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# Longreach Regional Council



**Ordinary Meeting**  
**Thursday 14 March 2024**



**Minutes of the Longreach Regional Council Ordinary Meeting  
held on Thursday 14 March 2024 at the Civic Centre, 96 Eagle Street, Longreach**

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**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

Director of Community Services

Karyn Stillwell

Acting - Director of Works

Guy Goodman

Manager of Human Resources, Safety and Wellness

Grace Jones

Manager of Governance and Economy

Simon Kuttner

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer,  
Mayor and Councillors

Elizabeth Neal

**1 Opening of Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

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

**2 Prayer**

Reverend Rob Flodine, Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**3 Condolences**

The meeting paid its respects and observed a minutes silence for the passing of community member Pam Anderson.

**4 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**5 Declaration of any Prescribed / Declarable Conflicts of Interest by Councillors**

**5.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest on any Item of Business**

Cr Nunn declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item 11.2 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 55 Galah Street, Longreach as she is the owner of the property and will leave the meeting for the discussion and decision.

**5.2 Declaration of a Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Cr Bignell declared a declarable conflict of interest Item 13.4 Community Donations, Isisford Sheep and Wool Show, as he attends show meetings and volunteers on the day of the event and will leave the meeting for the discussion and decision.

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Cr Paterson declared a declarable conflict of interest Item 13.4 Community Donations, Isisford Sheep and Wool Show, as he is a member of the committee and will leave the meeting.

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**6.1 Council - Thursday 15 February 2024**

*(Res-2024-03-047)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Nunn*

*That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 15 February 2024, be confirmed.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**7 Mayoral Report**

**7.1 Mayoral Report**

*(Res-2024-03-048)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council receives the Mayoral Report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**8 Notices of Motion**

*Nil*

**9 Petitions**

*Nil*

**10 Deputations**

*Nil*

**11 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Consideration was given to the Chief Executive Officer's Report

**11.1 Councillor Information Correspondence**

*(Res-2024-03-049)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

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

*CARRIED 7/0*

**Attendance:** Councillor Nunn left the Meeting at 10:04 am.

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**11.2 Referral Agency Assessment Application (Alternative Siting Assessment) - 55 Galah Street, Longreach.**

Consideration of a Referral Agency Assessment Application for an alternative siting assessment lodged with Council on February 29 2024, for a carport to be positioned on land located at 55 Galah Street, Longreach and described as Lot 8 on L35710.

*(Res-2024-03-050)*

*Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council approves the siting variation of a carport with a .5 metre setback from the side boundary at 55 Galah Street, Longreach, and formally described as Lot 8 on L35710, pursuant to section 32 and 33 of the Building Act 1975, Planning Act 2016 and schedule 9, table 3 of the Planning Regulations 2017.*

*CARRIED 6/0*

*Crs Bignell, Emslie, Hatch, Paterson, Rayner and Smith voted for the motion*

**Attendance:** Councillor Nunn returned to the Meeting at 10:05 am.

**11.3 Monthly Workplace Health and Safety Report - February 2024**

This report provides a summary of Council's health and safety performance as at 29 February 2024, highlighting issues, risks and opportunities impacting on employee health and safety in the workplace.

*(Res-2024-03-051)*

*Moved Cr Emslie seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council receives the Workplace Health and Safety Update for February 2024, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**11.4 Information Report - Planning and Development**

This report provides an update on Development Services that has occurred during the month of February 2024.

*(Res-2024-03-052)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Nunn*

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

*CARRIED 7/0*

The Mayor and Councillors paid tribute to retiring Councillors Smith and Paterson and thanked them for their service, and presented them with gifts on behalf of Council and staff.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:31am.

The meeting resumed at 10:59am with all present prior to the adjournment in attendance.

**11.5 Information Report - Governance**

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

*(Res-2024-03-053)*

*Moved Cr Nunn seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council receives the Governance information report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**12 Financial Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director Financial Services Report

**12.1 Monthly Financial Statements**

Consideration of the financial statements for the period ending 29 February 2024:

*(Res-2024-03-054)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson*

*That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ending 29 February 2024, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**12.2 Information Report - Finance**

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2024 for the Finance Directorate.

*(Res-2024-03-055)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Paterson*

*That Council receives the Finance information report, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*



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**13 Community Services Report**

Consideration was given to the Director of Community Services Report

**13.1 Community Donations - Individuals**

Considerations of applications received for the month of March 2024 in accordance with the Community Donation Policy 11.06.

*(Res-2024-03-056)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council endorses the allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program, in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.6, as follows:*

<b>Organisation/ Individual</b>	<b>Event/Project Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
<i>Havana Elliott</i>	Capricorn Netball Academy	<i>February-June 2024</i>	\$350.00
<i>Malcolm Strong</i>	Young Conservatorium Ensemble Program	<i>February-November 2024</i>	\$350.00
<i>Tyler Morton</i>	Australian Junior High School Rodeo World Finals	<i>23-29 June 2024</i>	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,700.00</b>

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.2 Community Donations - GroWQ Association**

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

*(Res-2024-03-057)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Paterson*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>GroWQ Association Inc</i>	<i>GroWQ Innovation Expo</i>	<i>Financial \$4,084.30 In-Kind \$915.70</i>	<i>Financial \$4,084.30 In-Kind \$915.70</i>
		<b>TOTAL \$5,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL \$5,000.00</b>

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**13.3 Community Donations - Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association**

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

*(Res-2024-03-058)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Bignell*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>

Cr Bignell moved an amendment to the motion.

*General Motion(Res-2024-03-059)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$2,500.00</i>

*CARRIED 7/0*

*The amendment became the motion*

*(Res-2024-03-060)*

*Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Isisford Barcoo Recreational Fishing Association</i>	<i>Isisford Fishing Competition</i>	<i>Financial \$5,000.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,500.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$5,000.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$2,500.00</i>

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**13.4 Community Donations - Isisford Sheep and Wool Show**

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

(Res-2024-03-061)

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Nunn

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Isisford Sheep and Wool Show	Isisford Sheep and Wool Show 2024	Financial \$3,850.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00	Financial \$3,850.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$5,000.00

Cr Hatch moved an amendment to the motion

General Motion (Res-2024-03-062)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Isisford Sheep and Wool Show	Isisford Sheep and Wool Show 2024	Financial \$3,850.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00	Financial \$1,350.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$2,500.00

CARRIED 5/0

(Res-2024-03-063)

Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Smith

That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Grant Requested	Grant Approved
Isisford Sheep and Wool Show	Isisford Sheep and Wool Show 2024	Financial \$3,850.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00	Financial \$1,350.00 In-Kind \$1,150.00
		TOTAL \$5,000.00	TOTAL \$2,500.00

CARRIED 5/0

**Attendance:** Councillor Paterson & Councillor Bignell returned to the Meeting at 12:17 pm.

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**13.5 Community Donations - Yaraka Gymkhana Association Inc**

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

*(Res-2024-03-064)*

*Moved Cr Paterson seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Yaraka Gymkhana Association</i>	<i>Yaraka Horse and Bike Gymkhana</i>	<i>Financial \$4,821.00</i>	<i>Financial \$4,821.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$4,821.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$4,821.00</i>

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.6 Community Donations - Yaraka Sports and Progress Association**

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

*(Res-2024-03-065)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Smith*

*That Council approves the following allocation of funds from the Community Donations Program in accordance with the Community Donations Policy No. 11.06;*

<i>Organisation/ Name</i>	<i>Event/Activity</i>	<i>Grant Requested</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>
<i>Yaraka Sports and Progress Association</i>	<i>Restoration of Old Photos</i>	<i>Financial \$2,800.00</i>	<i>Financial \$2,800.00</i>
		<i>TOTAL \$2,800.00</i>	<i>TOTAL \$2,800.00</i>

*CARRIED 7/0*

**13.7 Information Report - Community Services**

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

*(Res-2024-03-066)*

*Moved Cr Bignell seconded Cr Hatch*

*That Council receives the Community Services Information Report for February 2024, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

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**14 Works Report**

**14.1 Information Report - Works**

This report provides an update on a range of activities that has occurred during the month of February 2024 for the Works Directorate.

*(Res-2024-03-067)*

*Moved Cr Hatch seconded Cr Emslie*

*That Council receive the Works Information Report for February 2024, as presented.*

*CARRIED 7/0*

**16 Late Items**

Nil

**17. Closed Matters**

Nil

**18 Closure of Meeting**

Councillor Smith assumed the Chair at 1:13pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1:14pm

**Minutes Certificate**

These minutes are unconfirmed.

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Cr A Rayner  
Mayor

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Brett Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer