

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE JERICHO TOWN HALL, DARWIN STREET, JERICHO
ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024
COMMENCING AT 8:40AM**

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), T Otto (Minute Secretary), A Coulton (Acting District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra)[via Teams], K Coomber (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho), A Shaw (Finance Manager)[Finance Reports only], D Bradford (Acting Chief Executive Officer), L Busby (Director of Works).

Councillor Rogers led council in prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Mr John Nicolson of Alpha, Mr Athol O'Dell and Mrs Patricia Bain of Barcaldine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Prescribed Conflicts of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Rogers under items 3.3.3, 3.6.4 and 3.6.5 – Councillors Rogers has an ongoing Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Project Progress and District Managers – Aramac, Muttaborra and Barcaldine Reports as the Sculpture Trail is mentioned in these reports. Councillor Rogers will remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on these items as they are information reports only.

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 31 August 2024.

Resolution: **Moved Cr O'Brien** **Seconded Cr Williams**
2024/09/287 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

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: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2024/09/288 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Councillor Chandler declared a conflict of interest in the following report and left the meeting at 9.15am, Councillor Rogers assumed the Chair.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/09/289 **That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government.**

Carried
7/0

The meeting was closed at 9.15am and moved into open session at 9.23am.

Resolution:
2024/09/290

Moved Cr Gleeson
That Council reopens the meeting.

Seconded Cr Howard

Carried
6/0

Councillor Chandler returned to the meeting at 9.27am.

3.1.1 Flood Damage Barcaldine South 1 – Package 15

Summary: This report provides Council information to consider the submitted tenders for Flood Damage 2023 Package 15. The works required are those works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) from the January 2023 flood event.

The flood event caused significant damage to Council's Road network. Following the initial period of emergency flood damage works, submissions were made to QRA for reconstruction works across the region. The works, once approved by QRA, have then been packaged up and issued for tender.

The open public tenders for these packages of works were requested through Council's online public tendering system, VendorPanel. There were six submissions from VendorPanel submitted for this package of work. This report contains an overview of the evaluation process for these submissions.

Resolution:
2024/09/291

Moved Cr Rogers
That Council:

Seconded Cr Williams

- 1. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Barcaldine South 1 – Package 15 from The Trustee for Home Creek Pastoral for the submitted value of \$338,121.00(ex GST).**
- 2. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's procurement policy, Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contract awarded in 1.**
- 3. Reason being: supporting local contractors.**

Carried
6/0

Resolution: **Moved Cr O'Brien** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
2024/09/292 **That Council closes the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, regarding negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government.**

Carried
7/0

The meeting was closed at 9.28am and moved into open session at 9.43am.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/09/293 **That Council reopens the meeting.**

Carried
7/0

3.1.2 Flood Damage Jericho North - Package 17

Summary: This report provides Council information to consider the submitted tenders for Flood Damage 2023 Jericho North - Package 17. The works required are those works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) from the January 2023 flood event.

The flood event caused significant damage to Council's Road network. Following the initial period of emergency flood damage works, submissions were made to QRA for reconstruction works across the region. The works, once approved by QRA, have then been packaged up and issued for tender.

The open public tenders for these packages of works were requested through Council's online public tendering system, VendorPanel. There were six submissions from VendorPanel submitted for this package of work. This report contains an overview of the evaluation process for these submissions.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/09/294 **That Council:**

- 1. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Jericho North - Package 17 from Michael Horman Transport for the submitted value of \$975,135.05 (ex GST).**
- 2. In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and Council's procurement policy, Council delegate authority to**

the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contract awarded in 1.

3. Reason being: supporting local contractors.

Carried

7/0

3.1.3 Flood Damage Jericho - Package 18

Summary:

This report provides Council information to consider the submitted tenders for Flood Damage 2023 Jericho - Package 18. The works required are those works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) from the January 2023 flood event.

The flood event caused significant damage to Council's Road network. Following the initial period of emergency flood damage works, submissions were made to QRA for reconstruction works across the region. The works, once approved by QRA, have then been packaged up and issued for tender.

The open public tenders for these packages of works were requested through Council's online public tendering system, VendorPanel. There were five submissions from VendorPanel submitted for this package of work. This report contains an overview of the evaluation process for these submissions.

**Resolution:
2024/09/295**

Moved Cr Gleeson

Seconded Cr Penna

That Council:

- 1. Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 - Package 18 from Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd for the submitted value of \$426,040.00(ex GST).**
- 2. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and Council's procurement policy, Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, negotiate and finalise all matters in relation to the execution of the contract awarded in 1.**

Carried

7/0

3.2 DECISION REPORTS

3.2.1 Request for Assistance – Jericho Public Christmas Tree

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to be given for a cash donation and in-kind support to Jericho Public Christmas Tree event to be held in Jericho on Saturday 21 December 2024. Assessment score: 80.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Williams** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/09/296 **That Council approves the cash donation of \$700.00 to assist the committee to hold the Jericho Public Christmas Tree event to be held at the Jericho Drive-in.**

Carried
7/0

3.2.2 Request for Assistance – Jericho Tourism

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to be given by way of a Fee Waiver for the hire of the Jericho Town Hall to the value of \$1,080.00 to run the Drive-In monthly for the 2024/25 financial year. Assessment score: 75.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Howard**
2024/09/297 **That Council approves the Fee Wavier for Jericho Tourism to hold regular movie nights at the Jericho Drive-in.**

Carried
7/0

3.2.3 Sponsorship Outback Rowing Association

Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide sponsorship to Outback Rowing Association by way of hosting breakfast for Outback Rowing Regatta competitors.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Williams**

The current prioritisation of roads in the Barcaldine region does not align with the ORRTG's Route Funding Priority Framework.

It is essential for the Council to consider the proposed amendments to the prioritisation of roads to ensure alignment with the ORRTG's Route Funding Priority Framework and maximise the effectiveness of road investments in the region.

**Resolution:
2024/09/300**

**Moved Cr Rogers
That Council:**

Seconded Cr O'Brien

- 1. Approves the revised and amended 'Prioritise List of Roads' in support of the Outback Regional Roads Technical Group (ORRTG) Route Funding Priority Framework in order of Priority 1 to Priority 3 as:
 - a. Priority 1: Alpha-Clermont Road.**
 - b. Priority 2: Aramac-Torrens Creek Road and Barcaldine-Aramac Road.**
 - c. Priority 3: Muttaborra-Aramac Road.****
- 2. Notes and supports roads that are part of Barcaldine Regional Council as exceptions to the Priority Rules of the Outback Regional Roads Technical Group Route Funding Priority Framework as the following:
 - a. Priority 1: Alpha-Tambo Road.**
 - b. Priority 2: Blackall-Jericho Road and Cramsie-Muttaborra Road.****

**Carried
6/1**

3.3 FINANCE

3.3.3 Capital Projects Report

Summary:

Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2024/2025 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2024. In 2024/2025, Council is aiming to deliver \$12.6million of new projects along with completing a further \$2.8million in carried forward projects from 2023/2024. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of August 2024.

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr O'Brien**
2024/09/301 **That the report be received.**

Carried
7/0

1.4.1 Regional Council Business

- Councillor Howard: Muttaborra signage – dip, grid, road, floodway, dangerous grid.
 - Councillor Rogers: Mental health day Saturday 12 October 2024 at the Crawchie Pot.
 - Councillor Penna: Watering times from Aramac community forum.
 - Councillor Penna: Lease agreement with Barcaldine Watersports Association.
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Councillor Chandler declared he has a conflict of interest in the following report with the sale of industrial land and left the meeting at 11.43am and returned to the meeting at 11.45am.

3.5.1 Planning and Development Report

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

Resolution: **Moved Cr Howard** **Seconded Cr Penna**
2024/09/302 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

3.5.2 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 O'Brien**
2024/09/303 **That Council receive the report.**

Carried
7/0

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 12.18pm and returned at 12.19pm.

3.5.3 Environmental Health Officer Report

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

Resolution: 2024/09/304 **Moved Cr Gleeson** **Seconded Cr Williams**
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

Meeting adjourned at 12.23pm and reconvened at 1.08pm.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting at 1.11pm.

3.5.4 Economic Development Report

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

Resolution: 2024/09/305 **Moved Cr Rogers** **Seconded Cr Gleeson**
That Council receive the report.

Carried
6/0

3.6.1 Mayor's Information Report

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

Resolution: 2024/09/306 **Moved Cr Williams** **Seconded Cr Howard**
That Council receive the report.

Carried
7/0

4. Close of Meeting

As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.36pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

MAYOR -----
DATED: