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OF THE**

Ordinary Council Meeting

**Held at Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre
29 Burt Street, Birdsville, Qld, 4482 on
20 April 2026 at 9:00am**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.00am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor (TEAMS)
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services (TEAMS)
Mr Brent Reeman	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Ms Lorraine Mathieson	Executive Assistant (TEAMS)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Cr Damian Clarke, Cr Damien Watson

4 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Khalli Rowlands of the Wangkangurru Yarluyandi Community attended the meeting to deliver the Welcome To Country.

5 CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to the family of Ada Crotty, wife of past Diamantina CEO Gary Crotty, who passed away 3 March 2026.

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/26/067

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

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

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9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/068

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives the Mayor's Report

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The Mayor advised that LDMG has moved to stand down and is now focussed on recovery works in conjunction with QRA after the recent flood event. Council and directors agreed that the flood event was well managed overall from the Levee Bank additions to the management of fuel and equipment. The community was kept well informed and worked cohesively with Council to share information. TMR and Boulia Shire cooperated with us really well.

Thanks were voted to Bob Spilsbury of the Min Min Store for securing equipment and goods on site, and loading and unloading for Diamantina at no cost to us. A letter of thanks to be written to Mr Spilsbury.

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Stuart Bourne, GBA, entered meeting at 9.18am

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Flood Monitoring Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/069

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Flood Monitoring Report

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12.1.2 Engineering Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/070**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.4 Birdsville Cooling Pond Additional Works Variation**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To document and seek approval for an additional works variation to complete the Birdsville cooling pond project, which includes larger cool water pumps, heat exchanger and associated pipework and telemetry control.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/071

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

Council resolves to

1. Accept the variation pricing received from NQES Industries for additional works, of \$343,317.34 excluding GST, and
2. Seek funding opportunities to cover the cost of over runs.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.3 Works Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/072**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Works Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.5 Infrastructure Services Operational Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/073

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Operational Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.6 Town Service Level Reports

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The review of Town Services activity and levels of service has been conducted to provide a list of activities and levels of service currently delivered, and resources required to deliver each activity. The Bedourie and Birdsville Town Service Levels are presented to Council for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/074

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopt the presented Town Service Level reports as amended.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.7 Procurement of Trimble Geometric Control System for P1513 Grader

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As presented to Council at the 15 December 2025 Workshop it will be a requirement for Diamantina Shire to use geometric control for the next Cuttaburra project and other TMR projects in the future. A discussion paper was presented to the December Workshop recommending the purchase of a Trimble system to be attached to P1513 Caterpillar 150JOY3 Motor Grader to ensure tolerances within the design specification can be achieved.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/075

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That Council resolves to procure the Trimble GCS900 Earthworks System at a total cost for supply and installation of **\$86,720** exclusive of GST; and
2. That Council resolves to utilise s235 (b) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, because of the specialised nature of the **Equipment** sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders.

CARRIED 3/0

Stuart Bourne, GBA, left the meeting at 11.18am

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.18am

The meeting resumed at 11.37am

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate**12.2.1 Invoice Fraud Policy****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Invoice Fraud Policy provides strengthening internal controls and reducing the risk of financial loss due to invoice fraud.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/076

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resolves to adopt the Invoice Fraud Policy as presented.

CARRIED 3/0

Juanita Warner, Governance Manager joined the meeting at 11.50am.

12.2.2 Finance Report - March 2026**RESOLUTION CNL/26/077**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - March 2026.

CARRIED 3/0

12.2.3 Governance Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/078**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

Juanita Warner, Governance Manager left the meeting 12.01pm

12.2.4 Corporate Services Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/079**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.2.5 Work Health and Safety Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/080

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

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

CARRIED 3/0

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.08pm

The meeting resumed at 2.08pm

12.2.6 Annual Valuation 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise that correspondence has been received from the Valuer-General seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of the Diamantina Shire should be undertaken this year.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/081

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council do not support the Valuer-General in undertaking a valuation of the Diamantina Shire area to be effective on 30 June 2027.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Tourism Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/082

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.2 Community Coordinator Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/083

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Community Coordinator Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.3 Communities Directorate Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/084

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.4 Community Grant 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/26/085

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council notes the fee waiver to the value of \$600 approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer for the Bedourie State School.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.5 Community Grant Request - State Library Queensland

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on Community Grant requests received during the month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/086

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council notes the fee waiver to the value of \$500 approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer for the State Library Queensland.

CARRIED 3/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/087

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

Alona Gilhang Human Resources Manager entered the meeting 3.14pm

12.4.2 Human Resources Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/088

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED 3/0

Alona Gilhang Human Resources Manager left the meeting at 3.43pm

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 10 November 2025

RESOLUTION CNL/26/089

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council endorse the Confirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2025.

CARRIED 3/0

13.2 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 11 March 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/090

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Report.

CARRIED 3/0

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 18 May 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3.49pm.