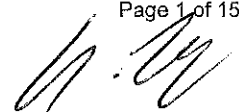


**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
Diamantina Shire Council held in the Birdsville Town Hall
on Monday, 17 November, 2014 commencing at 8.10am.**

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2 ATTENDANCE

Councillors Geoff Morton (Mayor) Garth Tully (Deputy Mayor), Steve Cramer, Don Rayment, Jody Barr with Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ian Stevenson (until 10.10am).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) Ordinary Meeting – October 20, 2014

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-1

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

‘That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on 20 October, 2014 be confirmed.’

Carried 5/0.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-2

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

‘That all Officers Reports and Information Reports be received.’

Carried 5/0.

7 ACTION REPORTS

7.1 A(I) PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

Executive Summary

Council's Internal Audit Committee have submitted a report recommending the appointment of a suitably qualified internal auditor to provide internal audit services for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2017.

Recommendation

'That Council note and receive the report and resolve –

- 1. To appoint Messrs. O'Regan and Partners to provide internal audit services for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2017 in accordance with the expression of interest received dated 17 October 2014;**
- 2. That because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, that it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders in this instance; and**
- 3. That Mr Peter O'Regan representing Messrs. O'Regan and Partners and Mr Ian Stevenson (Corporate and Community Manager) be appointed to Council's Audit Committee.'**

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-3

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.2 A(II) PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OBSERVATION REPORT

Executive Summary

Council's Mayor is required pursuant to section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to present a copy of the auditor-general's observation report at the next ordinary meeting after it is received.

Recommendation

'That Council note and receive the report.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-4

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.3 A(III) ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

Executive Summary

Council is required, pursuant to section 180 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to adopt an annual report within one (1) month after the day that the auditor-general gives the auditor-general's audit report about the local government's financial statements for the financial year to the local government.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Annual Report for 2013/14 including the audited financial statements.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-5

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That the 2013/14 Annual Report as presented be adopted subject to any changes requested by Councillors in the next 7 days.'

Carried 5/0.

7.4 A(IV) APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – LOT 6 PLAN RB12: PARISH MUDDAWARRY – JW SZCZEPINA

Executive Summary

Council's views are sought on an application to freehold term lease 0/236794 being Lot 6 on RB12: Parish of Muddawarry and also whether it agrees to a future blanket approval for all future applications for conversions of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases and/or Pastoral Holdings within the Diamantina Shire.

Recommendation

'That Council:-

- (a) Consider whether it objects to the application to freehold term lease 0/236794 – Lot 6 on Plan RB12 Parish of Muddawarry, and if so, provide reasons for this; and**
- (b) Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that at this stage Council is not in favour of granting a blanket approval for all future applications for conversions of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases and/or Pastoral Holdings in the Diamantina Shire area.'**

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-6

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That Council:-

- (a) object to the application to freehold term lease 0/236794 – Lot 6 on Plan RB12 Parish of Muddawarry, as freeholding part of the town reserve would prevent this land being used for community purposes, particularly given it is the only undeveloped flood free land in the immediate vicinity of Birdsville.
- (b) is not in favour of granting a blanket approval for all future applications for conversions of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Leases and/or Pastoral Holdings in the Diamantina Shire area.'

Carried 5/0.

7.5 A(V) BIRDSVILLE RACES - AERODROME OPERATIONS REPORT

Executive Summary

Council has received a report compiled by the Ballina Aero Club in relation to the aerodrome operation at the recent Birdsville Races and providing a series of suggestions for future events.

Recommendation

'That Council receive the report and note the Club's recommendation that an opportunity be taken at the conclusion of the 2015 event, to discuss their continued involvement in managing the airport during the Birdsville Races.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-7

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.6 A(VI) OFFER TO PURCHASE INTERNET USAGE – SIMPSON DESERT OASIS

Executive Summary

Simpson Desert Oasis submitted an email referring to Council's decision last meeting and requesting that any equipment placed on their premises not be required to be returned on the expiration of the internet usage period agreement.

Recommendation

'That Council:

- 1. Agree to amend its decision from last meeting to the effect that any equipment placed on Simpson Desert Oasis property as part of this project not be required to be returned on the expiration of the agreement; and**
- 2. Advise that any repairs or replacement of the equipment will be at their cost following the initial installation.'**

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-8
Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Barr
'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.7 A(VII) VEOLIA CONTRACT EXTENSION

Executive Summary

Council has received a formal request from Veolia to exercise the first option for waste management services for the 2015 to 2017 Birdsville Races.

Recommendation

'That Council receive the report and

1. Agree to the exercising of the first option under the contract between Council and Veolia for the 2015 event for an amount of \$139,254.33 excl gst, subject to confirmation of the method of calculating the labour rise and fall variation; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise variations to the waste management agreement by inserting a new clause 10A to allow Council the use of the Veolia equipment (Demountable Units) on the site outside the Race Term, subject to the units receiving appropriate building certification.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-9
Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr
'That Council receive the report and

1. Agree to the exercising of the first option under the contract between Council and Veolia for the 2015 event for an amount of \$139,254.33 excl gst, subject to confirmation of the method of calculating the labour rise and fall variation;
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate any changes to the contract for 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise variations to the waste management agreement by inserting a new clause 10A relating to the use of Veolia equipment (Demountable Units) on the Graham Street site outside the Race period.'

Carried 5/0.

7.8 A(VIII) 2015 QMF CONCERT

Executive Summary

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is keen to revisit Birdsville in July 2015, as part of the 2015 Festival, with a concert featuring the John Morrison Trio and jazz vocalist Emma Pask.

The Birdsville concert would be part of a regional tour beginning in Boonah travelling to Birdsville and then along the NT border to Mount Isa. Emma and John are also teachers and a schools or community workshop is offered as part of the package. This will be a unique chance for our community to hear world-class musicians normally only seen in large concert halls. In order to make the proposed tour viable QMF are seeking financial partnerships with each of the Councils on their tour. A flat rate of \$6,000 plus GST, includes both concert and workshop.

Recommendation

That QMF's offer, to hold a concert and workshop in Birdsville as described above, be accepted (subject to agreeing on a suitable date), and that \$6,000 plus GST be allocated for this specific purpose in next year's events budget.

**Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-10
 Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Cramer
 'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

7.9 A(xi) 2015 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Executive Summary

It is proposed to hold the Ordinary Meetings on the following dates and times during 2015. The dates represent the third Monday of every month with the exception of the December meeting which is proposed for break up day, Friday, December 18, 2015.

Recommendation

That Diamantina Shire Council advertise the date, location and commencing time for Council's ordinary monthly meetings for 2015 as set out in Table 1, in accordance with Section 277 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*'

Table 1		
Date of Meeting	Location	Commencing time
19 January 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	8am
16 February 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	8am

16 March 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	8am
20 April 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
18 May 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
15 June 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
20 July 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
17 August 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
21 September 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
19 October 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	8am
16 November 2015	Birdsville Town Hall, Adelaide Street, Birdsville	8am
18 December 2015	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	8am

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-11

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

9.05am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager entered the meeting

9.05am Stuart Bourne, Consulting Engineer, George Bourne Associates, entered the meeting

7.10A(XII) NAMING OF WARREGO HIGHWAY

Executive Summary

Council has been asked to indicate their preferred options for the name of the Warrego Highway extension from Charleville (where it currently ends) to Birdsville as part of the revitalization of the State Strategic Touring Routes (SSTRs)

Recommendation

'That Council confirm that their Preferred Option 1 is the Simpson Desert Way and decide what their second preference is for the naming of the Warrego highway.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-12

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That Council confirm that their Preferred Option 1 is the Simpson Desert Way and their Preferred Option 2 is the Channel Country Way for the naming of the Warrego Highway as part of the State Strategic Touring Routes and that Cr Rayment be authorised to lobby other Councils on Councils behalf.'

Carried 5/0.

7.11A(XIII) REGIONAL ROUND TABLE

Executive Summary

The Mayor and CEO have been invited by the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, the Honourable David Crisafulli to attend the second Regional Round Table to be held in Cairns on 1 and 2 December 2014.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to attend the second Regional Round Table in Cairns on 1 and 2 December 2014.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-13

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

'that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the second Regional Round Table in Cairns on 1 and 2 December 2014.'

Carried 5/0.

7.12A(XIV) WEATHERZONE LIGHTNING SENSOR

Executive Summary

Weatherzone have approached the Council to obtain approval to install a lightning detecting sensor in the Shire as part of their wider network.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the installation of a Weatherzone Lightning sensor on a Council owned building in Birdsville and authorise the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with Weatherzone to determine the most appropriate location and enter into an appropriate agreement for hosting of the sensor.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-14

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.13A(ix) AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES 2014-2015 SALE OF BULK WATER BEDOURIE AND BIRDSVILLE WASTE DISPOSAL

Executive Summary

The Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2014/2015 currently does not include a fee for the sale of bulk water and disposal of bulk waste at Councils landfills. It is recommended that the Schedule be amended to include an appropriate fee.

Recommendation

'That Council insert the following fee to the Schedule of Fees and Charges adopted on 2014.06.11-OM-20:

- **Sale of bulk water at Bedourie and Birdsville - \$15 per KI with a minimum charge of \$20 per load;**
- **Disposal of Bulk Waste disposal at Bedourie and Birdsville - \$33 per cubic metre; and**
that Diamantina Shire Council Town Residents be exempt from the above fees where the waste is generated from within the town area.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-15

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.14A(x) WELCOME TO DIAMANTINA SHIRE SIGNS

Executive Summary

There are four *Welcome to Diamantina Shire – Please Take Care On Our Roads* signs on the Main Roads entering the Shire. Councils views are sought on the proposed wording for these signs to allow them to be renewed.

Recommendation

'That Council consider the updated wording proposed for the four *Welcome to Diamantina Shire – Please Take Care On Our Roads* signs on the DTMR roads entering the Shire as follows:

Diamantina Shire

Please take care on our roads

- 1. Belt up in the bush***
- 2. Drive according to current road conditions***
- 3. Give way to road trains – Move off the road***
- 4. Unfenced Roads - Beware of cattle, horses and wildlife***

5. **Mobile phones do not work in this area**
6. **Drive with your lights on - Vision can be impaired on dirt roads by Dust –**
7. **Check current road reports at the next town**
8. **UHF 39 is Councils Channel**

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-16

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That Council approve the updated wording proposed for the renewal of *Tips for Safe Driving in Diamantina Shire* signs to be installed over existing signage on the main entry point into the Shire as follows:-

Tips for Safe Driving in Diamantina Shire

Please take care on our roads

1. ***Belt up in the bush***
2. ***Drive according to current road conditions***
3. ***Give way to road trains – Move off the road***
4. ***Unfenced Roads - Beware of cattle, horses and wildlife***
5. ***Mobile phones do not work in this area***
6. ***Drive with your lights on - Vision can be impaired on dirt roads by Dust***
7. ***Check current road reports at the next town***
8. ***UHF 39 is Councils Channel for road works***

Carried 5/0.

7.15A (XV) BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-17

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That Council offer to provide at no cost, 1 hour of mowing/whippersnipping per fortnight (including labour and equipment) to the Bedourie State School and Birdsville State School to assist with the maintenance of school grounds with any other services such as sprinkler maintenance to be charged to the Education Department at cost.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

- 10.10am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager left the meeting
- 10.10am Stuart Bourne, Consulting Engineer, George Bourne Associates, left the meeting
- 10.10am Council adjourned the Meeting for morning tea.

Attendance:

- 11:25am Council resumed the Meeting.
- 11:25am Amanda Schnitzerling, Executive Assistant left the meeting

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-18

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

‘That in accordance with section 275 (1) (b) ‘industrial matters affecting employees’ the meeting be closed to the public to consider Agenda Item A(xv) Transition to new Queensland Local Government Industry Award State 2014.’

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-19

Moved Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

‘That the meeting be opened to the public.’

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

11.35am Amanda Schnitzerling, Executive Assistant entered the meeting

7.16A(xv) CONFIDENTIAL – TRANSITION TO NEW QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY AWARD STATE 2014

Executive Summary

The adopted Queensland Local Government Industry Award – State 2014 was different to exposure draft impacting on previous council decisions relating to allowances. Council should consider how the new award can be implemented in an equitable manner for all staff and Council.

Recommendation

A. That Council adopt the following resolution which amends Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-16 effective from 1 October:

Where an employee is not in receipt of the Locality Allowance under clause 12.1 of the Queensland Local Government Officers’ Award 1998, Council will pay an over award payment as follows: a Remote Area Allowance of \$161 per week be paid for staff with dependents and \$80.50 (50%) for staff without dependents. The allowance will be paid on a pro-rata basis for part-time staff and paid on an equivalent hourly rate for casual staff. The criteria used to define ‘dependents’ will be based on the criteria used in Directive 19/99 to calculate the current locality allowance. The remote area allowance will be paid as a ‘weekly automatic allowance’ paid at an hourly rate of (\$161/38hrs or \$80.50/38hrs) for all ordinary time worked (nett of RDO accrual) or when a Rostered Day Off is taken. It will not be paid when an employee is on any type of leave or Time off in Lieu of Overtime. This allowance is not considered to be part of an employee’s ordinary salary/wages and will not be used in the calculation of overtime or superannuation. The payment of the remote area allowance commences on 28 October 2014.’

B. That all employees work a ‘19 day month, accruing 0.4 hrs per day to enable a paid RDO to be taken on the 20th day under the following arrangements:-

- **Staff may be required to move the normal day that the RDO is taken to better align with local community events and work priorities.**
- **RDO’s shall be taken on a staggered basis for staff in the office, Visitor centres, workshop and town crews.**

C. That the uniforms and laundry allowance payable, as per clause 13(o) of the Local Government Industry Award – State 2014, is to be absorbed into the above award rate of pay paid to staff and is therefore not to be separately paid;

D. That the Divisional and district allowances payable, as per clause 13(s) of the Local Government Industry Award – State 2014, is to be absorbed into the above award 'Remote Area Allowance' paid to staff and is therefore not to be separately paid;

E. That employees, who supervise employees whose ordinary hours are a 38 hour week or a 152 hour work cycle, be required to work the same hours as the employees they supervise in accordance with clause 15.3(b) of the Local Government Industry Award – State 2014;

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-20
Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer
'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

8 LATE ITEMS

Cr Rayment declared a perceived conflict of interest as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009 in item A(xvi) Birdsville Social Club Letter, as he is the President of the Birdsville Social Club, and intends to stay in the meeting but not vote on the matter.

Cr Barr declared a perceived conflict of interest as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009 in item A(xvi) Birdsville Social Club Letter, as he is Vice-president of the Birdsville Social Club, and intends to stay in the meeting but not vote on the matter.

8.1 A (XVI) BIRDSVILLE SOCIAL CLUB LETTER

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-21
Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully
'That Council have no objections to the Birdsville Social Club holding a dinner on the Birdsville Airport apron area subject to Civil Aviation and Safety Authority requirements being able to be met.'

Carried 3/0.

9 MEMBERS BUSINESS

9.1 CR RAYMENT

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-22

'Council resolved that staff organise suitable community function when visiting dignitaries visit the Shire at Council cost.'

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-23

'Council resolved that staff nominate Diamantina Shire Council for any relevant Outback Tourism Awards in 2015.'

9.2 CR MORTON

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-24

'Council resolved that Diamantina Shire call for nominations for Australia Day Awards 2015, and that nominations close in time to be presented at the December meeting for selection by council. Categories to be; Citizen of the year (over 25 years), Young Citizen of the Year(under 25), Community event of the year, Sports award (18 years +), Sports junior award (under 18).'

Attendance:

12:35pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.
2:00pm Council resumed the Meeting.

Attendance:

2:00pm Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer and Amanda Schnitzerling, Executive Assistant left the meeting.
2:00pm Scott Mead, Consultant, Mead Perry Group entered the meeting via teleconference.

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-25

Moved Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That in accordance with section 275 (1) (a) 'the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees' the meeting be closed to the public to consider the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.'

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2014.11.17-OM-26

Moved Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the meeting be opened to the public.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

2:45pm Scott Mead, Consultant, Mead Perry Group left the meeting.

Attendance:

3:15pm Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer, entered the meeting.

3:15pm Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, entered the meeting.
3:15pm Phil Neidler, Director, National Telephone and Data entered the meeting to give a presentation on the NavMan System being installed in Council plant & vehicles.

Attendance:

4:00pm Phil Neidler, Director, National Telephone and Data left the meeting.

Attendance:

4:00pm Central West Health Board members entered the meeting to discuss the transition of clinical health services to Central West Health Service from 1 July 2014.

Attendance:

5:15pm Central West Health Board members left the meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5:15pm.

Minutes confirmed this 19th day of December, 2014.



Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR

