DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL

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OF THE

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre

17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 on

12 October 2026 at 9:00am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9:14am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor **(TEAMS)**
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services
Mr Brent Reeman	Director Infrastructure **(TEAMS)**
Ms Dana Livne	Executive Assistant

At 9:00am Sergeant Flanagan and Acting Senior Constable Piper entered the meeting room.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Cr. Kerry Morton. Ms Practice Brandenburg, Director Communities.

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

7.1 Sergeant John Flanagan

Sergeant John Flanagan, the new Officer in Charge at Birdsville Police Station met with Council.

At 9:18am Sergeant Flanagan and Acting Senior Constable Piper left the meeting room.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 September 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/274

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 September 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

4/0 CARRIED

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/275

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

4/0 CARRIED

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

10.1 Outstanding Action Item List

RESOLUTION CNL/26/276

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Outstanding Action Item List report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 9.37am Stuart Bourne entered the meeting room.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Engineering Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/277

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.2 Betoota Town Common Fence - Access to Water

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the request from the Betoota Hotel to modify existing town common fencing to enable access to Teeta Waterhole for recreational purposes.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/278

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council approve the existing town common fencing to remain in place and that this is communicated to the Betoota Hotel.

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.3 T2026-06 Allan's Yards Culvert Supply Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the T2026-06 Allan's Yards Culvert Supply.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/279

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract T2026-06 Allan's Yards Culvert Supply to JT Cox Concrete & Precast Pty Ltd for the value of $1,217,270.00 (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.

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.4 T2026-09 Allan's Yards Cover Aggregate Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the T2026-09 Allan's Yards Cover Aggregate Tender.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/280

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract T2026-09 Allan's Yards Cover Aggregate Tender to PE & GC Harris Road Contractors Pty Ltd for the value of $368,595.45 (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.

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.5 T2026-08 Allan's Yards 'All Services' Bitumen Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the T2026-08 Allan's Yards 'All Services' Bitumen Tender.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/281

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract T2026-08 Allan's Yards 'All Services' Bitumen Tender to Boral Resources Pty Ltd for the value of $1,487,946.85 (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.

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.6 T2026-07 Allan's Yards Concrete Works Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the T2026-07 Allan's Yards Concrete Works.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/282

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract T2026-07 Allan's Yards Concrete Works Tender to Lohman Contracting Pty Ltd for the value of $4,107,923.84 (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.

4/0 CARRIED

At 10:50am Scott Mead from Mead Perry Group joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

At 10:53 a member of the public entered the meeting room.

12.1.7 Infrastructure Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/283

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 11:04am Bronwyn Cairns from Mead Perry Group joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

At 11:06am Stuart Bourne left the meeting room.

At 11: 07am Robert Wiles, Works Manager and Josh Oehm, Workshop Coordinator entered the meeting room.

12.1.8 Plant Report - September 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/284

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Plant Report - September 2026 report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 11:45am Scott Mead and Bronwyn Cairnes from Mead Perry Group left the meeting.

12.1.9 Works Report September

RESOLUTION CNL/26/285

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Works Report September report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 12:02pm Jodie Girdler, Facilities and Town Services Manager entered the meeting room.

12.1.10 Facilities Maintenance and Town Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/286

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

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

4/0 CARRIED

12.1.11 Workshop and Fleet Services

RESOLUTION CNL/26/287

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Workshop and Fleet Services report.

4/0 CARRIED

At12:06 Robert Wiles, Works Manager, and Josh Oehm, Workshop Coordinator left the meeting room. At 12:14pm Jodie Girdler, Facilities and Town Services Manager left the meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT: At 12:14pm the meeting was adjourned for a lunch break. The meeting reconvened at 12:51pm.

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/288

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

4/0 CARRIED

12.2.2 Finance Report - September 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/289

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

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

4/0 CARRIED

At 1:03pm Juanita Warner, Governance Manager entered the room.

12.2.3 Governance Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/290

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

4/0 CARRIED

12.2.4 Motor Vehicle Allocation Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Motor Vehicle Allocation Policy for adoption following a review by the Executive Leadership Team.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/291

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council adopts the Motor Vehicle Allocation Policy as presented.

4/0 CARRIED

12.2.5 Christmas Party Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Christmas Party Policy for council adoption. The Christmas Party Policy has been reviewed to ensure the arrangements for Council's annual Christmas Party are clear and reflect current operational requirements.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/292

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council adopts the Christmas Party Policy as presented.

4/0 CARRIED

12.2.6 Use of Council 's Plant and Vehicles Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Use of Council's Plant and Vehicle Policy for adoption following a review of current operational requirements.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/293

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council adopts the Use of Council's Plant and Vehicle Policy as presented.

4/0 CARRIED

12.2.7 Corporate Credit Card Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Corporate Credit Card Policy for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/294

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council defer the Corporate Credit Card policy for further review and consideration at a future meeting.

4/0 CARRIED

Juanita Warner, Governance Manager left the room at 2.05pm.

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

At 2:07pm Paula Brown, Community Coordinator entered the meeting room.

12.3.1 Australia Day Awards Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Australia Day Awards Policy for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/295

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council adopt the Australia Day Awards Policy as amended to include categories Senior Sports Person / Administrator Award and Junior Sports Award.

4/0 CARRIED

12.3.2 Tourism Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/296

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Report.

4/0 CARRIED

12.3.3 Community Coordinator Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/297

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the Community Coordinator Report

4/0 CARRIED

At 2:27pm Paula Brown, Community Coordinator left the meeting room.

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/298

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 2:32pm Jo Fiorenza, Safety and Quality Coordinator entered the meeting room.

At 3:34pm Scott Mead, Mead Perry Group, entered the meeting room.

12.4.2 WHS Monthly Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/299

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the WHS Monthly Update report.

4/0 CARRIED

At 2:43pm Jo Fiorenza, Safety and Quality Coordinator left the meeting room.

At 2:44 pm, the member of the public was advised that the meeting would be moving into closed session and was requested to leave the meeting.

13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION CNL/26/300

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

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:

13.1 Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Management

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.

13.2 Totality Festival 2028 - Event Management Plans

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - f 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 matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

4/0 CARRIED

Cr Clarke declared a material personal interests in item 13.1 Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Management.

The nature of the material personal interest, as described by the councillor was he is considering submitting a tender for the contract in future.

At 2:46 pm, Councillor Clarke left the TEAMS meeting room and did not participate in the discussion or voting on Item 13.1 – Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Management.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/301

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resume in Open Session at 3:58pm.

3/0 CARRIED

13.1 Birdsville and Bedourie Tourist Park Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide decision support around the determination of detail to be included in the Birdsville Tourist Park request for tender (RFT). The report provides the outcome of a detailed third-party review of the provisions of the draft RFT and management agreement documents which require Council input and direction. The report also includes data on Birdsville tourist park income over the last eight years to assist in determining the percentage of commission on income to be adopted.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/302

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council consider the matters identified in the review of the Birdsville Tourist Park Request for Tender and Management agreement documents and make determinations to allow for the Request for Tender to proceed.

3/0 CARRIED

13.2 Totality Festival 2028 - Event Management Plans

RESOLUTION CNL/26/303

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Totality Festival 2028 - Event Management Plans report.

3/0 CARRIED

Council reviewed the event management documentation and noted that it did not adequately address the challenges associated with the remote location, anticipated attendance numbers, water supply, and sanitation requirements.

Action: Council resolved to write to the event organisers requesting that these matters be further considered and appropriately addressed within the event planning documentation.

At 4:01pm Councillor Clarke entered the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Food vendor fees were waived, and the initiative was met with positive feedback. Council to consider whether this should be continued for future events.

15 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre, 29 Burt Street, Birdsville, Qld, 4482 at 9:00 AM on 16 November 2026.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4:08pm.