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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 Muttaburra)[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, Muttaburra 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.

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Councillor O'Brien under item 3.3.2 - Councillor O'Brien informed the meeting he has an ongoing Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Community Care Services Report as a close associate, being his wife, works for the service. Councillor O'Brien will remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillor Chandler under item 3.1.1 – Councillor Chandler informed the meeting he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in the Flood Damage Barcaldine South 1 Package 15 Report as a close associate, being family to The Trustee for Home Creek Pastoral, who were a tenderer. Councillor Chandler will leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this item.

DEPUTATION

Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Moved Cr Penna Seconded Cr Howard
2024/09/286 That the minutes of the General Meeting of Barcaldine Regional

Council held on 21 August 2024 be received and confirmed.

Carried

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2. PETITIONS

Nil

Council suspended standing orders for the purpose of considering reports 3.3.1 and 3.3.2. Council returned to the agenda as planned.

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 government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day

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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

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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: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/288 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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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

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

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Resolution: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Howard

2024/09/290 That Council reopens the meeting.

Carried

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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: Moved Cr Rogers
2024/09/291 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

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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

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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

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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: 2024/09/294

Moved Cr Howard

Seconded Cr Penna

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).
- In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and Council's procurement policy, Council delegate authority to

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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

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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:

- Accept the Flood Damage January 2023 Package 18 from Michael Horman Transport Pty Ltd for the submitted value of \$426,040.00(ex GST).
- 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

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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

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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

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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

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2024/09/298

That Council approves to provide sponsorship to the Outback Rowing Association for Outback Rowing Regatta competitors to the value of \$1,500.00; by hosting breakfast on Saturday 5 October 2024 for the 100 rowers staying in Barcaldine overnight.

Carried

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Meeting adjourned at 10.01am and reconvened at 10.33am.

3.2.4 Sponsorship Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive

Summary:

This report is presented to Council for consideration to provide sponsorship to the Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive 2025 event, by running a concert during the Cattle Drive's travel through the Barcaldine Region.

Resolution: 2024/09/299

Moved Cr Williams

Seconded Cr Rogers

That Council approves to provide sponsorship to the Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive 2025 to the values below for the following:

- 1. \$11,500 for the concert on Friday 30 May 2025 in Barcaldine to cover the performance fees, travel and accommodation.
- 2. \$2,500 In-kind support for the concert for event management and venue hire.
- 3. \$1,802 for the waiving of fees associated with the stock route permit.
- 4. That this be a ticketed event.

Carried

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3.2.5 Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group – Route Priority Review

Summary:

Barcaldine Regional Council (BRC) is part of the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG), which aims to maximise the investment in the region's road and transport network to achieve economic, social and environmental benefits. As part of this effort, the ORRTG developed the 'Route Funding Priority Framework' to prioritise road projects.

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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

Seconded Cr O'Brien

That Council:

- 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: Muttaburra-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-Muttaburra Road.

Carried

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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.

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Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr O'Brien

2024/09/301 That the report be received.

Carried

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1.4.1 Regional Council Business

- Councillor Howard: Muttaburra 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.

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

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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

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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: Moved Cr Gleeson Seconded Cr Williams

2024/09/304 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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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: Moved Cr Rogers Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/305 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: Moved Cr Williams Seconded Cr Howard

2024/09/306 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 1.50pm and returned at 1.51pm.

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 O'Brien Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/307 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 Howard Seconded Cr Williams

2024/09/308 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.4 Aramac/Muttaburra 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

Muttaburra District.

Resolution: Moved Cr Penna Seconded Cr O'Brien

2024/09/309 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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Councillor Williams left the meeting at 2.09pm and returned at 2.10pm. Councillor Howard left the meeting at 2.28pm and returned at 2.29pm.

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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 Penna Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/310 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.6 Community Engagement Coordinator

Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the

Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr Howard Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/311 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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3.6.7 Director of Works

Summary: From the Director of Works, submitting his Information Report.

Resolution: Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Gleeson

2024/09/312 That Council receive the report.

Carried

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4.	Close of	Meeting
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As there was no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.36pm.
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MAYOR DATED: