendation

That Council note the estimated construction costs for the Adelaide Street Streetscaping Project in the following stages:-

Stage 1 – Vaughn St – Frew St \$225,875.20

Stage 2 – Frew St – Burt St \$187,812.60

Stage 3 – Burt St – Macdonald St \$102,396.40

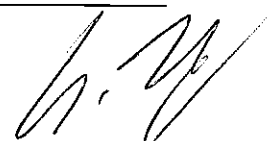
Stage 4 – Macdonald St - West \$122,013.40

and that construction not proceed until funding is available.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-10

**Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Tully
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.



**A(x) Approved Contractor Lists - Plant & Labour Hire 2014/15 and Trade Services
2014/15 19**

Executive Summary

Diamantina Shire Council has invited tenders for Expressions of Interest Tender No 2013 – 012 to establish an Approved Contractor List for Plant & Labour Hire 2014-2015 and an Approved Contractor List for Trade Services 2014-2015.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council endorse the Approved Contractor List for Plant & Labour Hire 2014-2015 and the Approved Contractors List for Trade Services for 2014 – 2015 as presented.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-11

**Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Cramer
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xi) Tender – Relocation of residential dwelling 11 Eyre Street, Bedourie

Executive Summary

Council has offered for Sale by tender the relocation of the dwelling at 11 Eyre Street Bedourie. No tenders were received. Rather than demolish a sound, albeit unkempt structure, it is preferred that it be used for a purpose which adds value to the community at little cost. It has previously identified that the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club is in need of a clubhouse and that this dwelling may suit their purposes.

Recommendation

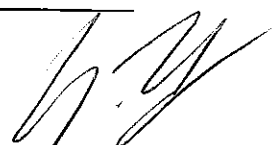
That Council offer the dwelling at 11 Eyre Street Bedourie to the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club (BGLC) as a clubhouse subject to the conditions including:

- The cost of relocating and renovating the structure is to be met by the BGLC;
- BGLC is responsible for any asbestos management associated with the building;
- BGLC shall obtain all building approvals and certifications to relocate the building;
- The Department of Natural Resources & Mines and Council shall agree to the siting of the structure on the Recreation Reserve.
- BGLC will be responsible for the upgrading of the external façade within 12 months of its relocation;
- The building is to be removed from 11 Eyre Street Bedourie by 31 December 2014
- BGLC shall provide Council with a layout plan showing the location of the building on the Golf Course, how water and electricity is to be provided to the building, proposed access point of the road and the location of car parking.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-12

**Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Rayment
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.



A(xii) Big Red Road Signage and mark edges of the track

Executive Summary

As previous requested by Council, this report provides concept design including signage and Gidgee Post fence to stop access to keep vehicles to the designated track over Big Red and Little Red sand dunes.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council approves \$7,200 to install Gidgee Posts and signage at Big Red and Little Red sand dunes to attempt to keep vehicles on the designated track and prevent damage to the sand dunes.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-13

**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Barr
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xiii) Estimate costing for Bedourie and Birdsville 2013 Technical Inspection recommendations to rectify.

Executive Summary

This report seeks approval for expenditure to ensure the Bedourie and Birdsville Aerodromes comply with the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998, Part 139 Aerodromes and complete recommendations from 2013 technical annual inspections.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council approve expenditure of \$18,800 to complete recommendations identified in technical inspection 2013 Bedourie and Birdsville aerodromes.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-14

**Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Rayment
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xiv) Diamantina Shire Council Natural Hazard Management Area (Flood) and Defined Flood Levels – December Report

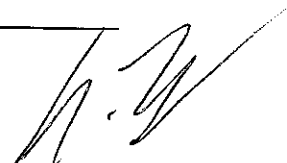
Executive Summary

The Queensland Development Code sets mandatory requirements for "finished floor levels", based on "defined flood levels" within a "flood hazard area". Whilst there is no formal statutory obligation on Council to designate a flood hazard area and floor levels, adequate and appropriate controls can only be effectively applied within a relevant framework of flood parameters adopted by Council. Council can by resolution designate a "natural hazard management area" and the associated "defined flood levels" and "finished floor levels". In so doing, such designated levels become mandatory building requirements, particularly for Class 1 buildings (houses).

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council resolves:

(1) Pursuant to section 13(1) (a) of the *Building Regulation 2006*, designate part of the Diamantina Shire Council local government area as a natural hazard management area (flood), being the following areas:



- Birdsville township, all areas below RL 43.8m AHD, as per drawing number 2002-235/03
- Bedourie township, areas outside of the protection of the levee RL 88.8m AHD, and areas inside of the protection of the levee RL 88.14m AHD Northern catchment and 87.50m AHD Southern catchment as per drawing number 2013-112/01
- Not located within the Rural Zone of the Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme.
- (2) Pursuant to section 13(1) (b) (i) and (v) of the *Building Regulation 2006*, declare:
- the defined flood levels are:
 - Birdsville township, RL 43.8m AHD, as per drawing number 2002-235/03
 - Bedourie township, areas outside of the protection of the levee RL 88.8m AHD, and areas inside of the protection of the levee RL 88.14m AHD Northern catchment and 87.50m AHD Southern catchment as per drawing number 2013-112/01
- (ii) the minimum finished floor levels of habitable rooms in all or part of the natural hazard management area (flood) are 300 mm above the defined flood levels.
- (3) Adopt a date of January 1, 2014 on and from which this resolution takes effect.
- (4) Campbell Higginson Town Planning (CHTP) commences preparation of necessary amendment to the Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme in relation to flooding.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-15

**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Cramer
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xv) 2013 Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal

Executive Summary

The 2013 Remuneration Tribunal Report has been provided to the Minister and the Gazettal Notice advising of remuneration levels taking effect from 1 July 2014 have been notified. Council has 90 days to decide whether it will accept the increase or whether it will apply a lower level of remuneration to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-16

Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Tully

'that Council adopt the following remuneration rates for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor to apply from 1 July 2014, which equates to a 5% rise above the previously adopted remuneration rates:-

Mayor	\$77,493
Deputy Mayor	\$33,212
Councillor	\$23,617.

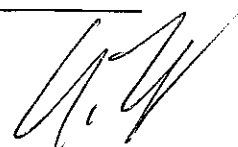
Carried 5/0.

A(xvi) Register of Delegations - Council to Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required in accordance with section 260 of the Local Government Act 2009 to establish a delegations register that records all delegations made by Council to the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer. A new Register of Delegations to the Chief Executive Officer is proposed to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and local laws to enable the efficient operation of Council.

Recommendation



That Diamantina Shire Council adopt the Register of Delegations from Council to the Chief Executive Officer as presented.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-17

**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Rayment
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xvii) Elected Member Update – Training Dates for 2014

Executive Summary

Elected Member Update Training is scheduled every year and facilitated by the Local Government Association of Queensland, often in conjunction with King and Company Solicitors. The 2014 training dates have been confirmed and Council needs to consider whether its elected members will be attending the training.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the attendance of its elected members and Chief Executive Officer at the 2014 Elected Member Training in Mount Isa, scheduled for Wednesday, 5 February 2014 at the Mount Isa Civic Centre.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-18

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment
'that the Chief Executive Officer arrange an in-house elected member training session to coincide with a upcoming Council meeting with the Barcoo and Boulia Shire Councillors being invited to attend.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xviii) Expressions of Interest – Roads and Transport Advisory Group

Executive Summary

Local Government Association of Queensland is inviting expressions of interest from elected members to and senior management with an interest and involvement in decision-making and management relating to roads and transport issues.

Recommendation

That Council consider whether it wishes to nominate a candidate to the Roads and Transport Advisory Group for 2014.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-19

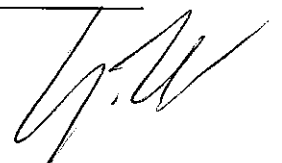
**Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Rayment
'that Council nominate Mr Stuart Bourne as a candidate to the Roads and Transport Advisory Group for 2014 and that the Chief Executive Officer advise RAPAD Councils of this nomination and encourage their support.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xix) Retrospective Approval for Use of Bedourie Aquatic Centre for Private Function

Executive Summary

Mrs Alex Clowes, President of the Bedourie Parents and Citizens Association has requested permission to utilise the Bedourie Aquatic Centre on Friday, December 6, 2013 between 5pm and midnight to hold the annual School Christmas break-up party.



Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council provide retrospective approval for the request from the Bedourie Parents and Citizens Association to use the Bedourie Aquatic Centre for the annual School Christmas break-up party to be held on Friday, December 6, 2013 between 5pm and midnight subject to the following conditions.

1. The participants of the function are responsible for the cleaning up and disposal of all rubbish on the site immediately following the event.
2. Any alcohol brought for private consumption is to be in cans or plastic only.
3. The Bedourie Parents and Citizens Association are to ensure that all attendees are advised of the conditions of entry.
4. All children are to be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-20

Moved Cr Tully, Seconded Cr Barr

'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

A(xx) Rescind Council Decision: Minute No. 2013.09.16-OM-07 French Line Cairn and Plaque Restoration

Executive Summary

At its September Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to restore the Friends of the French Line Cairn in time for their fiftieth anniversary visit by surviving members of the construction group, and that the cairn would be constructed on the western entrance to town opposite to the Nissan cairn. At the November Ordinary Council Meeting additional information was supplied by the French Line group and a motion to rescind its October Meeting was resolved.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council rescind Minute No. 2013.09.16-OM-07 and commit to restore the cairn and plaque commemorating the construction of the 'French Line' to its original location opposite the Birdsville Hotel on Burt Street, adjacent to the Birdsville aerodrome fence. Further, that Council complete these works at its expense given Council moved the cairn.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-21

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment

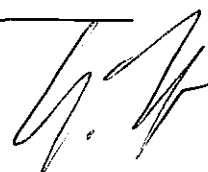
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Carried 5/0.

A(xxi) Navman Pilot Program Trial

Executive Summary

At the recent Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Meeting in Cairns from 21 – 24 October, Council representatives were approached by Local Government Association of Queensland to trial the Navman Wireless GPS Fleet Management and Tracking Solution. Funds would be made available to Council from the Industry Development



Fund amount to \$7,000 for the pilot trial. Council would need to commit funds of its own to participate in the trial.

Recommendation

That Council accept the offer of \$7000 of LGAQ to undertake a trial of the Navman GPS solution in a remote location and contribute \$7000 towards the trial funded from the Plant Operating expenses.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-22

**Moved Cr Barr, Seconded Cr Cramer
'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

A(xxii) Drought Feeding – Town Common usage enquiry from Mr Don Rowlands

Executive Summary

At its November 2013 Ordinary Meeting it was mentioned that Horses are being kept permanently within a small paddock off the Birdsville Pound and Bronco Branding Yards. Action described was that the owner be contacted and made aware of the purposes for the yard and the communal nature of its existence and that town water not be accessible to this paddock. Council have now received a response from one of the owners with horses in the paddock and requests an explanation.

Recommendation

That Council consider Mr Rowlands request.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-23

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cramer

'that Council undertake repairs to the trough and Mr Rowlands request to use the 'Spelling' paddock be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. That the use of the paddock is only to be used whilst the Shire is drought declared to supplement feed stock which have current Agistment Permit on the common;**
- 2. The gate to the paddock is not to be locked at any time;**
- 3. At the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, any stock must be removed from the paddock leading up to and during an event at the Bronco Branding/Rodeo facility;**
- 4. Any future use of the paddock requires written approval from the Chief Executive Officer;**

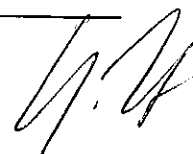
**Carried
5/0.**

A(xxiii) Rent of Space at Bedourie Airport Building for Café facilities

Executive Summary

Council received an expression of interest to operate a Café 4 times per week to coincide with the Skytrans inbound and outbound flights from the Simpson Desert Oasis Roadhouse owners whom are also the Skytrans agents. Council is required to decide, as no precedent is set, whether or not it will rent the space to Simpson Desert Oasis Roadhouse, the applicable rent and terms and conditions.

Recommendation



That Council offer to rent the vacant room at the Bedourie Airport for a trial period of 6 months with the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate suitable rent and conditions with the applicant.

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-24

Moved Cr Morton, Seconded Cr Cramer

'that the Officers' Recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

OTHER MINUTES

Youth Council Meeting Minutes – 25 September 2013 & 13 December 2013

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-25

Moved Cr Barr, Seconded Cr Rayment

'that the minutes be received.'

Carried 5/0.

Regional Arts Development Fund Meeting Minutes – 5 October 2013

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-26

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Barr

Motion to have the minutes be moved.

Carried 5/0.

COUNCILLORS IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Second Fuel Filter on Toyota vehicles

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-27

At the suggestion of Cr Barr, Council resolved that a second fuel filter be fitted to all diesel Toyota vehicles given known issues with engine failures associated with fuel filter failures.

1080 Accreditation

Minute No. 2013.12.20-OM-28

At the suggestion of Cr Tully, Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer arrange for a Council employee to be trained so they were accredited in the use and storage in 1080 to provide a more effective service to landholders.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Minutes confirmed this twentieth day of January, 2014.



Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR