

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council**  
**held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie**  
**on Monday, August 18, 2014 commencing at 9.11am.**

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## 2 ATTENDANCE

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

## 3 APOLOGIES

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Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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- a) Ordinary Meeting – July 21, 2014
- b) Special Meeting – July 21, 2014

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-01**

**Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Tully**

**'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on July 21 be confirmed with the amendment that Minute No. 2014.07.21-OM-01 and Minute No. 2014.07.21-OM-22 have "Carried 4/0" added.'**

**Carried 5/0.**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-02**

**Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

**'That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on July 21 be confirmed with the amendment that Minute No. 2014.07.21-SM-01 and Minute No. 2014.07.21-SM-02 have "Carried 4/0" added.'**

**Carried 5/0.**

## 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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*In relation to: A(v) Bedourie Amateur Race Club Use of Council Bus:-*

*Councillor Cramer declared he has a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as per section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to being a member of the Committee of the Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc. and proposed to exclude himself from the Meeting when the matter is debated and vote is taken.*

*In relation to: A(v) Bedourie Amateur Race Club Use of Council Bus:-*

*Councillor Tully declared he has a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as per section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to being a member of the Committee of the Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc. and proposed to exclude himself from the Meeting when the matter is debated and vote is taken.*



*In relation to: A(v) Town Common Management:-*

*Councillor Morton declared he has a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, as per section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, due to being a neighbouring land owner to the Birdsville Town Common and proposed to exclude himself from the Meeting when the matter is debated and vote is taken.*

**Attendance:**

9:20am Mr Steven Baldwin, Tourism and Community Manager entered the meeting.  
9:20am Greg Donovan, Event founder- Big Red Bash and Event Organiser, Laura Impey entered the meeting.

**Attendance:**

10:30am Greg Donovan, Event founder- Big Red Bash and Event Organiser, Laura Impey left the meeting

## **6 MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS**

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Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-03

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Morton

'That all Reports be received.'

**Carried 5/0.**

## **7 ACTION REPORTS**

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### **7.1 A (I) THREE WAY ALLIANCE CONSUMER SHOW PROPOSAL**

**Executive Summary**

Diamantina, Barcoo and Boulia councils have traditionally attended some or all of the five consumer shows as part of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association stand (OQTA). In 2013 and 2014 as part of the development of the Diamantina destination brand council attended with its own stand with the intention that they would return to attending as part of OQTA from 2015. OQTA no longer attends the Adelaide Caravan and Camping show. A joint stand with Barcoo and Boulia at the 2015 consumer shows would provide cost savings and provide a co-operative project for the 'Three Way Alliance'. Should the registration fees come from the three way alliance joint funding than these savings will be approximately 50%

**Recommendation**

**"That Diamantina Shire Council agree to attend the 2015 Caravan & Camping shows in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney and the 4WD show in Brisbane in conjunction with Boulia and Barcoo Shire Councils and that the registration costs be taken from the pooled three way alliance funding. Further, that council organise a meeting of the three way alliance to confirm support of Barcoo and Boulia Shire councils for this proposal"**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-04**

**Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

**“That Diamantina Shire Council propose to the Boulia and Barcoo Shire Councils that an initial project of the Three Way Alliance should be to jointly attend the 2015 Caravan & Camping shows in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney and the 4WD show in Brisbane, that the relevant costs be taken from the existing Three Way Alliance funds held in Trust and that Council organise a meeting of the Three Way Alliance to confirm support for this proposal.”**

**Carried 5/0.**

## **7.2 A (II) BIG RED BASH PROPOSAL**

### **Executive Summary**

The inaugural Big Red Bash music Festival was held on 9-10 July 2014 with a number of well-known performers including John Williamson, Kasey Chambers, James Reyne and Daryl Braithwaite. Council provide ‘in-kind support’ to this event as part of a package of support which included the Big Red Run. The event was a success, attracting good numbers and generating significant publicity. The organisers have applied to Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) for 3 year funding of up to \$100,000 per annum through the Significant Regional Events Funding (SRES) program but need to demonstrate direct financial support from council for this application to be successful.

### **Recommendation**

**“That Diamantina Shire Council consider the request from Big Run Events to provide direct financial support for the Big Red Bash”**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-05**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

**“That Diamantina Shire Council provide a cash contribution of \$20,000 and in-kind support of \$25,000 per year to the Promoters of the Big Red Bash, to enable the Big Red Bash event to be held over two days in 2015, 2016, 2017 on the condition that the date of the Big Red Bash does not clash with any existing local events.”**

**Carried 5/0.**

### **Attendance:**

11:11am Council adjourned the Meeting for morning tea.  
11:20am Council resumed the Meeting.  
11:20am Michel Lok, Robbie Medlin, Ed Warren from Central West Health Service joined the meeting by teleconference.

Topics discussed included the transition to date of the health services at Bedourie and Birdsville clinics from Medicare local to Central West Health Service and the availability of the local ambulance and/or paramedic ambulance services to community events

12:23am Teleconference ended



### **7.3 I (i) VEOLIA ACCOMMODATION UNIT**

Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-06

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer

'That Council waive the building application fee associated with the placement of the temporary building at Graham Street Birdsville on the condition that Council can use the building when not be used by Veolia.'

### **7.4 I (ii) BIRDSVILLE RACES WET AREA AND ROAD CLOSURES**

Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-07

Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Barr

"That Diamantina Shire Council approve the closure of the roads on the dates and times set out in Birdsville Races Road Closures map and approve the 2014 Birdsville Races Wet Area Boundary as presented."

Carried 5/0.

### **7.5 I (iii) BIRDSVILLE RACES-ITEMISED LIST OF COUNCIL WORK**

Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-08

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Cramer

"That Council endorse the support provided to the Birdsville Race Committee Inc. for the 2014 races."

Carried 5/0.

### **7.6 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-09

Moved by Cr Rayment and Seconded by Cr Barr

"That Council renew its membership to the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Inc."

Carried 5/0.

#### Attendance:

1:20pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.  
2:11pm Council resumed the Meeting.

### **7.7 A (iii) LGAQ CONFERENCE**

#### Executive Summary

To assist the Agenda Committee and to enable a copy of the Preliminary Agenda to be available on the LGAQ's website for Member Councils FOUR (4) WEEKS prior to the commencement of Conference, agenda items are to be in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer NO LATER than 29 AUGUST 2014.

Council also needs to determine attendees for the Conference

#### Recommendation

**That Council consider whether it wishes to put forward motions for inclusion in the Preliminary Agenda for the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual LGAQ Conference and determine Council representatives for attendance at the conference.**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-10**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully**

**"That Council put forward the following motions for inclusion in the Preliminary Agenda for the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual LGAQ Conference:-**

**"That the LGAQ take all necessary measures to ensure that the Federal Government and Queensland Government approve the application of the National Competition Policy (including full cost pricing principles) to restoration works completed under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements retrospectively and into the future.'**

**"That the LGAQ take all necessary measures to ensure that the Federal Government and Queensland Government approve the extension of the trial in allowing the use of Council day labour to be an eligible cost in the restoration works completed under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements into the future.'**

**"That the Policy of the LGAQ be that the minimum standard of access road for a mainland town in Queensland whose primary access is via the DTMR road network be a continuous bitumen sealed road so that residents, businesses and landholders in remote areas of Qld can enjoy the basic standard of service enjoyed by 99.99% of Queenslanders."**

**"That the Queensland Ambulance Service provide paramedic services to small, high risk community events at a cost equivalent to similar events where a paramedic is based in the location."**

**and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the LGAQ Annual conference."**

**Carried 5/0.**

## **7.8 A (IV) RADIO ANTENNA ON BIRDSVILLE WATER TOWER**

### **Executive Summary**

Vision Radio requests permission to broadcast from the Birdsville Water Tower involving access to power, storage space for a decoder and transmitter, and a suitable location for a satellite dish and a whip antenna.

### **Recommendation**

**"That Council decline the request submitted by Vision Radio to install radio rebroadcasting equipment at the Birdsville Water Tower."**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-11**

**Moved by Cr Cramer and Seconded by Cr Barr**

**"That Council decline the request submitted by Vision Radio and advise that they may be other more suitable locations on which to locate their equipment."**

**Carried 5/0.**



**Attendance**

3:15pm

Cr Cramer and Tully declared a perceived conflict of interest in item A (v) Bedourie Amateur Race Club Use of Council Bus, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, and left the meeting room while the matter was debated and vote was taken.

**7.9 A (v) BEDOURIE AMATEUR RACE CLUB USE OF COUNCIL BUS****Executive Summary**

Bedourie Amateur Race Club requests the use of the Council bus from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September during the Bedourie Races and associated events.

**Recommendation**

**"That Council donate the use of the community bus by the Bedourie Amateur Race Club from Friday 12th September until Saturday 13th September on the basis that the club arranges a suitably qualified driver."**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-12**

**Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

**"That the recommendation be adopted."**

**Carried 3/0.**

**Attendance**

3:16pm

Cr Cramer and Cr Tully re-entered the meeting

**7.10 A (vi) LGMA QLD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP****Executive Summary**

Council's subscription to the Local Government Managers Association Qld is due

**Recommendation**

**"That Council discontinue its subscription to the LGMA (Qld)"**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-13**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Barr**

**"That the recommendation be adopted."**

**Carried 5/0.**

**7.11 A (vii) OUTBACK REGIONAL WATER GROUP PARTICIPATION****Executive Summary**

The Mayor attended the recent ORWG meeting where the proposed allocation of administrative costs were discussed.

**Recommendation**

**'That Council consider the alternate arrangements proposed by the ORWG regarding the sharing of administrative costs.'**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-14**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Tully**

**"That Council agree to the sharing of administrative costs on the basis that Year 1 costs will be equally shared between members and that future years will be based on relativities of each shires population."**

**Carried 5/0.**

## **7.12A (VIII) DESERT CHANNELS – FULCRUM SERVICE AGREEMENT**

### **Executive Summary**

Following the recent Central West Regional Pest Management meeting, Desert Channels has provided Council with a service agreement for the Fulcrum software program which enables the locations of pest weeds and animals to be recorded.

### **Recommendation**

**'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the Fulcrum Service Agreement and that the Infrastructure Manager develop a process/procedure to incorporate the use of Fulcrum in the management of pest animals/weeds on Council controlled land and how Fulcrum can be used by the public in assisting with the capturing of data of the location of pest weeds/animals.'**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-15**

**Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

**"That the recommendation be adopted."**

**Carried 5/0.**

### **Attendance**

3:33pm

Cr Morton declared a perceived conflict of interest in item A(ix) Town Common Management, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, and left the meeting room while the matter was debated and vote was taken.

## **7.13A (IX) TOWN COMMON MANAGEMENT**

### **Executive Summary**

To enable a policy on the Management of Town Commons to be developed, over and above the conditions of agistment which already exist, further direction is sought from Council of various matters.

### **Recommendation**



**‘That Council consider the questions put forward regarding agistment and ongoing management of the common.’**

**Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-16**

**Moved by Cr Barr and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

**“That the following conditions be placed on the agistment of stock on the Birdsville and Bedourie Town Commons and the management of the town commons:**

- 1. Only residents of the town adjacent to the town common are eligible to agist stock on the town common;**
- 2. Council will notify owners of stock that are found on the common without approval and where the owner won’t or can’t remove them within 5 days, the stock will be impounded and dealt with in accordance with Council’s Local Laws;**
- 3. Owners of stock on the common are to be encouraged to assist with the muster of the town common when this occurs;**
- 4. The adjoining landholders are to be notified when a muster of the common is to occur;**
- 5. Council will contribute to the maintenance and upgrading of the town common boundary fences on a 50:50 basis with the adjoining landholder over and above the requirements of the *Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act*;**
- 6. Council staff will check the entire boundary fence at least monthly and notify the adjoining landowners of any maintenance required. Council will provide materials required but the landowner will be responsible for the labour. Council will grade along the boundary fence to provide reasonable access so that the adjoining neighbour can regularly inspect the fence and undertake maintenance. If maintenance of the fence is not undertaken by the adjoining neighbour within a reasonable period, Council staff may undertake the work and invoice the adjoining neighbour 50% of the cost;**
- 7. The town common boundary fence will be inspected after floods and every six months with the adjoining landholder to agree on sections of fence that need renewing or upgrading;**
- 8. Council will allow access to the trucking facilities at Bedourie Racecourse and the Birdsville Town Yards by rural landholders for trucking cattle or animal husbandry activities during daylight hours but the adjoining paddocks are not to be used in conjunction with these activities.**
- 9. The adjoining paddocks are for the use of local sporting associations.**
- 10. The responsibility for the disposal of animals that die on the common rests with the owner who must bury the animal in an approved location on the common at their cost or otherwise remove the carcass from the common.”**

**Carried 4/0.**

**Attendance**

3:56pm Cr Morton re-entered the meeting

**Attendance**

3:55pm Cr Rayment declared a perceived conflict of interest in item A(x) Brook Proprietors Application to Draw Water and Pipe to Adria Downs, as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, and left the meeting room while the matter was debated and vote was taken.

**Attendance**

4:00pm Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager entered the meeting

## 8 LATE ITEMS

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### 8.1 A (X) BROOK PROPRIETORS APPLICATION TO DRAW WATER AND PIPE TO ADRIA DOWNS

Minute No. 2014.08.18-OM-17

Moved by Cr Tully and Seconded by Cr Cramer

"That the application to take water from the Carcory Stock Route Bore via pipeline to Adria Downs be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage clearance must be obtained in accordance with the Act;
- Any Department of Transport and Main Roads conditions are to be met; and
- The water pipe must be buried 1200mm deep underneath the Stony Crossing Road and if the water pipe is PVC, it is to be encased in a thick PVC sleeve within the road reserve."
- A Suitable 'Water Pipe 1200mm deep' Sign is to be installed either side of the Stony Crossing Road outside of the table drain and above the location of the water pipe;
- Council accepts no responsibility if the water pipe is damaged irrespective of the circumstance.

Carried 4/0.

#### Attendance

4:05pm Cr Rayment reentered the meeting


Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, presented the current Works Program 2014 - 2017

#### Attendance

4:53pm Trevor Stewart left the meeting

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5:01pm.

Minutes confirmed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.



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Cr Geoff Morton  
MAYOR