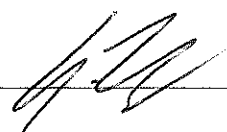


Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council
held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie
on Monday, October 20, 2014 commencing at 8.10am.

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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 1pm)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) Ordinary Meeting – September 15, 2014

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-1

Moved by Cramer Cr and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on September 15, 2014 be confirmed with the amendment to add 'Council resolved

to the front of the following resolutions:

Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-07

Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-09

Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-10

Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-18

Minute No. 2014.09.15-OM-19.'

Carried 5/0.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS

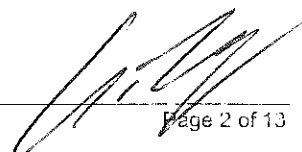
Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-2

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That all Officers Reports and Information Reports be received.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:



8:38am Ken Buckley, Ken Buckley Brokers (Caravan Park Specialists), entered the meeting via telephone.
9:30am Ken Buckley, left the meeting.

7 ACTION REPORTS

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-3

Moved Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Morton

'That in accordance with section 275 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public to consider Agenda Item A(i) Birdsville Caravan Park Lease.'

Carried 5/0.

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-4

Moved Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Morton

'That the meeting be opened to the public.'

Carried 5/0.

7.1 A (I) CONFIDENTIAL – BIRDSVILLE CARAVAN PARK LEASE

Executive Summary

Council has received correspondence from Troy and Margie Minnett, lessees of the Birdsville Caravan Park, in relation to their interpretation of the wording of the contract between us, in relation to Goodwill. A separate document has also been received, listing the value of various goods and chattels provided by the lessee on the site.

Recommendation

'That in view of the information received and in a spirit of cooperation, Council agree to

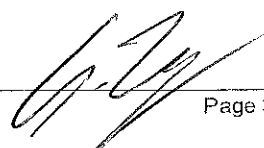
1. Repay the lessees the amount of \$75,000 paid as part of the original lease plus 50% of any additional goodwill valued at the expiration of the lease;
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to engage an appropriately qualified valuer to determine the value of any additional goodwill, as at the expiration of the lease; and
3. Defer a decision on any acquisition of various goods and chattels provided by the lessee on site pending clarification of future leasing arrangements.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-5

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That in view of the information received and in a spirit of cooperation, Council authorise:-

1. the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the settlement of goodwill payable at the end of the lease with the lessee;
2. the Chief Executive Officer to advise the lessee that Council does not intend to acquire the caravan park goods and chattels offered by the lessee;



3. that Ken Buckley, Ken Buckley Brokers, be engaged to undertake the leasing of the Birdsville Caravan Park as per the submitted proposal in accordance with section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as Council considered this role to be highly specialised and confidential in nature.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

9:50am Steve Jones and David Brooksby, National Airports Manager, Regional Express (REX) Airlines entered the meeting and gave a presentation on the transition from Skytrans to REX from 1 January 2015.
10:32am Steve Jones and David Booksby left the meeting.
10:32am Council adjourned the Meeting for morning tea.
11:00am Council resumed the Meeting.

Attendance:

11:25am Nicole Schellback, Community Development Coordinator, entered the meeting.

7.2 I(v) E-KINDY

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-6

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That Council offer the Bedourie P&C Association and the Birdsville P&C Association \$5000 each to engage an e-Kindy coordinator to facilitate an e-Kindy trial during Semester 1 of 2015 at the Bedourie and Birdsville State Schools respectively.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

11:45am Nicole Schellback, left the meeting.

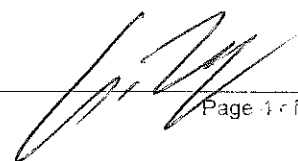
7.3 A(ii) REQUEST DONATION AND USE OF BEDOURIE AQUATIC CENTRE – BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

Executive Summary

Council has received a request from the Bedourie State School P & C Association for financial support to assist in meeting the cost of activities during 2014/2015, as well as the use of the Bedourie Aquatic Centre for community events.

Recommendation

1. That Council provide financial support to the Bedourie State School P & C Association to a maximum of \$8,750 towards the cost of holding the Swim & Arts camp and the Bedourie Christmas Tree event during 2014/2015 with funds to be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts and a tax invoice;
2. That Council agree to provide free use of the Bedourie Aquatic Centre for:-
 - (a) The 2014 Christmas tree celebrations, between 4 pm and midnight to be held on Friday 5 December 2014; and
 - (b) On 26 January 2015 to host a BBQ lunch, water games and touch football event.



NOTE: Conditions associated with the use of the Centre to be that –

- (i) The participants of the functions are responsible for the cleaning up and disposal of all rubbish on the site immediately following the event;**
- (ii) Any alcohol brought for private consumption is to be in cans or plastic containers only;**
- (iii) Smoking is prohibited within the grounds of the Centre;**
- (iv) The Bedourie Parents and Citizens Association is to ensure that all attendees are advised of the conditions of entry; and**
- (v) All children are to be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.'**

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-7

**Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer
'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

7.4 A(III) STAFF AND CONTRACTOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND CARDS

Executive Summary

Each year Council considers an appropriate way in which to recognise the efforts of staff and others during the calendar year. This was last reviewed at the 18 November 2013 ordinary meeting and is again presented for consideration.

Recommendation

'That for the 2014, Council provide gifts at the Annual Close Down celebrations in the following way:-

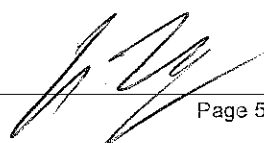
- That full time permanent, part time and casual staff be provided with a gift voucher to the value of \$100, redeemable from any of the businesses operating in the Diamantina Shire Council area;**
- That contractors including tradesmen who work directly with Council's outside works staff and who have been regularly engaged from the Panel of Approved Contractors be provided with an annual diary embossed with "With Compliments from" and the Diamantina Shire logo to the value of \$50;**
- That Youth Council representatives be provided with a \$25 iTunes voucher;**
- That Council forward e-seasons greeting cards for 2014 with the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Managers being authorised to distribute e-cards to their relevant contacts; and**
- That the Council Staff Christmas presents policy be updated to reflect Councils motion.'**

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-8

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That Council provide Christmas gifts for 2014 in accordance with the resolution adopted at the November 2013 Council meeting.'

Carried 5/0.



7.5 A (IV) AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES 2014-2015 FOOD LICENCE FEES

Executive Summary

The Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2014/2015 currently does not include a fee for the inspection and issue of food premises licenses. It is recommended that the Schedule be amended to include an appropriate fee.

Recommendation

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

Environmental Health Services (Food Licensing)

Inspection of Premises and Renewal of Food License \$110.00 (GST free)

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-9

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

"That the recommendation be adopted."

Carried 5/0.

7.6 A(V) OFFER TO PURCHASE BULK WIFI INTERNET USAGE – SIMPSON DESERT OASIS

Executive Summary

Simpson Desert Oasis has enquired about the possibility of purchasing unlimited internet usage from Council's Bedourie WiFi data Service.

Recommendation

'That Council agree to the provision of unlimited internet usage to the Simpson Desert Oasis on the following basis –

- 1. That the initial period of 12 months be at the rate of \$350 per month, payable quarterly in advance;**
- 2. That the offer of 50% (estimated at \$500) towards the cost of installation and equipment be accepted;**
- 3. Council will not guarantee the speed or reliability of the Wifi data service and not be liable for any losses not provide a refund of fees paid in the event that there is an outage;**
- 4. Costs to maintain the required equipment or to upgrade it in the future will be the responsibility of the Simpson Desert Oasis;**
- 5. That internet usage be monitored during the initial twelve month period; and**
- 6. That the provision be extended on the same terms and conditions, subject to Council's costs being met in full;**
- 7. That at the conclusion of this arrangement, any equipment located at the Simpson Desert Oasis be returned to Council at no cost.**

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-10
Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment
"That the recommendation be adopted."

Carried 5/0.

7.7 A(VI) ATTENDANCE – OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Executive Summary

Council has been invited to nominate attendance at the forthcoming OQTA Tourism Awards to be held in Charleville from Thursday 13 to Saturday 15 November 2014.

Recommendation

'That Council nominate its Tourism Coordinator, Ms Barbara Mason and interested Councillors to attend this event.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-11

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully

'That the Tourism Coordinator attend the entire event and that Cr Barr and Cr Rayment attend Saturday night only on behalf of Council.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

12:25am Heather Weir, Consulting Accountant, entered the meeting.

7.8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-12

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the amended quarterly budget for the 2014/2015 financial year including:

- The statement of financial position;
- The statement of cash flow;
- The statement of income and expenditure;
- The statement of changes in equity;
- The long-term financial forecast;
- The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- The capital works summary and plant replacement.

be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

12:30am Heather Weir, left the meeting.

12:35am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager and Stuart Bourne, Consulting Engineer, entered the meeting.

7.9 A (VII) BIRDSVILLE AIRPORT RESURFACING

Executive Summary

The Round 3, Royalties for Regions submission to resurface the Birdsville aerodrome was successful. The approved funding was for a total project cost of \$865,000 excluding GST. The approved subsidy is for 50% of this amount which is \$432,500 excluding GST. Tenders have recently closed for the Slurry Seal resurfacing operation and the associated linemarking and the total costs are higher than estimated. Three options have been tabled for consideration.

Recommendation

'That the tender from Downer EDI be accepted and the quantity of resurfacing be limited to 1500m³. The surface correction works be concentrated on the runway with any left over material used on the apron areas with the focus on Regular Public Transport apron followed by the General Aviation apron.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-13

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Morton

"That the tender from Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd be accepted for the Birdsville Airport Corrector Course and Resurfacing at a cost of \$850,000 +GST and the quantity of resurfacing be limited to 1500m³. The surface correction works be concentrated on the runway with any left over material used on the apron areas with the focus on Regular Public Transport apron followed by the General Aviation apron."

Agreed 5/0.

7.10A (VIII) STAFF TRAINING: USE AND STORAGE OF SODIUM FLUOROACETATE (1080) BAITS

Executive Summary

Seeking approval to train staff in the appropriate use and storage of sodium fluoroacetate (1080) baits.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the training of relevant staff in the appropriate use and storage of 1080 baits and provide a suitable storage facility.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-14

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That staff training in 1080 accreditation be put on hold until a course is offered closer to Bedourie or Birdsville.'

Agreed 5/0.

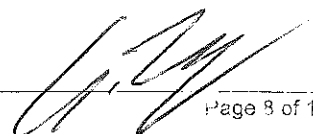
Attendance:

12:52am Trevor Stewart and Stuart Bourne, left the meeting.

7.11A(IX) POLICIES FOR ADOPTION

Executive Summary

Council is required to adopt these policies before they come into effect.



Recommendation

'That Council adopt the following policies:-

Advertising Signs at Town Entrances Policy

Code of Conduct

Complaints about the CEO Policy

Confidentiality Policy

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy

Expense Reimbursement – Councillor's Policy

Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-15

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That all the policies be adopted noting that the Advertising Signs at Town Entrances policy be amended by replacing the words 'in the vicinity of towns' with "within a Town Common".'

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

1:02pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.

1:42pm Council resumed the Meeting.

7.12A(x) GET PLAYING PLUS FUNDING FOR THE BEDOURIE AQUATIC CENTRE

Executive Summary

Council needs to consider whether to apply for funding under the Get Playing Plus initiative to make improvements to the Bedourie Aquatic Centre.

Recommendation

'That Council consider the content of the Get Playing Plus application for funding to upgrade the Bedourie Aquatic Centre.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-16

Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That Council submit the proposed application for the upgrading of the Bedourie Aquatic Centre to the 'Get Playing Plus' program.'

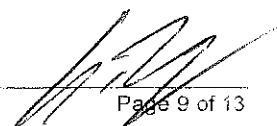
Carried 5/0.

7.13A(xi) LGIS – GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SUPPLY FOR COUNCILS

Executive Summary

Local Government Infrastructure Services (LGIS) have been working with Councils to determine the feasibility of generating electricity from geothermal energy as a way to reduce Council's direct electricity costs.

Recommendation



'That Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding with LGIS to explore Geothermal Energy opportunities within Birdsville and Bedourie.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-17

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.14A(xii) 2015 CENTENARY ANZAC PLAQUES

Executive Summary

The Council needs to review and approve the wording for the Main Commemorative Plaque and the Time Capsule plaque for the 2015 Centenary ANZAC day celebrations.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the wording for the Main Commemorative Plaque and the Time Capsule Plaque and approve costs as provided in the quote by Queensland Heritage Masonry.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-18

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.15A(xiii) DONATION OF INVENTORY IN BEDOUIE AND BIRDSVILLE CLINICS TO QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Executive Summary

Part of the agreement with Central West Health Service (CWHS) and Medicare Local and Council involved the transferring of equipment from the ownership of Council or Medicare Local to Central West Health Service so that equipment would then become the responsibility of CWHS for maintenance and replacement in the future.

Recommendation

'That Council approve the transfer of medical equipment, furniture and items (excluding art work and memorabilia) required in the operation of the Bedourie and Birdsville clinics, as contained in the attached Schedule A, (Medical Local donated equipment) and an inventory to be conducted by council and clinic staff of Council or donated equipment.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-19

Moved by Cr Molton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.



7.16 A(XIV) TELEPHONE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Executive Summary

There has been concern raised by Council and the community regarding the processes surrounding telephone numbers and telephone procedures at the Bedourie and Birdsville clinics. CWHS has provided a draft procedure aimed at alleviating concerns and getting Council feedback.

Recommendation

'That Council provide feedback on the proposal by Queensland Health.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-20

Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That Council will accept the proposed telephone and emergency response arrangements for clinics in Bedourie and Birdsville on a 6 month trial basis.'

Carried 5/0.

7.17 A(XV) ACQUISITION OF M2A2 HOWITZER FIELD GUN

Executive Summary

In 2011, Council submitted an offer in response to Request for Offer (RFO) M2A2 Howitzer field guns (M2A2) from the Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth). The Commonwealth has now considered the requests and is prepared to offer one (1) M2A2 at a cost of \$3557.40 (exclusive of GST).

Recommendation

'That Council not enter into a contract to purchase a M2A2 Howitzer field gun from the Commonwealth of Australia.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-21

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

7.13 A(XVI) 2014/15 OPERATIONAL PLAN – 1ST QTR PROGRESS REPORT

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a report to Council on the progress of implementing the annual Operational Plan.

Recommendation

'That the 1st Quarterly report on the implementation of the 2014-15 Operational Plan be received.'

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-22

**Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Barr
'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

Carried 5/0.

Attendance:

2:20pm Nicole Schellback, Community Development Coordinator, entered the meeting.
2:27pm Nicole Schellback, left the meeting.

7.19 FOOTPRINTS IN TIME

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-23

'Council resolved that the final drafts for the Footprints in Time series signs and the proposed locations be accepted.'

8 LATE ITEMS

GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 ROAD CONDITIONS SIGNS

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-24

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Raymond

'That Chief Executive Officer arrange for new signs or overlays over the old 'Welcome to Diamantina Shire Signs' including revised information to travellers regarding safe driving in the outback.'

Carried 5/0.

8.2 UTE COMPETITION LETTER FROM JASON ROBERTSON

Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-25

'Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer forward a letter to Mr Robertson acknowledging the contents of his letter.'

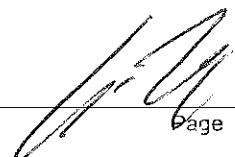
8.3 COMMUNITY GARDEN

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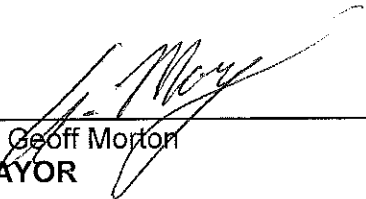
'Council resolved that support be provided to the Bedourie Community Garden group in establishing a community vegetable/fruit garden by:

- **Approving the use of a 20m x 20m area of land adjacent to the community stables;**
- **Providing soil, and basic stock fence around the perimeter of the land; and**
- **Carry out minor earth works and facilitate access to water to the garden area.'**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3:16pm.



Minutes confirmed this 17th day of November, 2014.



Cr Geoff Morton
MAYOR

