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OF THE**

Ordinary Council Meeting

**Held at Diamantina Shire Council's
Administration Centre**

**17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 on
16 March 2026 at 9:00am**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.03am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor (Teams)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities (Teams)
Mr Stuart Bourne	Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers
Mr Brent Reeman	Acting Director Infrastructure
Ms Lorraine Mathieson	Executive Assistant
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Nil

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Francis Murray acknowledged the Wangkamahdla People, Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present. He extended that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

5 CONDOLENCES

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

1. Greg Donovan Managing Director and Laura Impey General Manager, Big Red Bash
2. Sandy Gillies, CEO, Public Health Network, Western Queensland
3. Tim Fynes-Clinton, King and Co, re Confidential HR Item

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/26/041

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 February 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/042

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

.CARRIED 5/0

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

At 9.15am Tony Elliott and Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting Engineers, and Jodie Girdler Facilities and Town Services Manager entered the meeting.

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Engineering Update Report - GBA Consulting Engineers

RESOLUTION CNL/26/043

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update Report - GBA Consulting Engineers report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.2 Infrastructure Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/044

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.3 Facilities Maintenance Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/045

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Facilities Maintenance Report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 10.44am Josh Oehm, Workshop Supervisor entered the meeting.

12.1.4 Works Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/046

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Works Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.5 February Workshop Monthly Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/047

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the February Workshop Monthly Report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 11.15am Josh Oehm Workshop Supervisor left the meeting.

At 11:15am Cr Damian Clarke left the meeting.

At 11:19 am Cr Damian Clarke returned to the meeting.

12.1.6 RFT2025-012 Levee Bank

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the RFT2025-012 Bedourie Levee Bank.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/048

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract RFT2025-012 Bedourie Levee Bank tender to NQES Industries Pty Ltd for the total value of \$594,115.00 excl GST.
2. Delegates authority under s 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation this contract/ arrangement.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.7 Variation to RFQ2025-007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 21 November 2025 'Request for Quote' 2025-007 for the supply and delivery of a Caterpillar Pad Foot Roller or Equivalent Machine was released in Local Buy prequalified supplier category NPN2.15-2 '**Heavy Plant Machinery Equipment**'. The request was closed on 3 December 2025, and Hastings Deering were evaluated as offering the best value for money quotation. The original machine accepted was the Caterpillar CP17 model. The original cost was \$252,500 ex GST. Since that acceptance the lead time has extended substantially leaving the infrastructure without a roller for several months. Negotiations have been conducted, and an alternative machine has been offered that reduces the lead time. However, the machine offered comes at an increased cost.

This report seeks **Error! No document variable supplied.** approval to progress the procurement of the Caterpillar CS19-XZ at the price of \$288,500 ex GST, noting an increase of \$36,500 ex GST from the original amount of \$252,500 ex GST.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/049

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council approves the procurement of the Caterpillar CS19-XZ at the price of \$288,500 ex GST

.CARRIED 5/0

At 11.38am Stuart Bourne and Tony Elliott, GBA Consulting Engineers and Jodie Girdler Facilities and Town Services Manager left the meeting.

At 11.38am Greg Donovan Managing Director and Laura Impey General Manager, Big Red Bash joined the meeting via TEAMS.

At 12.14pm Greg Donovan Managing Director and Laura Impey General Manager, Big Red Bash left the meeting.

At 12.15pm Sandy Gillies CEO, Public Health Network, Western Queensland joined the meeting.

At 12.45pm Sandy Gillies CEO, Public Health Network, Western Queensland left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12.45pm to 1.20pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 1.20pm Jaunita Warner Governance Manager joined the meeting

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 Finance Report - February 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/050

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - February 2026 report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.2 Governance Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/051

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 1:59pm Brent Reeman Acting Director Infrastructure, Jade Nacario Director Corporate Services, Patrice Brandenburg Director Communities and Lorraine Mathieson EA and Juanita Warner Governance Manager left the meeting.

MOTION

RESOLUTION CNL/26/052

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council moves into Closed Session for the discussion of Confidential Matters.

CARRIED 5/0

At 2.00pm Tim Fynes-Clinton Solicitor, King and Co and Alona Gilhang, HR and Safety Manager both joined the meeting (via TEAMS).

At 2.25pm Tim Fynes-Clinton Solicitor, King and Co and Alona Gilhang, HR and Safety Manager left the meeting.

MOTION

RESOLUTION CNL/26/053

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council resume in Open Session.

CARRIED 5/0

At 2.30pm Brent Reeman Acting Director Infrastructure, Jade Nacario Director Corporate Services, Patrice Brandenburg Director Communities and Lorraine Mathieson EA returned to the meeting.

12.2.3 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/054

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 New Simpson Desert Racing Carnival Logo

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the redesign of the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival logo.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/055

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives the report for the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival logo change.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.2 DSC Volunteer Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption of the proposed Volunteer Policy for the Diamantina Shire.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/056

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolve to adopt the Volunteer Policy for implementation.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.3 Community In Kind Request - Bedourie State School

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on in-kind requests received during the month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/057

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council notes the fee waiver approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.4 Communities Directorate Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/058

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.5 Policy Updates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the updates for the Regional Arts Development Fund Program Policy and the Community Grants Policy.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/059

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

1. That Council approve updates for the following policies;
 - (a) Regional Arts Development Fund Program Policy
 - (b) Community Grants Policy

CARRIED 5/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/060

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update Report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 3.13pm Jo Fiorenza Safety and Quality Coordinator and Alona Gilhang Manager HR and Safety (via TEAMS) joined the meeting.

12.4.3 Work Health and Safety Report**RESOLUTION CNL/26/061**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Work Health and Safety Report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 3.34 pm Jo Fiorenza Safety and Quality Coordinator left the meeting.

12.4.2 Human Resources Report**RESOLUTION CNL/26/062**

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED 5/0

At 4.08pm Brent Reeman Acting Director Infrastructure left the meeting.

At 4.10pm Brent Reeman Acting Director Infrastructure returned to the meeting.

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RESOLUTION CNL/26/063**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

14.1 Sale of Council Property Lot 5 on SP 107130

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - e of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal

proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

14.2 Human Resources Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - b of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with industrial matters affecting employees.

CARRIED 5/0

At 4:35pm, Cr Damian Clarke left the meeting.

At 4:39pm, Cr Damian Clarke returned to the meeting.

At 4.42pm Alona Gilhang Manager HR and Safety left the meeting.

14.2 Human Resources Matters

RESOLUTION CNL/26/064

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Matters report.

CARRIED 5/0

14.1 Sale of Council Property Lot 5 on SP 107130

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to:

- (a) provide Council with an update in relation to a proposed sale of 85 Clover Street, Bedourie (lot 5 on SP 107130); and
- (b) consider whether this purchase would have any regulatory requirements beyond standard conveyancing procedures.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/065

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council

1. Applies the exemption prescribed by section 236(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation to allow it to dispose of the property without a tender or auction process;
2. Disposes of the property to the prospective purchasers for \$28,000 (GST inclusive); and
3. Delegates to the CEO the power and functions to do all things, and sign all necessary documents, to give effect to this disposal.

CARRIED 5/0

RESOLUTION CNL/26/066

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Resume in Open Session and note the Mayor's report on Confidential Resolutions.

CARRIED 5/0

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the need for more housing within the Shire.

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre, 29 Burt Street, Birdsville, Qld, 4482 at 9:00 am on 20 April 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4.58pm.