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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE ALPHA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 43 DRYDEN STREET, ALPHA  
ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024  
COMMENCING AT 8:30AM**

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**ATTENDENCE**

Councillor R Chandler (Mayor) [in the Chair], Councillor M Rogers (Deputy Mayor);  
Councillors T Gleeson, K Williams, V Howard, L Penna and R O'Brien.

**OFFICERS**

J Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine), D Young (Minute Secretary), P Coulton  
(District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra)[via TEAMS], K Coomber (District Manager –  
Alpha and Jericho) and A Shaw (Finance Manager).

Councillor O'Brien led council in prayer.

**CONDOLENCES**

Mr Neville Wilson of Barcaldine and Mrs Allison Mulcahy of Alpha.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- D Bradford (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
- L Busby (Director of Works).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Prescribed Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

**Declarable Conflicts of Interest**

**Councillor Gleeson under item 3.2.1** – Councillor Gleeson informed the meeting he has a  
Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Campdraft  
Association Incorporated Report as he is the President of the Association. Councillor  
Gleeson will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.



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**2024/07/222**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting Budget of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be received.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**Resolution:**      **Moved Cr Howard**      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2024/07/223**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting Budget of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be confirmed.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**Resolution:**      **Moved Cr O'Brien**      **Seconded Cr Howard**  
**2024/07/224**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be received.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**Resolution:**      **Moved Cr Penna**      **Seconded Cr Howard**  
**2024/07/225**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 26 June 2024 be confirmed.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**Resolution:**      **Moved Cr O'Brien**      **Seconded Cr Penna**  
**2024/07/226**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 8 July 2024 be received.**

**Carried**  
7/0

**Resolution:**      **Moved Cr Howard**      **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/227**      **That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council held on 8 July 2024 be confirmed.**

**Carried**  
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**2. PETITIONS**

Nil

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**3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

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**3.2 DECISION REPORTS**

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*Councillor Gleeson declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 8.45am.*

**3.2.1 Request for Assistance – Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated**

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide assistance to Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated, for waiver of development application fees.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Rogers**    **Seconded Cr Penna**  
**2024/07/228**                      **That Council provides assistance to Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated to the value of \$1,858.00 for waiver of development application fees for the construction of secretary office building at campdraft facility at Barcaldine showground.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Gleeson returned to the meeting at 8.47am.*

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**3.2.2 Regional Arts Development Fund Application**

*Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, reporting on the Regional Arts Development Fund Assessment Outcome.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr O'Brien**    **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/229**                      **That Council accepts the Committee recommendation to approve the application from the Barcaldine Cultural Association to the value of \$4,274.00.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.2.3 Request for Assistance – Muttaborra Golf Club Incorporated**

*Summary:* Council has received an application for community assistance from the Muttaborra Golf Club Incorporated, seeking a \$2,000 cash donation for their annual Golf Open. The application has been assessed under Council's Community Grants Policy and due to its request value, requires consideration from Council.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/230** **That Council agrees to support the Muttaborra Golf Club Incorporated by way of a donation for the amount of \$2,000.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.2.4 Special Holidays 2025**

*Summary:* Each year, Local Governments are invited by the Office of the Industrial Relations to request special and show holidays for the following year.

**Resolution:** **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2024/07/231** **That Council request the following Special Holidays for 2025:**

- **Wednesday 21 May – Alpha township for Alpha Show**
- **Friday 6 October – Barcaldine and Aramac townships for the Barcaldine Show Holiday (scheduled for Saturday 14 June)**
- **Tuesday 4 November – Muttaborra and Jericho townships for Melbourne Cup.**

**Carried**  
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## **3.3 FINANCE**

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### **3.3.1 Financial Performance Report**

*Summary:* Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a finance report to present at each monthly meeting of the local government. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local

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*government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.*

*The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council's budget performance as of 30 June 2024.*

**Resolution:**  
**2024/07/232**

**Moved Cr Penna**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Seconded Cr Gleeson**

**Carried**  
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### **3.3.2 Community Care Services Report**

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Community Care Services financial progress. The financial performance of the business unit broken up into the care packages provided by Council.*

**Resolution:**  
**2024/07/233**

**Moved Cr Rogers**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Seconded Cr Howard**

**Carried**  
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### **3.3.3 Project Progress Report**

*Summary: Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2023/2024 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2023. At the meeting Council also adopted a list of special operating projects for this financial year. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of June 2024.*

**Resolution:**  
**2024/07/234**

**Moved Cr Gleeson**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Seconded Cr Williams**

**Carried**  
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*Meeting was adjourned at 9.55am and reconvened at 10.27am.*

### **3.3.4 Interim Audit Report from Queensland Audit Office**

*Summary:* The interim audit for the 2024 financial year was conducted during May 2024. A summary report from the Queensland Audit Office is attached.

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Gleeson**                                      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2024/07/235**                      **That Council receive and note the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.3.5 Audit Committee Minutes – 21 June 2024**

*Summary:* The Audit Committee met on 21 June 2024 for its regular quarterly meeting. The report contains a summary of the discussion points from the meeting which include the External Auditors' Interim Audit Report and reviewing the organisational risk framework.

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Penna**                                      **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/236**                      **That Council receive and note the Audit Committee minutes from the 21 June 2024 meeting.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.4.1 Regional Council Business**

- Councillor Gleeson noted two recent events that were well supported and much appreciated by locals in Barcaldine – Outback Masters and Barrels 4 A Cause.
- Councillor Gleeson noted the rat infestation in Barcaldine and queried whether Council could take any action. Officer Lawrence advised Council had:
  - Been in discussions with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Biosecurity team were aware of the problem
  - Mitigation permit was available
  - Noted the accumulation of deceased animals was causing issues with blocked drains and overpowering smell

- Been advised that natural deterrents were: lavender, chrysanthemums, black pepper and onions
- Looked at options to assist community.
- Councillor Gleeson advised that power outages were affecting telephone use in our towns. Officers noted the batteries didn't last long and a back up generator had been installed at Muttaborra. Officers to review options.
- Councillor Penna queried the absence of a Director of Works report, noted it would be included in future agendas.

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### 3.5.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillor's Information.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr O'Brien**                                      **Seconded Cr Penna**  
**2024/07/237**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### 3.5.2 Planning and Development Report

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Planning and Development Report.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Rogers**                                      **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/238**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### 3.5.3 Workplace Health and Safety Report

*Summary: From the Work Health and Safety Coordinator, presenting a report on Council's Workplace Health and Safety.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Penna**                                      **Seconded Cr Rogers**  
**2024/07/239**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**

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### **3.5.4 Environmental Health Officer Report**

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Environmental Health Officer Report for Councillor Information.*

**Resolution: 2024/07/240                      Moved Cr Gleeson                      Seconded Cr Williams**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.5.5 Economic Development Report**

*Summary: From the Acting Chief executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.*

**Resolution: 2024/07/241                      Moved Cr O'Brien                      Seconded Cr Gleeson**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.6.1 Mayor's Information Report**

*Summary: From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.*

**Resolution: 2024/07/242                      Moved Cr Howard                      Seconded Cr O'Brien**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.6.2 Acting Chief Executive Officer's Information Report**

*Summary: From the Acting Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information Report to Council.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Gleeson**                                      **Seconded Cr Williams**  
**2024/07/243**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.6.3 Alpha/Jericho District Report**

*Summary:*                      *This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Alpha and Jericho District.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Penna**                                      **Seconded Cr Howard**  
**2024/07/244**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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*Councillor Penna left the meeting at 11.59am and returned at 12.02pm.*

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### **3.6.4 Aramac/Muttaborra District Report**

*Summary:*                      *This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Aramac and Muttaborra District.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Williams**                                      **Seconded Cr Penna**  
**2024/07/245**                      **That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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### **3.6.5 Barcaldine District Report**

*Summary:*                      *This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Barcaldine District.*

**Resolution:**                      **Moved Cr Williams**                                      **Seconded Cr O'Brien**  
**2024/07/246**                      **That Council receive the report.**

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**Carried**  
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**3.6.6 Community Engagement Coordinator**

*Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the Information Report.*

**Resolution: 2024/07/247                      Moved Cr Howard                      Seconded Cr O'Brien**  
**That Council receive the report.**

**Carried**  
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**4. Close of Meeting**

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.41pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR                      -----  
DATED:

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