



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held at Bedourie Administration Centre

on

15 December 2025 at 9:00am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9:26am.

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 Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Mr Garth Borgelt	Director Infrastructure
Ms Juanita Warner	Governance Manager

Officers Via Teams:

Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services
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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

Mr Ron Hall

Mr Neville Geiger

Victims of the Bondi Beach Massacre

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/25/305

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 November 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

RESOLUTION CNL/25/306

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

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

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Infrastructure Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/307

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.2 Facilities and Town Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/308

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

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

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.3 Works Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/309

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Works Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.4 Fleet Maintenance and Workshop Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/310

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

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

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.5 Engineering Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/311

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.1.6 RFT2025-010 Old Diamantina Crossing Floodway Replacement tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the procurement process and assessment of the RFT2025-010 Old Diamantina Crossing Floodway Replacement tender and makes recommendation to award a contract.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/312

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract RFT2025-010 Old Diamantina Crossing Floodway Replacement tender to NQ Estimating Civil Services for the total value of \$669,389.00 excl GST, subject to Queensland Reconstruction Authority approval processes; and
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 Residential Activation Fund Round 2 - Birdsville

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline a proposal to seek funding from the Residential Activation Fund (RAF) for planning activities for the Birdsville residential blocks.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/313

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council endorse the submission of a funding application for the Residential Activation Fund Round 2 for planning works in Birdsville.

CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 11:56 am.

The meeting resumed at 12:07 pm.

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate**12.2.1 Finance Report - November 2025****RESOLUTION CNL/25/314**

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - November 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.2 Adoption of 2025/26 Budget Amendment**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has completed its fifth-month review of the 2025/2026 Budget. Amendments have been proposed to reflect updated financial assumptions, operational requirements, and recent Council decisions. The budget review continues to support Council's commitment to sound financial management, operational effectiveness, and long-term sustainability.

Overall, the review results in an improved operating position, with Council's EBIDA increasing by **\$220,581**, from **\$2,191,471** to **\$2,412,057**.

The revised Budget and updated long-term financial forecast are presented for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/315

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

1. That Council

- a) Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for the 2024/2025 financial year, incorporating:
 - i. The statements of Financial Position;
 - ii. The statements of Cashflow;
 - iii. The statements of Income and Expenditure;
 - iv. The statements of Changes in Equity;
 - v. The Long-term Financial Forecast; and
 - vi. The relevant measures of financial sustainability;

as tabled be adopted.

CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 01:17 pm.

The meeting resumed at 01:48 pm.

12.2.3 Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required to adopt and implement a Public Interest Disclosure Policy in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010. The Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 aims to promote the public interest by facilitating the public interest disclosure of wrongdoing in the public sector, protecting the interests of people who make disclosures and ensuring that disclosures are properly assessed and investigated.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/316

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopts the Public Interest Disclosure Policy as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.4 Annual Delegations Review**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update of changes to delegations that Council assign to the Chief Executive Officer. Delegations are based on sections in State and Federal Government legislation that give power to perform an action. The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) advises Council of new, updated and repealed delegations.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/317

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council, in accordance with s257 of the Local Government Act 2009, resolves to delegate the powers contained within the Delegation Register – Council to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) attached to this report, subject to the conditions listed in the Delegations Register.

CARRIED 5/0

12.2.5 Advertising Spending Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to adopt an Advertising Spending Policy to comply with section 197 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. This policy provides guidance on appropriate expenditure for advertising by Council.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/318

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolves to replace the existing Advertising Expenditure Policy with the revised Advertising Spending Policy as attached. **CARRIED 5/0**

12.2.6 Audit and Risk Committee Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/319

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Report. **CARRIED 5/0**

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Communities Directorate Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/320

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Report. **CARRIED 5/0**

12.3.2 Simpson Desert Racing Carnival - Post Event Reports

RESOLUTION CNL/25/321

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival - Post Event Reports report. **CARRIED 5/0**

12.3.3 Big Red Bash Support Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's direction on the service levels for the Big Red Bash produced by the Outback Music Festival Group.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/322

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council review and determine level of support to be provided for the 2026 Big Red Bash produced by Outback Music Festival Group.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.4 Community In Kind Request - Summer of Sun

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION CNL/25/323

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

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

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.5 Venue Masterplan Approvals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the Venue Masterplans.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/324

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council approves the Masterplans for use in planning and development of Shire venues and when seeking funding for upgrades.

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.6 Tourism Strategy 2025-2028 Progress Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/325

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Strategy 2025-2028 Progress Report .

CARRIED 5/0

12.3.7 Family Daycare Progress Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Family Daycare Program and seek direction to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council provide a direction on the Family Daycare preferred provider from either:
 - (a) FGP Morton;
 - or
 - (b) Uniting Family Daycare

AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATION**RESOLUTION CNL/25/326**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council resolves to engage Uniting Family Daycare to facilitate Family Daycare in Bedourie and Birdsville.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 Human Resources Report

RESOLUTION CNL/25/327

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.2 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/328

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

12.4.2 Planning Update

RESOLUTION CNL/25/329

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Planning Update report.

CARRIED 5/0

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2025

RESOLUTION CNL/25/330

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2025 be received.

CARRIED 5/0

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION CNL/25/331

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council resolves to move into Closed Session at 4:23 pm to discuss the following items:

14.1 ILUA over Lot 6 on SP297079

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - g 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

14.2 Human Resources Report Update - Industrial Relations Matter

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/25/332

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolves to move out of Closed session at 5:02 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

14.1 ILUA over Lot 6 on SP297079

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to addressing native title to acquire freehold for future industrial development over part of the Bedourie Township Reserve.

RESOLUTION CNL/25/333

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council note the ILUA over Lot 6 on SP297079 Confidential Report.

CARRIED 5/0

14.2 Human Resources Report Update - Industrial Relations Matter

RESOLUTION CNL/25/334

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report Update - Industrial Relations Matter.

CARRIED 5/0

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillor Clark raised the possibility of a Caretaker at the Bedourie Race Club over the racing season.
CEO - A report will be tabled at the next Ordinary Council Meeting
2. Mayor Francis Murray raised the issue of possible Bounties for Wild Cat Scalps
CEO – A report will be tabled at the next Ordinary Council Meeting

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 19 January 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 5:09 pm.