

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council**  
**held in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre, Bedourie**  
**on Monday, December 14 2020 commencing at 9.00am.**

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## 2 ATTENDANCE

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Councillors: Cr Robbie Dare (Mayor), Cr Doug Cooms (Deputy Mayor), Cr Steve Cramer, Cr Francis Murray, Cr Don Rayment

Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love.

## 3 APOLOGIES

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Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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a) Ordinary Meeting – November 16, 2020

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-1**

**Moved by Cr Cooms, Seconded by Cr Rayment**

**'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on November 16, 2020 be confirmed.'**

**Carried 5/0.**

## 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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In relation to: A(xiv) Simpson Desert Oasis – Request for Reduction in Plant Hire Rate:-

*Councillor Dare made the following declaration:*

"I declare that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined by section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I am the owner of the Simpson Desert Oasis. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

In relation to: A(xiv) Simpson Desert Oasis – Request for Reduction in Plant Hire Rate:-

*Councillor Cooms made the following declaration:*

"I declare that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined by section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I am an employee of the Simpson Desert Oasis. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on."

In relation to: A(ii) Request regarding Birdsville Lodge Renaming

*Councillor Murray made the following declaration:*

"I declare that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined by section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I am the grandson of Arthur Murray.

I have determined that this interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my



responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter

However, I acknowledge that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 150ES of the *Local Government Act 2009* whether: -

- i. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on; or
- ii. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter."

Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Cooms:

That Councillor Murray may participate in the meeting while this matter is discussed, including by voting on the matter with the reason being that there is no personal benefit to the Councillor.

**Carried 4/0.**

## **6 INFORMATION REPORTS**

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### **6.1 I (I) FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### Executive Summary

Monthly Financial reports including Income Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows, Statement of Changes in Equity are provided to Councillors for their information,

#### Recommendation

**'That Council receive all Financial Reports.'**

**The Chief Executive Officer advised that due to a technical issue with the financial software, monthly financial reports were not able to be produced for the period ending 30 November 2021.**

## **7 ACTION REPORTS**

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#### Attendance:

9.05am Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager, entered the meeting

### **7.1 A (I) TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS**

#### Executive Summary

This report shows the progress made so far on the town welcome sign project, and seeks Council's guidance as to the design elements of the welcome signs.

#### Recommendation

**That Council determine the design elements they would like to appear on the town entry signs, based on the examples attached to this report.**

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-2**

**Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Murray**

**'That Council is generally happy with option 1 with amendments as noted.'**



Carried 5/0.

## **7.2 A (II) REQUEST REGARDING BIRDSVILLE LODGE NAMING**

### Executive Summary

A guest at the Birdsville Lodge has requested the accommodation be renamed the Arthur Murray Lodge. Whilst this is not recommended due to commercial reasons, Council may wish to consider naming something other than a commercial facility in honour of Mr. Murray.

### Recommendation

‘That Council consider this report.’

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-3**

**Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Cooms**

**‘That:**

- **the requestor be thanked for making this request;**
- **the request be denied given the Birdsville Lodge is not considered a suitable place to be named after a former resident;**
- **that space be allocated in the Birdsville Anzac Park and Bedourie Anzac Park to allow local family history story signboards to be erected;**
- **that families who have lived in the vicinity of either town be eligible for recognition where they were resident prior to 1950; and**
- **Mr Brian Mooney be engaged to coordinate the wording for the signboards in consultation with families.**

Carried 5/0.

## **7.3 A (III) TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT**

### Executive Summary

Council has approved the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year. Part of the Community Sustainability budget includes promotions and advertising for the region as well as for Council commercial assets such as the Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Parks, Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Courthouse attraction (once completed). This report provides information on one such promotion, being a television advertisement for the region, in collaboration with the Barcoo and Boulia Shire Councils.

### Recommendation

**‘That Council approve the proposal to produce a promotional television advertisement to attract more travellers to the region, collaborating with neighbouring Councils.’**

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-4**

**Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Cooms**

**‘That the recommendation be adopted.’**

Carried 5/0.

## **7.4 A (IV) THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN DOORSTEP**

### Executive Summary



Council has approved the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year. Part of the Community Sustainability budget includes promotions and advertising for the region as well as for Council commercial assets such as the Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Parks, Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Courthouse attraction (once completed). This report provides information on one such promotion, being for two episodes of the 7Two show 'Great Australian Doorstep' (<https://www.greataustraliandoorstep.com/>). This project is proposed in collaboration with Boulia Shire Council and OQTA.

Recommendation

**'That Council approve the proposal to create an episode of The Great Australian Doorstep, collaborating with Boulia Shire Council and OQTA.'**

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-5  
Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Murray  
**'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

**Carried 5/0.**

## **7.5 A (v) BIRDSVILLE AIRPORT SPECIAL EVENT ZONE DURING BIRDSVILLE RACES**

Executive Summary

Council is responsible for providing safe air services and regulating ground traffic at the Birdsville airport. Due to the volume of aircraft that come to Birdsville for the Birdsville Races, Council faces unique problems. This report considers how to manage aircraft movements at the Birdsville Races, in a financially sustainable way.

Recommendation

**'That Council discontinue providing a Special Event Zone for airside camping during the Birdsville Races and that the Community Sustainability Manager draft an plan for an additional 'tent city' on the oval to accommodate additional patrons including pilots and passengers.'**

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-6  
Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Murray  
**'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

**Carried 5/0.**

**Attendance:**

10.10am Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager, left the meeting

**Attendance:**

10.12am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, Stuart Bourne, GBA Engineer, entered the meeting

## **7.6 A (vi) BIRDSVILLE AIRPORT PAVEMENT UPGRADE**

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to table the Pavement Assessment Report completed by APES for the Birdsville Airport and discuss the upgrade options.





### Recommendation

That the Q400 upgrade option is considered and that survey and design works are undertaken to improve confidence in the estimated value of works, subject to a budget allocation being included in the amended budget.

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-7

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cooms

‘That a budget allocation be made in the 2021/22 budget to undertake the survey and design work to enable Q400 aircraft to land at the Birdsville airport.’

Carried 5/0.

### Attendance:

10.35 am Trevor Stewart, Infrastructure Manager, Stuart Bourne, Engineer, left the meeting

### Attendance:

10.35 am Council adjourned the Meeting for morning tea

11:00 am Council resumed the Meeting.

## **7.7 A (vii) 2021 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

### Executive Summary

At the end of each year Council sets the dates for its Ordinary Council meetings and in accordance with section 277 of the Local Government Regulation advertises the date, location and commencing time.

### Recommendation

‘That Council advertise the date, location and commencing time for Council’s ordinary monthly meetings for 2021 as set out in Table 1, in accordance with Section 277 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*’

Date of Meeting	Location	Commencing time
18 January 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
15 February 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
15 March 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
19 April 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
17 May 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
21 June 2021	Diamantina Shire Council’s Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am



19 July 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
16 August 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
20 September 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
11 October 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
15 November 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am
13 December 2021	Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street Bedourie	9am

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-8

Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Cramer  
'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## 7.8 A (VIII) PLANNING SCHEME

### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval, in accordance with the notice issued under section 18(3) of the *Planning Act 2016* and dated 11 April 2018 prescribing the plan-making process, to request Ministerial approval to adopt the proposed planning scheme.

### Recommendation

'That Council:

1. endorse the Consultation and Submission Report (Attachment 1) providing a summary of consultation activities undertaken, the matters raised in submissions and proposed changes in response to submissions on the proposed Diamantina Shire Council Planning Scheme
2. endorse the changed version of the proposed Diamantina Shire Council Planning Scheme (Attachment 2)
3. determine that the changed version of the proposed Diamantina Shire Council Planning Scheme is not significantly different to the public consultation version
4. respond to the person who made properly made a submission about the proposed planning scheme, advising how the Council has dealt with the submission, in accordance with Step 10 of Stage 3 of the prescribed plan-making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the *Planning Act 2016*
5. write to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning requesting approval to adopt the proposed Diamantina Shire Council Planning Scheme (Attachment 3), in accordance with Step 14 of Stage





4 of the prescribed plan-making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016.'

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-9

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Murray

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## **7.9 A (ix) POLICY TO BE ADOPTED - FIT FOR WORK POLICY**

### Executive Summary

In accordance with the policy review schedule the Fit for Work policy is due for review. Some minor changes have been made and the policy is presented for adoption.

### Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Fit for Work Policy as presented.'

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-10

Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Cramer

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## **7.10 A (x) ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECT – FUNDING RESOLUTION**

### Executive Summary

This report seeks a resolution confirming budgeted financial support towards the Roof Mounted Solar Project funded by Building or Regions Program to satisfy a funding agreement condition

### Recommendation

'That Council confirms it has budgeted the Recipient's financial contribution of \$128,904 to the Project, is committed to delivering the Project, and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.'

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-11

Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## **7.11 A (xi) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES OR CHARGES**

### Executive Summary

Rates and charges are outstanding on the land located at 25 Ironstone St, Birdsville QLD 4482. This report recommends that Council acquired the land in accordance with section 149 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

### Recommendation

'That Council resolves to:



- (a) acquire the land located at 25 Ironstone St, Birdsville QLD 4482 (described as Lot 19 on SP107134) for overdue rates and charges pursuant to section 149(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
- (b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its powers to give a Notice of Intention to Acquire the land to all interested parties, and power to take all further steps required under sections 149, 150 and 151 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect the acquisition of the land.

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-12

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Murray

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## **7.12A (xii) AIRPORT DEREGULATION**

### Executive Summary

A Notice of Intention to Propose Repeal of Motion was sent out to Councillors on 7 December 2020. The original motion was that Council was to advise the Department of Home Affairs that it agrees with the revocation of the security status of the Bedourie and Birdsville airports. Further information on the position of REX is presented for Council to consider.

### Recommendation

'That Council repeal the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 16 November 2020:

Minute No. 2020.11.16-OM-11

'That Council receive the report on the deregulation of the Bedourie and Birdsville airports and endorse the CEO's actions in advising that Department of Home Affairs that it agrees with the revocation of the security status of the Birdsville and Bedourie airports and that the CEO continue to work cooperatively with REX airlines to ensure that the security arrangements through the Airport Manuals for Council's airports meet REX's operational needs.'

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-13

Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

### Recommendation 2

'That Council authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to advise the Department of Home Affairs that Council will opt into the Tier 3 security controlled airport framework for the Bedourie and Birdsville airports.'

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-14

Moved Cr Murray, Seconded Cr Cooms

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

## **7.13A (xiii) BUSH COUNCILS COMPACT**

### Executive Summary



A Notice of Intention to Propose Repeal of Motion was sent out to Councillors on 7 December 2020. The original motion was that Council did not support the proposed Bush Council's Compact. Further information on the purpose of the compact is presented for Council to consider.

Recommendation 1

**'That Council repeal the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 16 November 2020:**

**Minute No. 2020.11.16-OM-8**

**Moved Cr Dare, Seconded Cr Rayment**

**'That Council authorises the CEO, or their delegate, to advise the LGAQ that they do not support the proposed Bush Councils Compact as we are sufficiently represented by RAPAD and the Western Alliance.'**

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-15**

**Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Dare**

**'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

Recommendation 2

**'That Council authorise the CEO, or their delegate, to advise the LGAQ that it supports the proposed Rural and Remote Councils Compact.'**

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-16**

**Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Cramer**

**'That the recommendation be adopted.'**

Attendance

- 11:35am Councillor Dare declared a conflict of interest in item A(xiv) Simpson Desert Oasis – Request for Reduction in Plant Hire Rate and left the meeting.
- 11:35am Councillor Cooms declared a conflict of interest in item A(xiv) Simpson Desert Oasis – Request for Reduction in Plant Hire Rate and left the meeting.

**7.14A (XIV) SIMPSON DESERT OASIS - REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN PLANT HIRE RATE**

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the owner of the Simpson Desert Oasis requesting a reduction in the plant hire costs associated with the provision of mobile generator and trailer.

Recommendation

**'That Council consider the request.'**

**Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-17**

**Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment**

**'That Council not charge for the trailer on which the generator (and non-utilised assets) are located and hire the generator at the normal hourly rate of \$27.50/hour for 10 hours per day.'**

**Carried 3/0**

Attendance

- 11:54am Councillor Dare and Councillor Cooms returned to the meeting

## 8 LATE ITEMS

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### 8.1 A (xv) CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT TO AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-18

Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That Mrs Leanne Honhke-Jansen be appointed to the Australia Day Committee.'

Carried 5/0.

### 8.2 A (xvi) SUPPORT FOR SRLOG GROUP

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-19

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cramer

'That Council host the SRLOG group workshop at Diamantina Lakes in 2021 sponsoring the meals.'

Carried 5/0.

### 8.3 A (xvii) LANDHOLDER OBLIGATIONS TO MANAGE PEST ANIMALS

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-20

Moved Cr Cramer, Seconded Cr Rayment

'That the Chief Executive Officer write to all landholders reminding them of their obligations to manage pest animals on land under their control.'

Carried 5/0.

### 8.4 A (xviii) ENGAGEMENT OF ARCHITECT – CONCEPT DRAWINGS OF THE BEDOURIE HUB AND BIRDSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Minute No. 2020.12.14-OM-21

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Cooms

'That the Chief Executive Officer progress the engagement of an architect for the development of concept plans for a new building to replace the Bedourie Council Administration Centre, Visitor Information Centre, Library etc and a new Birdsville Community Centre to replace the Birdsville Hall.'

Carried 5/0.

## 9 MEMBERS BUSINESS

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### 9.1 CR COOMS

Nil

### 9.2 CR CRAMER

Nil



### **9.3 CR MURRAY**

Councillor Murray reported that he had received a complaint that housing maintenance was not being undertaken in a timely manner.

The CEO advised the meeting that an additional employee has been recruited to the facilities maintenance team and will commence in the new year to undertake basic maintenance tasks while other members would continue to work on capital works projects funded through grants programs with deadlines of 30 June 2021.

### **9.4 CR DARE**

Nil

### **9.5 CR RAYMENT**

Councillor Rayment requested that roadside rest stopped be regularly serviced and that one is blocked.

The CEO advised the meeting that the Birdsville Town crew would service the toilets on a regular basis in future and that staff would remedy the blocked toilet.

#### **Attendance:**

12:05pm Council adjourned the Meeting for lunch.

12:30pm Council resumed the Meeting.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, Councillors spoke confidentially with Michael Arcella, Senior Consultant, McArthur regarding the annual performance review of the CEO and invited the CEO into the meeting to discuss the outcome.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Minutes confirmed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Cr Robbie Dare  
**MAYOR**

