



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held at the Bedourie Administration

Office on Monday 21 July 2025

Commencing at 9:21am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9:21am

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Mr Garth Borgelt	Director Infrastructure
Ms Juanita Warner	Executive Assistant

Consultants:

Mr Stuart Bourne	Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers
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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

Cr Kerry Morton declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the matter 12.1.7 – Birdsville Town Common Fencing, due to close associate is the landholder for this approval. As a result of this Prescribed Conflict of Interest, Cr Morton dealt with the conflict by leaving the meeting and taking no part in the decision making process.

Cr Kerry Morton declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the matter 12.3.5 –, Opera Queensland and Diamantina Shire Council Partnership, due to being President of the Betoota Race Club. As a result of this Prescribed Conflict of Interest, Cr Morton dealt with the conflict by leaving the meeting and taking no part in the decision making process.

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

9:00 am Total Solar Eclipse

11:30 am Pathline Pictures

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/25/142

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 June 2025, 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/25/143

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

CARRIED 5/0

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate Reports

12.1.1 Infrastructure Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/144

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.2 Work Crews Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/145

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Work Crews Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.3 Fleet Maintenance and Workshop Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/146

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Fleet Maintenance and Workshop Report.

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 10:59 am, Cr Damian Clarke left the meeting

At 10:59 am, Cr Damian Clarke returned to the meeting

12.1.4 Facilities and Town Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/147

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Facilities and Town Services Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.5 Engineering Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/148

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Report.

CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 am, the meeting adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 pm

12.1.6 Bedourie Subdivision Drainage Design

RESOLUTION CNL/25/149

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council retain the current subdivision design for the Bedourie Residential Subdivision.

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 1:21 pm, Cr Kerry Morton left the meeting

12.1.7 Birdsville Town Common Fencing

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves to enter into a cost sharing arrangement with the Landholder; and
2. Approves the expenditure of up to \$43,000, being half share of the total estimated budget of \$83,000.00

AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATION**RESOLUTION CNL/25/150**

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council approve the expenditure of \$50,000.00 being Councils contribution to the fencing of the Birdsville Town Common.

CARRIED 4/0

THE AMENDED MOTION BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AND WAS PUT TO THE VOTE**RESOLUTION CNL/25/151**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council approve the expenditure of \$50,000.00 being Councils contribution to the fencing of the Birdsville Town Common.

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 1:52 pm, Cr Kerry Morton returned to the meeting.

12.1.8 Proposed reallocation of Capital Expenditure for purchase of Plant Items**RESOLUTION CNL/25/152**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council approves the re-allocation of capital expenditure to purchase additional items of plant totalling \$81,000, including:

- (a) 6 mobile ablution trailers for \$29,030; and
- (b) A tradesman's trailer for \$37,000; and
- (c) Carpenter's tools for \$15,000.

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 3:53 pm, Cr Kerry Morton left the meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

At 3:53 pm, the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea and reconvened at 4:05 pm

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate Reports

12.2.1 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/153

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 4:06 pm, Cr Kerry Morton returned to the meeting

12.2.2 Finance Report June 2025

RESOLUTION CNL/25/154

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report June 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.3 Engineering Services - Appointment of GBA Consulting Engineers

RESOLUTION CNL/25/155

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council:

1. Resolve to appoint *GBA Consulting Engineers* as the provider of engineering services to the Diamantine Shire Council.
2. Appoint GBA Consulting Engineers pursuant to s 235 (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and resolve that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the **Engineering Services** sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders on every occasion engineering services were required.
3. Delegate authority under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this contract/arrangement.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3 Communities Directorate Reports

12.3.1 Communities Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/156

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Communities Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.2 In Kind Support - Facility Hire Request

RESOLUTION CNL/25/157

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and approves the In Kind Support - Facility Hire Request report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.3 Regional Arts Development Fund Program Policy

RESOLUTION CNL/25/158

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopt the amended Regional Arts Development Fund Program Policy, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.4 Tourism Strategy 2025-2028

RESOLUTION CNL/25/159

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council adopt the Tourism Strategy 2025-2028, as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 4:44 pm, Cr Kerry Morton left the meeting

12.3.5 Opera Queensland and Diamantina Shire Council Partnership

RESOLUTION CNL/25/160

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council resolves to approve the partnership with Opera Queensland for 2025.

CARRIED 4/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 Human Resources and Safety Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/161

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources and Safety Report.

CARRIED 4/0

12.4.2 Proposed Governance Manager Position

RESOLUTION CNL/25/162

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council:

1. Endorse the changes to the Corporate Services Department; and
2. Approve the proposed structural change to the Corporate Service Department, which includes the establishment of the Governance Manager position to improve operational efficiencies.

CARRIED 4/0

12.4.3 Motor Vehicle Allocation Policy

RESOLUTION CNL/25/163

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council adopt the Motor Vehicle Allocation Policy.

CARRIED 4/0

12.4.4 Use of Council's Plant and Vehicle Policy

RESOLUTION CNL/25/164

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council adopt the Use of Council's Plant and Vehicle Policy.

CARRIED 4/0

ATTENDANCE:

At 5:21 pm, Cr Kerry Morton returned to the meeting.

12.4.5 Reimbursement of Councillor Expenses Policy

RESOLUTION CNL/25/165

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council adopt the Reimbursement of Councillors Expense Policy.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.6 Actions Register Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/166

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Actions Register Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.7 Correspondence Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/167

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Correspondence Report.

CARRIED

12.4.8 Environmental Health Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/168

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Environmental Health Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.9 Residential Leases for Central West Hospital and Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Accept the proposal from CWHHS and reduce the Fees and Charges 2025-2026 for a commercial rental of an unfurnished house to:

- (a) 3 bedroom property \$800 (a reduction of \$50 per fortnight)
- (b) 2 bedroom property \$720 (a reduction of \$60 per fortnight)

AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATION**RESOLUTION CNL/25/169**

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council not accept the proposal from CWHHS and charge rent in accordance with the adopted fees and charges 2025-2026.

CARRIED 5/0

THE AMENDED MOTION BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AND WAS PUT TO THE VOTE**RESOLUTION CNL/25/170**

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council not accept the proposal from CWHHS and charge rent in accordance with the adopted fees and charges 2025-2026.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.10 Grant Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/171

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council discuss and provide input on the priority project list developed by Council Officers in the Leadership Team and receive and note Grant Update report.

CARRIED

13 CEO REPORTS

13.1 CEO's Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/172

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives the CEO's update report.

CARRIED 5/0

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION CNL/25/173

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

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:

15.1 Mulligan River Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (MRAC) on behalf of Wangkamahdla - ILUA - Bedourie Township Reserve - Lot 6 SP297079

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - j 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 an investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Local Government Act 2009.

15.2 Proposed changes to Organisational Structure

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

RESOLUTION CNL/25/174

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That the meeting be reopened to the public to vote on items 15.1 and 15.2.

CARRIED 5/0

15.1 Mulligan River Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (MRAC) on behalf of Wangkamahdla - ILUA - Bedourie Township Reserve - Lot 6 SP297079**RESOLUTION CNL/25/175**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resolve to:

- (a) Commence the negotiation of an indigenous land use agreement between the Council, the Mulligan River Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (MRAC) on behalf of the Wangkamahdla native title holders and the State of Queensland (the ILUA) to secure the surrender of native title over part of the Bedourie Township Reserve, being land described as part of Lot 6 on SP297079 (Lot 6) with an area of approximately 5.58 hectares in the position shown on Map: 240211 in Attachment 1 (the Map).
- (b) That Council attempt to negotiate and register the ILUA by 31 December 2026.
- (c) That if an ILUA is not registered by 31 December 2026, that Council considers its options to address the native title implications of the Project, including the compulsory acquisition of native title.
- (d) That Council delegate to the CEO the power to negotiate and to reach in principle agreement on the terms of an ILUA on behalf of Council with the decision to enter into a final agreement to be subject to a further Council resolution.

CARRIED 5/0

15.2 Proposed changes to Organisational Structure

RESOLUTION CNL/25/176

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council:

- (a) Endorse the commencement of formal consultation regarding the proposed redundancy; and
- (b) Approve the proposed structural change, which includes the disestablishment of the proposed redundancy role and the absorption of its functions into the relevant Department; and
- (c) Delegates authority under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officers to undertake all necessary actions to ensure compliance with the Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream A) award – State 2017, the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* and Council internal policies.

CARRIED 5/0

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Bedourie Administration Centre at 9:00 am on 11 August 2025.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 5:51 pm.