

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Ordinary Meeting

Thursday 16 March 2023

CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting
held on Thursday 16 March 2023 at the Civic Centre, 96a Eagle Street, Longreach**

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1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:02am.

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and we acknowledge elders past and present."

The Mayor welcomed Cr Paterson.

2 Prayer

Pastor Donna Muston, Uniting Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Condolences

Council paid their respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community members Graham Iles and former Mayor of Blackall Tambo Regional Council Barry Muir.

PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor

Cr AC Rayner

Deputy Mayor

Cr LJ Nunn

Cr DJ Bignell

Cr AJ Emslie

Cr TM Hatch

Cr DW Paterson

Cr TFB Smith

Officers

Chief Executive Officer

Brett Walsh

Chief Financial Officer

David Wilson

Acting Director of Community and Cultural Services

Kimberley Dillon

Director of Infrastructure Services

Roger Naidoo

Human Resources and Workplace Health and

Safety Manager

Grace Jones

Executive Office, Economic Development and

Public Affairs

Simon Kuttner

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,

Mayor and Councillors

Elizabeth Neal

Public Gallery

3 Consideration of Leave of Absence

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED / DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

4.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 150EG, 150EH, 150EI, 150EJ, 150EK, 150EL and 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the potential benefit or loss, and if applicable, provide the name of the related person and their relationship with them. They may not participate in a decision relating to the matter and must leave the meeting.

Cr Bignell declared a prescribed conflict of Interest in Item 14.1 Isisford Golf Club as his wife is a member of the Committee.

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4.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business

Pursuant to section 150EN, 150EO, 150EP, 150EQ, 150ER, 150ES and 150ET of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter must notify Council of the nature of the interest, if applicable, name of the related person, the relationship to them, and the nature of the interest, and/or the value and date of any gift received.

The Councillor may voluntarily leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter or;

Other Councillors may vote on this matter and decide if;

- (a) the Councillor must leave the meeting and not participate in a decision relating to the matter;
or
- (b) the Councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in a decision relating to the matter.

Cr Emslie declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 12.2 Request for Concession from the Longreach Bowls Club as he is a member of the Committee and will leave the meeting.

Cr Paterson declared a declarable conflict of interest in Item 14.1 Isisford Sheep & Wool Show donations as he is a member and will leave the meeting.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council - Thursday 16 February 2023

(Res-2023-03-062)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Nunn

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

6 Mayoral Minute

6.1 Mayoral Report

(Res-2023-03-063)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Mayoral report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

7 Councillor Requests

Nil

8 Notices of Motion

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Deputations

Nil

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11 Reception and Consideration of Chief Executive Officer's Report

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence

From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillors and public information.

The following correspondence has been received up to Monday 6 March 2023:

1. Feb QSBM Regional Networker Grant Program Guide
2. Local Government of QLD -Advocacy Action Plan 2023
3. Local Government Election 2024
4. QDOG Meeting Communiqué
5. OQTA Conference and Muster Program
6. Review of the Public Records Act 2002
7. Tegan Nuttall - Inquiry Restoration Langenbaker house
8. Telstra Connected Communities Grant Program
9. Qantas Regional Grants
10. Longreach Swim Club - Sponsorship Recognition

(Res-2023-03-064)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Councillor Information Correspondence Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events, Meetings and Conferences

The calendar provides an update on Council and community events occurring over the next three months.

March 2023			
13 Monday 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Longreach	Longreach Civic Centre	Public Event
14 Tuesday 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
14 Tuesday 6:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Ilfracombe	Martin Forrest Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe	Public Event
15 Wednesday 1:00pm	Community Engagement Forum Yaraka	Yaraka Town Hall	Public Event
15 Wednesday 5:30pm	Community Engagement Forum Isisford	Isisford Town Hall	Public Event
16 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
18 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
27 Monday 9.00am-5.00pm	Pre-budget Workshop	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
27 Monday 5.00pm	Rates due	Online Council offices	
29 Wednesday	Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Meeting	Longreach Council Office	Regional Arts Development Fund Committee
30 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
April 2023			
1 Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt & Markets	Wool Pavilion – Longreach Showgrounds	Public Event
18 Tuesday 8.00am-5.00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team

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19 Wednesday 8:00am –11:00am	Longreach Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee	Longreach Council Chambers	Audit & Risk Committee
20 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
22 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
25 Tuesday 5.45am	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Edkins Park	Public Event
25 Tuesday 8.20am	ANZAC Parade	RSL Memorial Club	Public Event
27 Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
May 2023			
6 Saturday	Longreach Races	Longreach Race Course	Public Event
8 Monday 9:00am -5:00pm	Pre-budget Workshop 2	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
12-13 Friday- Saturday	Longreach Show	Longreach Showground	Public Event
16 Tuesday 8:00am – 5:00pm	Council Briefing	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team
18 Thursday 9:00am -5:00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	Town Hall, Isisford	Councillors Executive Leadership Team Open to the public
21 Saturday 6.00pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Singing in the Night	Camden Park Station	Public Event
22 Sunday 11.30am 5.00pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Sing Sing Sing Opera Ball	The Branch Smithy's Camp	Public Event Public Event
23 Monday 6.30pm	Festival of Outback Opera: Lady Sings the Maroons	TBC	Public Event
27 Saturday All Day	Isisford Sheep & Wool Show	Isisford	Public Event
31 Wednesday 9.00am-5.00pm	Strategic Round Table	Fairmount Room, Longreach Civic Centre	Councillors Executive Leadership Team

(Res-2023-03-065)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the report, as presented

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 Council Meeting Date Change Request - June 2023

Consideration to change the Council Ordinary Meeting date in June 2023 currently scheduled for Thursday 15 June 2023.

(Res-2023-03-066)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn

That Council changes the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on Thursday 15 June 2023 to Thursday 22 June 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

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11.4 Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025: Local Housing Action Plan

Consideration of the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Longreach Regional Council Local Housing Action Plan.

(Res-2023-03-067)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives and endorses the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Longreach Regional Council Local Housing Action Plan, as presented and amended.

CARRIED 7/0

11.5 Workplace Health & Safety Update Report - February 2023

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 28 February 2023, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

(Res-2023-03-068)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie

That Council receives the Workplace Health & Safety Update Report for the period ending 28 February 2023.

CARRIED 7/0

11.6 Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Consideration of the Workplace Health and Safety Policy, following a biennial review.

(Res-2023-03-069)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Hatch

That Council adopts the Workplace Health and Safety Policy No 10.2, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Adjourned for Morning Tea 10:34am

Meeting resumed at 10:56am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance

11.7 Information Report - Governance

This report provides an update on a range of activities that have occurred over the previous month for the Governance Department.

(Res-2023-03-070)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

12 Reception and Consideration of Financial Services Report

12.1 Nomination of Audit and Risk Committee Member

The resignation of Councillor Martin has created a vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee that needs to be filled by a nominated Councillor.

(Res-2023-03-071)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Emslie

That Council appoints Cr Bignell as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee to comply with section 210, Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Committee's Term of Reference.

CARRIED 7/0

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Councillor Emslie left the Meeting at 11:46 am.

12.2 Request for concession from Longreach Bowls Club Inc.

Council has received a request from the Longreach Bowls Club for a concession on their water charges.

(Res-2023-03-072)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Hatch

That Council grants a concession to the Longreach Bowls Club (a not for profit organisation) for the 20 units of water allocated in the Revenue Statement 2022/23 for the Bowls Club Green and provides a rebate of \$3,390.40 for this allocation charged for the 2022/23 financial year on the condition that all rates and charges have been paid up-to-date.

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Emslie returned to the Meeting at 11:50 am.

12.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 28 February 2023:

(Res-2023-03-073)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 28 February 2023, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

13 Reception and Consideration of Director Corporate Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Corporate Services Report

13.1 Longreach Regional Council - Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee

Consideration of the appointment of members to the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee.

(Res-2023-03-074)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council in accordance with section 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, appoints the following committee members to the Longreach Regional Council Land and Pest Management Advisory Committee with the term expiring on 31 March 2025:

- *Adrian Brown*
- *Andrew Pegler*
- *David Morton*
- *Duncan Emmott*
- *Harry Glasson*
- *Mathew Brown*
- *Paul McClymont*
- *Peter Spence*
- *Rob Pearce*

CARRIED 7/0

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**Mayoral Minute - Resignation of Cr Bignell from the Rural Lands & Pest Management
Advisory Committee.**

Mayoral Minute – Mayor accepts the resignation of Cr Bignell from the Rural Lands & Pest Management Advisory Committee

(Res-2023-03-075)

Moved Cr Rayner

That Council accepts the resignation of Cr Bignell and appoints Cr David Paterson to the Committee

CARRIED

Adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm

The meeting resumed at 1:05pm with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance

13.2 Information Report - Corporate Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2023 for the Corporate Services Department.

(Res-2023-03-076)

Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

14 Reception and Consideration of Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Community and Cultural Services Report

Councillor Bignell & Councillor Paterson left the Meeting at 01:52 pm.

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14.1 Community Donations - March 2023

Consideration of the Community Donations applications received in March in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06.

(Res-2023-03-077)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie

That Council endorses the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.07;

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>	<i>Conditions of approval/Payment</i>
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association Inc</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Isisford Golf Club Inc</i>	<i>Isisford Golf Club</i>	<i>\$4,352.66</i>	<i>Not eligible</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Isisford Sheep and Wool Show Association</i>	<i>Isisford Sheep and Wool Show</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Longreach Netball Association</i>	<i>Longreach Netball Coach and Umpire Development Workshops</i>	<i>\$1,050.00</i>	<i>\$1,050.00</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame Crampdraft Association</i>	<i>Australian's Stockman's Hall of Fame National Crampdraft</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>	<i>Nil</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$20,402.66</i>	<i>TOTAL \$16,050.00</i>	

CARRIED 5/0

Councillor Bignell & Councillor Paterson returned to the Meeting at 02:04 pm.

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14.2 Mayoral Donations - March 2023

Considerations of applications received for the month of March 2023 in accordance with the Mayoral Donation Policy 11.02.

(Res-2023-03-078)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell

That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Mayoral Donation Program, in accordance with the Mayoral Donations Policy No. 11.02, as contained in the report and in the following table:

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>13-19 year's North West Swimming</i>	<i>15-16 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Jaylie Miller</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Kobe Jackson</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Laylah Williamson</i>	<i>13-15 year's North West Netball</i>	<i>27-28 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Max Bruggemann</i>	<i>13-19 year's North West Swimming</i>	<i>15-16 February 2023</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
TOTAL			\$1,750.00

CARRIED 7/0

14.3 Application for Works on Council Owned Land - New Storage Shed at Netball Complex

Consideration of an 'Application for works on Council owned land' from the Longreach Netball Association to construct a new storage shed within the leased netball area at the Longreach Showgrounds.

(Res-2023-03-079)

Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Smith

That Council grants the Longreach Netball Association permission to construct the proposed shed at the netball complex following the receipt of a Building Application with finalised plans.

CARRIED 7/0

14.4 Information Report - Planning & Development Report

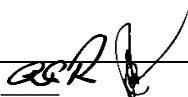
This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of February.

(Res-2023-03-080)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council receives the Planning & Development information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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14.5 Information Report - Community & Cultural Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February for the Community & Cultural Services Department.

(Res-2023-03-081)

Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Bignell

That Council receives the Community & Cultural Services information report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

15 Reception and Consideration of Director Infrastructure Services Report

Consideration was given to the Director Infrastructure Services Report

15.1 Information Report - Infrastructure Services

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2023 for the Infrastructure Department.

(Res-2023-03-082)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson

That Council receives the Infrastructure Information Report, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

16 Late Items

Nil

17. Closed Matters

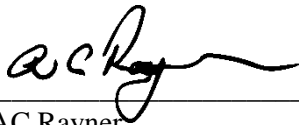
Nil

18 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2:37pm

Minutes Certificate

These minutes are confirmed.



Cr AC Rayner
Mayor



Brett Walsh
Chief Executive Officer