

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA  
ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017  
COMMENCING AT 9.10AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) (In the Chair), Councillor J Gray (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Bettiens, S Dillon, M Rogers, B Plumb and G Peoples.

**OFFICERS**

D Howard (Chief Executive Officer), G Frangos (Acting Executive Manager – Alpha), G Rintoul (Executive Manager – Aramac), B Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine), J Ricks (Manager – Engineering Services) and A Newton (Minute Secretary).

**PRAYER –** Cr. Gray read the prayer.

**CONDOLENCES**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Mrs. Anastasia (Stasia) Symonds of Barcaldine, Mrs. May Ryan, formerly of Jericho, Mr. Bill Williams, formerly of Aramac, Mr. Peter Graham, former Deputy Mayor of Aramac Shire and formerly of "Brookwood" Muttaborra, Father Dan Moore, formerly of Aramac and Mrs. Jesse Williams of Barcaldine.

**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 Bettiens informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.5, 3.3.1 and 3.5.1 (as a local business owner and a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Gray informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.5 and 3.4.3 (as a contractor) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

Pursuant to Section 173 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Peoples informed the meeting of a material personal interest in relation to Item 3.1.5 (as a business owner which would preclude him from moving the motion proposed) and left the meeting during discussions thereon.

**Conflict of Interest**

Cr. Gray for Item 3.5.2 – "I declare I 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 Muttaborra Amateur Turf Club. I propose to exclude myself from this meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken."

Cr. Peoples for Item 3.1.11 - "I declare I 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 Aramac Rodeo Club. I propose to exclude myself from this meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken."

**Personal Gifts and Benefits - Nil**

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**BUSINESS**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Summary: The following minutes required confirmation by Council:-  
General Meeting – 15 February 2017.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/047**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on the 15 February 2017 be received.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

**Resolution: 2017/03/048**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That the minutes of the General Meeting held by Barcaldine Regional Council on 15 February 2017 be confirmed.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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**2. PETITIONS - Nil**

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**3. REPORTS**

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**3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**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 March 2017.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/049**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**That the report be received.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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Mayoral Minute

**Building Our Regions – Barcaldine Racecourse**

*Summary: Council has received approval to progress to a full business case for the Barcaldine Racecourse Upgrade under the Building Our Regions program.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/050**      **Moved Cr. Chandler**  
**That Council supports the submission of a detailed application to Building Our Regions for the project “Barcaldine Racecourse Upgrade” and:**

- (a) is committed to delivering the project;
- (b) approves a financial contribution of \$273,000 by Council within the 2017/18 Budget; and
- (c) is committed to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure.

**Carried**  
7/0

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Mayoral Minute

**Building Our Regions – Barcaldine Recreation Park**

*Summary: Council has received approval to progress to a full business case for the Barcaldine Recreation Park – Stage 2 under the Building Our Regions program.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr. Chandler**  
**2017/03/051** **That Council supports the submission of a detailed application to Building Our Regions for the project “Barcaldine Recreation Park – Stage 2” and:**

- (a) is committed to delivering the project;
- (b) approves a financial contribution of \$250,000 by Council within the 2017/18 Budget; and
- (c) is committed to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure.

**Carried**  
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Procedural Motion

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Dillon**  
**2017/03/052** **That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 72 of the Local Government Act 2009, to hold discussions with Council’s Solicitors regarding Item 3.1.3.**

**Carried**  
7/0

Procedural Motion

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2017/03/053** **That the meeting move into open session.**

**Carried**  
7/0

*The meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea and resumed at 10.45am.*

*At this stage the meeting dealt with Item 3.1.13 on the Agenda.*

### **3.1.2 Bowen Downs Road Petition**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a report on the petition presented at the February meeting of Council containing 88 signatures regarding the condition of Bowen Downs Road.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/054**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That the author be advised that the current programmed works include sealing of the intersection (50m) and upgrading floodways and that further works will be considered in future budgets.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.1.3 Procurement Policy Petition**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a report on the petition presented at the February meeting of Council containing 54 signatures regarding Council's Procurement Policy.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/055**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**That the author be advised that Council has agreed to advertise for pre-qualified suppliers for the supply of fuels throughout the Council area and will review the Procurement Policy.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.1.4 Staff Structure**

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a report on the amended Staff Structure to include a Regional Human Resources Officer position and a Regional Technical Officer position.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/056**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council adopts the revised Staff Structure to include the Regional Human Resources Officer and the Regional Technical Officer positions.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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*At this stage Councillors Gray, Plumb, Peoples and Bettiens declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.1.5 Local Buy**

*Summary: Councillor Peoples has requested the following motion be placed on the agenda.*

That Council consider the following motion:-

“Council’s strategic objective is to support local business across our Council area. Due to this being the intent of Council, procurement can only be sourced from an endorsed list of suppliers, passed by resolution of Council, for any procurement through the Local Government Association Company which is Local Buy Pty Ltd. This list of suppliers can only be amended by a resolution of Council.”.

**Due to an inability to form a quorum, this item was removed from the Agenda.**

*At this stage Councillors Gray, Plumb, Peoples and Bettiens returned to the meeting.*

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### **3.1.6 Request for Funding - Preston Campbell Foundation**

*Summary: Preston Campbell Foundation has requested \$9,000 funding assistance to continue its mentoring programme.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/057**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**That Council agrees to provide funding in the amount of \$5,000 to continue the Preston Campbell Foundation Mentoring Programme.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.1.7 Request for Funding – Outback Futures**

*Summary: Outback Futures have requested funding support to provide professional health and wellbeing services.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/058**      **Moved Cr Gray**      **Seconded Cr Dillon**  
**That Council negotiates a programme to bring health professionals to each of our five communities to offer counselling services.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.1.8 Request for Funding – Australian Anti Ice Campaign**

*Summary: Council has received a request for funding assistance to support the Australian Anti Ice Campaign.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/059**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Bettiens**  
**That Council supports the Australian Anti Ice Campaign with a contribution of \$2,500.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

### **3.1.9 Carmichael Mine - Adani**

*Summary: Council is concerned with the lack of consultation with Adani, the Carmichael Mine developers.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/060**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Dillon**  
**That Council initiates dialogue with Adani management regarding fly-in-fly-out plans for the Carmichael Mine and invites representatives to a future meeting of Council:-**

- 1. to address supporting our Central West Region through local business opportunities and employment; and**
- 2. to discuss the upgrade of the road from Aramac to the Carmichael Mine to a sealed standard. Council needs to point out that the road is already sealed approximately 60kms to the Mine Site. This upgrade would give the Carmichael Mine site sealed access to airports and services in our Central West Region and sealed access for people of our region to support the Mine through business opportunities or local employment.**

**That Council contacts the Coordinator General expressing Council's wishes to look at opportunities for business and employment for the Central West residents with the Adani Mine.**

**That Council also holds discussions with Isaac Regional Council.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.1.10 Aramac Cemetery Access**

*Summary: A request has been received to upgrade the access to the Aramac Cemetery.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/061**      **Moved Cr Plumb**      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**That the Chief Executive Officer commence discussions with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to upgrade the Aramac Cemetery access.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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*Councillor Peoples declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.1.11 Request for Sponsorship - Aramac Rodeo Club**

*Summary: A request has been received from the Aramac Rodeo Club to sponsor the 2017 Harry Redford Bulls, Broncs and Barrels on 2 June 2017.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2017/03/062** **That Council agrees to sponsor the Open Bull Ride at the 2017 Harry Redford Bulls, Broncs and Barrels in an amount of \$2,000.**

**Carried**  
6/0

*At this stage Councillor Peoples returned to the meeting.*

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**3.1.12 Application for conversion of Pastoral Holding Lease No. 3/3231 – Marston Lot 106 on Plan SP178412 Lessee: Tumbar Pastoral Holdings Pty Ltd**

**Summary:** *Correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines requesting Council's views on the conversion of the Marston Pastoral Holding Lease to Freehold.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Dillon** **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**2017/03/063** **That Council advises the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it raises no objection to the conversion of the lease to freehold and Council notes that no access is provided to Lot 7 MX86 Reserve 39.**

**Carried**  
7/0

*This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.*

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**3.1.13 Quotes for Fuel – closed 10 March 2017**

**Summary:** *Quotations for the supply of fuel closed 10 March 2017 and requires assessment.*

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Peoples** **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2017/03/064** **That Council has assessed the quotations for the supply of fuel to the Aramac Depot and awards it to White Bull Roadhouse Aramac in an amount of \$1.29 per litre for the following reasons:-**

- (a) **due to Council being in a transitional period prior to the tender process identifying prequalified suppliers of fuel to Council; and**
- (b) **Council is attempting to provide sustainability of a fuel supply to the one pump towns within the Council area.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Gray called for a division. Councillors Chandler, Dillon, Peoples and Rogers voted for the motion with Councillors Gray, Plumb and Bettiens voting against the motion.*

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## **3.2 FINANCE**

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### **3.2.1 Financial Report – March 2017**

*Summary: The Financial Report for the period ending 5 March 2017 was presented to Council.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/065**      **Moved Cr Dillon**      **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**That Council receives the Financial Report for the period ending 5 March 2017.**

**Carried**  
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## **3.3 MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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*Councillor Bettiens declared an interest in parts of the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

### **3.3.1 Works Report**

*Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services submitting for Council's information, the status of the scopes of work assigned to Engineering Services for the period ending 28 February 2017.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/066**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**That the Works Report for the period February 2017 be received.**

**Carried**  
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*At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.*

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### **3.3.2 Outback Regional Road Group - Project Prioritisation Input Guide**

*Summary: From the Manager of Engineering Services, Barcaldine Regional Council, submitting for Council's information the "Outback Regional Road Group Project Prioritisation Input Guide".*

**Resolution: 2017/03/067**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council receives the Project Prioritisation Input Guide.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.4 ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER - ALPHA**

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#### **3.4.1 General Information Report**

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

**Resolution: 2017/03/068**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Peoples**  
**That the Acting Executive Manager's – Alpha General Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
**7/0**

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#### **3.4.2 Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No 1) 2017**

*Summary: Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No 1) 2017.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/069**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That Council:-**

- 1. resolves to make Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2017 as advertised; and**
- 2. resolves, pursuant to section 32 of the Local Government Act 2009, to adopt a consolidated version of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011, inclusive of the amendments identified in part 2 of Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2017.”.**

**Carried**  
**7/0**

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*Councillor Gray declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

#### **3.4.3 Tender - Plant Hire Services to Council**

*Summary: Tender - Plant Hire Services to Council.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/070**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That Council receives the Tender Evaluation Report for Plant Hire Services to Council.**

**Carried**  
**7/0**

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*At this stage Councillor Gray returned to the meeting.*

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### **3.4.4 Use of Pools by External Health Services**

*Summary: From the Acting Executive Manager submitting a report on the use Council pools by external health services.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/071**      **Moved Cr Plumb**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council:-**

- (a) provides in-principle support to encourage visiting health services to utilise Council pools; and**
- (b) advise that any use of the pools is subject to agreement between the health service and Council to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer and/or the pool lessees.**

**Carried**  
*7/0*

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### **3.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – ARAMAC**

*Councillor Bettiens declared an interest in part of the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

#### **3.5.1 General Information Report**

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

**Resolution: 2017/03/072**      **Moved Cr Peoples**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That the Executive Manager's – Aramac General Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
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*At this stage Councillor Bettiens returned to the meeting.*

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*Councillor Gray declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting during discussions thereon.*

#### **3.5.2 Request for Assistance – Muttaborra Amateur Turf Club/ Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society**

*Summary: A request has been received for assistance from the Muttaborra Amateur Turf Club and Landsborough Flock Ewe Show Society to waive fees associated with the installation of a new ablutions/PWD building at the Muttaborra Turf Club grounds.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/073**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Dillon**  
**That Council donates an amount equivalent to fees associated with building and plumbing applications for the proposed new amenities at the Muttaborra Amateur Turf Club.**

**Carried**  
**7/0**

*At this stage Councillor Gray returned to the meeting.*

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00pm and resumed at 2.10pm.*

*At this stage Councillor Dillon excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.*

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### **3.6 EXECUTIVE MANAGER – BARCALDINE**

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#### **3.6.1 General Information Report**

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

**Resolution: 2017/03/074**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That the Executive Manager’s – Barcaldine General Information Report be received.**

**Carried**  
**6/0**

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#### **3.6.2 Planning and Development Report – March 2017**

*Summary: The Planning and Development Report for March 2017 is presented for consideration.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/075**      **Moved Cr Plumb**      **Seconded Cr Gray**  
**That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for March 2017.**

**Carried**  
**6/0**

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#### **3.6.3 Hayden – Request for Reduction in Fees**

*Summary: A request has been received from Shane Hayden and Helen Simpson for a reduction in building development application fees.*

**Resolution: 2017/03/076**      **Moved Cr Bettiens**      **Seconded Cr Plumb**  
**That Council does not reduce the development application fees and that Council makes a donation of \$500 to the Shane Hayden and Helen Simpson Fire Appeal.**

**Carried**  
**6/0**

**3.7 RURAL SERVICES MATTERS – Nil**

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**3.8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - Nil**

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**3.9 NOTIFIED MOTIONS - Nil**

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As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: 19 April 2017

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