

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE,
PASTEUR STREET, JERICHO
ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015
COMMENCING AT 9.20 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, A Cowper, G Peoples, P Mitchell and R Glindemann.

OFFICERS

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), R Bauer (Executive Manager – Alpha), I Kuhn (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

PRAYER – Mr. Des Howard read the prayer.

CONDOLENCES

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mr. Oliver "Ollie" Landers OAM, former Mayor of Aramac Shire, Mrs. Venus Williams of Barcaldine, Mrs. Alicia Hill of Barcaldine, Mr. Sean Bates of Alpha, Mr. John Wallace formerly of Barcaldine and Mr. Ashley Adams of Blackall.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, past and present.

DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Material Personal Interest on any items of Business

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Chandler informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.8 (as an adjoining land owner) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Conflict of Interest

(Stay in the room)

Cr. Andrew Cowper for Item 3.1.5 :-

"I declare I may have a real conflict of interest in this matter, as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, due to my Committee membership of the Central West Multi-Shire Wild Dog Control Fence Committee.

I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. I honestly believe that I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of council's area by participating in this discussion and voting on this matter."

Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-
General Meeting – 18 March 2015.*

Resolution: 2015/04/068 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 18 March 2015 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2015/04/069 **Moved Cr Mitchell** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 18 March 2015 be confirmed.

Carried
Unanimous

2. PETITIONS

2.1.1 Wild Dog Check Fence

Summary: Cr Cowper presented a petition containing 80 signatures requesting Council's support of the check fence proposal for wild dog control.

Resolution: 2015/04/070 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the petition be received and lie on the table.

Carried
Unanimous

3. REPORTS

3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.1.1 Councillor Information Bulletin

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 10 April 2015.

Resolution: 2015/04/071 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.2 Staff Structure Review

Summary: A review of the staff structure to be presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution: 2015/04/072 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That Council accepts the revised structure and proceeds with the proposed review as soon as possible.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.3 Kangaroo Processing Proposal

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising that correspondence has been received requesting Council support to develop a kangaroo processing operation.

Resolution: 2015/04/073 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council supports, in principle, the development of a kangaroo processing operation in Aramac.

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.4 Conduct of 2016 Local Government Elections

Summary: From the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience advising council that should a postal ballot be required for the 2016 Local Government election, a request must be submitted before 1 July 2015.

Resolution: 2015/04/074 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council applies to have its 2016 election conducted by postal ballot for the whole of its area due to the following reasons:-

- (a) classed as RTL – Rural Remote Large (Commonwealth Government);**
- (b) large rural sector (population density of 0.1 persons per km²;**
- (c) 5 small communities (population range 100-1600 per community);**
- (d) more economical (a saving to Council);**
- (e) lessens the risk of voters being unable to present themselves due to wet conditions;**
- (f) added burden on rural residents to travel long distances to cast their vote; and**
- (g) previously conducted by full postal ballot and received good returns.**

Carried
Unanimous

Councillor Cowper declared an interest in the following item and remained in the room during discussions thereon.

3.1.5 Queensland Cluster and Strategic Fence Plan

Summary: *From the Chief Executive Officer advising that RAPAD has now prepared a Queensland Cluster and Strategic Fence Plan for the purposes of managing wild dogs, enhancing biosecurity and improving drought management outcomes.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
2015/04/075 **That Council supports the RAPAD Queensland Cluster and Strategic Fence Plan to seek funding from Federal and State Governments.**

Carried
4/2

Councillor Peoples called for a division. Councillors Chandler, Gray, Bettiens and Mitchell voted for the motion and Councillors Peoples and Cowper voted against the motion.

At this stage the Council received a deputation from Mr. Laurie Wood and Mr. Mark Miller from "Our Town + More" on their area promotion services.

At this stage Cr. Glindemann arrived at the meeting.

At 10.30am the meeting adjourned for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.50am.

Mr. Ed Warren, Chair of the Central West Health and Hospital Board addressed Council on the Board's activities. Mr. Lachlan Millar, Member for Gregory attended the meeting.

3.1.6 Tourism and Contestable Funding

Summary: *Proposal for the use of current and future OQTA Contestable Funding in regards to Tourism.*

Resolution: **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
2015/04/076 **That Council approves the expenditure of Tourism Contestable Funding as follows:-**

- (a) \$10,000 for printing of the Barcaldine Regional Council Tourism brochure; and**
- (b) \$8,750 for creating a television promotional advertisement.**

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
2015/04/077 **That Council approves the Barcaldine Regional Council Tourism Brochure for printing subject to changes as discussed.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.1.7 2015 Community Drought Funding

Summary: Outline of the allocation of the 2015 Community Drought Funding.

Resolution: 2015/04/078 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That the report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage the Mayor declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting during discussions thereon. The Deputy Mayor occupied the chair in his absence.

3.1.8 Removal of Temporary Structures and Consideration of Material Change of Use Lot 11 on RY181 and Lot 51 on SP246193 72 Box Street, Barcaldine

Summary: Council to give consideration to a request from the applicants for an extension to remove the temporary structures located on the site.

Resolution: 2015/04/079 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the temporary structures which had been utilised as a “workers camp” for flood damage works, currently on site, be removed from the property by 10 June 2015.

Carried
Unanimous

Resolution: 2015/04/080 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That the application be approved in part as follows:-

- (1) Development Permit**
the eight (8) existing Motel rooms be approved by way of a Development Permit subject to reasonable and relevant conditions; and
- (2) Refusal**
the 37 additional motel rooms and an ancillary recreation facility and training room be refused.

Carried
Unanimous

At this stage the Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

3.2 FINANCE

3.2.1 Financial Report – April 2015

Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2015 was presented to Council.

Resolution: 2015/04/081 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Glindemann**
That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2015.

Carried
Unanimous

3.2.2 Trust Account Balances

Summary: Allocation of obsolete trust fund accounts for Council consideration.

Resolution: 2015/04/082 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council distributes the following Trust Fund Account balances to relevant community organisations:-

General Ledger Number	Fund Name	Item Balance	Details
9991-5100-0045	Storm Donations Dec '05	\$ 1,513.30	Aramac Community Development Association
9991-5100-0060	Tramway Museum Donations	\$ 841.85	Aramac Tramway Museum
9991-5100-0065	Museum Donations	\$ 2,709.08	Aramac Tramway Museum and Dr Arratta Museum Committee
9991-5200-0075	Emergency Fly Out Packs	\$ 906.57	Barcaldine Aged Care Committee
9991-5200-0105	Bushfire Fund Appeal	\$ 440.00	Barcaldine Aged Care Committee
9991-5300-0050	Alpha SES Social Club	\$ 6.13	Alpha SES Social Club
9991-5300-0051	Jericho SES Social Club	\$ 261.40	Jericho SES Social Club

Carried
Unanimous

3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

3.3.1 Works Report

Summary: From the Manager Engineering Services submitting for Council's advice and consideration his report on engineering works and environmental matters in Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra for the period ending 31 March 2015.

Resolution: 2015/04/083 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Works Report for the period March 2015 be received.

Carried
Unanimous

At 1.00pm the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.20pm.

3.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ALPHA

3.4.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Alpha report was presented to Council for information.

Resolution: 2015/04/084 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Peoples**
That the Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.2 Request for Financial and Other Assistance – Alpha Golf Club

Summary: The Alpha Golf Club requesting financial assistance for the 2015 Queensland Ladies Sand Greens Championships and also the free use of the Alpha Showgrounds and facilities for those that wish to camp or have caravans or campervans.

Resolution: 2015/04/085 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council:-

- (a) agrees to donate \$500.00 towards the 2015 Queensland Ladies Sand Greens Championships; and**
- (b) agrees to allow the free use of the Alpha Showgrounds and Facilities for the above event.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.3 Procedure for Overgrown Allotments

Summary: A uniform treatment of overgrown allotments that meets the needs of Council and the necessary legal requirements in the five (5) towns throughout the Barcaldine Regional council area is required.

Resolution: 2015/04/086 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council adopts the following procedure for the management of overgrown allotments in the five (5) towns throughout the area:-

Letter of request (21 days to rectify) followed by a Compliance/Information Notice (14 Days to comply) followed by a Reasonable Entry Notice (14 Days before entry).

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.4 Assistance for Jericho Rural Fire Brigade and SES

Summary: The Jericho Rural Fire Brigade enquiring if Council would consider assisting with the funding of the earthworks/slab and building permit fees for their proposed new training/communication room at the Jericho Facility.

Resolution: 2015/04/087 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council agrees to place \$15,000 for consideration in the budget for 2015/16 to assist with the funding of a new training/communications room at the Jericho Facility, as requested.

Carried
Unanimous

3.4.5 Dirt Road outside Garfield Homestead

Summary: The owner of Garfield Station requesting that Council seal the road adjacent to their Homestead for 1-2km to minimise the dust problem that they now endure.

Resolution: 2015/04/088 **Moved Cr Bettiens** **Seconded Cr Gray**
That Council does not agree to seal the dirt road outside the Garfield Homestead, as requested as it would set a precedent which is not financially viable for Council.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC

3.5.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager's – Aramac report was submitted to Council for information.

Resolution: 2015/04/089 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.2 Aramac Race Club Inc.– In-kind Assistance

Summary: A letter from the Aramac Race Club Inc. has been received requesting in-kind assistance for the preparation of the race meeting on 23 May 2015.

Resolution: 2015/04/090 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That Council supports the request from the Aramac Race Club Inc. to provide in-kind assistance for the 23 May 2015 event.

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.3 Rates Discount Period – Request for Extension

Summary: A request has been received to extend the Rates Discount period for pensioners.

Resolution: 2015/04/091 **Moved Cr Cowper** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That due to the worsening drought in our region, Council changes, for all ratepayers:-

- (a) the due date for payment of the second half year rates instalment to 29 May 2015; and**
- (b) the rates discount period for payment of the second half year rates notice to end on 29 May 2015.**

Carried
Unanimous

3.5.4 Development Application – Boundary Realignment 49 & 43 Gordon Street, Aramac

Summary: A development application has been received for Reconfiguring a Lot (Boundary Realignment – 2 Lots Into 2 Lots) – Lot 101 on SP252174, situated at 49 Gordon Street, Aramac and Lot 808 on A1844, situated at 43 Gordon Street, Aramac.

Resolution: 2015/04/092 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Mitchell**
That the report be received and Council ratifies the decision of the Chief Executive Officer to approve the Reconfiguring a Lot (Boundary Realignment – 2 Lots Into 2 Lots) – Lot 101 on SP252174, situated at 49 Gordon Street, Aramac and Lot 808 on A1844, situated at 43 Gordon Street, Aramac.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – BARCALDINE

3.6.1 General Information Report

Summary: The Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine report was submitted to Council for information.

Resolution: 2015/04/093 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Cowper**
That the Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.

Carried
Unanimous

3.6.2 Building Maintenance Level of Service Manual

Summary: A Building Maintenance Level of Service Manual is presented to Council for adoption.

Resolution: 2015/04/094 **Moved Cr Glindemann** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council adopts the Building Maintenance Level of Service Manual (as per Attachment A).

Carried
Unanimous

3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS

3.7.1 Regional Rural Lands Officer's Report

Summary: From the Regional Rural Coordinator submitting a summary of lands activities for March 2015.

Resolution: 2015/04/095 **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Bettiens**
That Council receives the Regional Rural Lands Coordinators report.

Carried
Unanimous

3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil

3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: _____

DATED: 27 May 2015
