



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2015,
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Attwood, T Arnett, W Bethel, P Royes, I Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Michael Kitzelmann, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr Rohana Samarasekera, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs Tanya Robinson, Executive Assistant
Mr Terry Whitaker, Works Manager

GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.08am and welcomed all in attendance.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.

We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.

CONDOLENCES

Council offers their condolences to the Butler family on the passing of Daisy Butler.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 9.10 am

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1572
5/0

DEPUTATION

Denis Reinhardt, Thomas and Scott Hall attended the meeting at 9.30am to present a deputation on mining in the Etheridge Shire.

Project status (DA approved, pre-construction etc)

The Georgetown Gold mill is the only operable hard rock gold mill north of Charters Towers. Upgrading work is currently underway for the resumption of production in 2016. Currently retreatment of tailings is being tested in bulk samples. There is in excess of 500,000 tonnes of tailings at the Mill available for retreatment.

The Mill and significant regional tenements were assembled by Hong Kong investors at a cost of \$29 million, and has been acquired by Brisbane based company, Etheridge Operations Pty Ltd (EOPL), under a Deed of Company Arrangement. Etheridge has also reached an agreement with the Hong Kong investors to subordinate their debt.

Etheridge Operations Pty Ltd proposes to lift the capacity of the Georgetown Mill over the next three years, so as to make it economically viable. At previous throughput capability of 100,000tpa it was a high cost mill.

EOPL has recently acquired the mothballed 350,000 tpa Collingwood Tin Mill near Cooktown, and intends to use components from there to upgrade the Georgetown Mill.

Active consideration is being given to increasing the capabilities of the Mill to process sulphide and base metal ores available on The Etheridge.

Detailed work is underway evaluating transport options, including linking the Mill by rail to the current Forsyth railhead.

Project development work continues at the Agate Creek gold project owned by Laneway Resources Ltd, an ASX listed entity. EOPL has funded drilling and exploration agreed to mine and process 200,000 tonnes of high grade gold ore.

Outstanding issues to be considered:

The Mill transitioning to full production

Desired Council support:

Transport approvals

Water supply options – an upgraded mill will be a large water user.

Participation in the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) particularly to assist mid-stream processing, water supply and transport improvements.

Investor visits

Expected demands on Local Government / State Government infrastructure:

Currently subject to assessment, but not anticipated to be huge in 2016 because significant feed will come from on site tailings and Agate Creek ore.

EOPL expects to develop a comprehensive proposal to put before the Etheridge Shire Council in first quarter 2016.

Expected construction workforce and post construction workforce:

This will be included in 2016 Q1 study.

Desired housing location for permanent workforce

EOPL is showing preference to local and FNQ recruitment, and is not an active supporter of FIFO except for external consultants.

The Mill has rented one house in Georgetown and expects to rent more soon.

Any other consideration that may impact on your project.

EOPL and Mill staff wish to engage in active discussion with the Council and the local community over the ways being considered to build the Mill and associated mines into significant producers, employers and contributors to regional development

ATTENDANCE

Terri and Samantha Cranwell attending the meeting at 9.33am.
Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 9.46am and returned at 9.47am

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 10.12am

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1573
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 18 November 2015

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 18 November 2015 be confirmed

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1574
5/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 18 November 2015

Cattle in Mt Surprise Township

RESOLUTION:

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate upgrading of the Mt Surprise Town fence ('fence of convenience') and associated infrastructure. Furthermore this fence is to be of a four strained barbed wire fence with a maximum span of ten meters between pickets, with all strainers and corner assemblies to be upgraded to steel, areas of high pressure to be identified and upgraded to ensure higher serviceability (potential for mesh etc..)

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1575
5/0

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Monthly Financial Report as at 30 November 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that the Chief Executive Officer must present a "Financial Report" of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the monthly Financial Report pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 November 2015.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1576
5/0

GMCCS2.

Capital Works Budget 2015/2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the 2015/16 Budget, Council has approved a number of Capital Works Projects. The attached report provides a summary of the Capital Works Program through a financial perspective.

Council receives a detailed commentary on how we are delivering on our Capital and Operating budgets each quarter through the Operational Plan review.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1577
5/0

GMCCS3.

Our Organisational – Update on Employment Numbers (FTE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

People are the key to Etheridge Shire Council's future. The survival, growth and success of Etheridge Shire Council are directly linked to the quality of the staff as individuals and as collaborative colleagues.

This report provides Council with an update on "Full Time Equivalents" (FTE) numbers and also provides trends and statistics on Council's Human Resource Department.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1578
5/0

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainable Planning Act 2009 requires all local councils to review their planning schemes every 10 years. The Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme was adopted in October 2005 and as such is due for review.

Over the past 18 months council officers have on several occasions discussed with the Department Infrastructure Local Government and Planning (DILGP) proposed “minor” changes to the current planning scheme. However the Department has advised that the proposed changes would be seen as being “substantial” changes and as such would require a total review of the current planning scheme resulting in substantial cost to council considering a further review would be required when the new “Planning Act” comes into existence.

A review of the current planning scheme would need to be aligned with current state planning legislation e.g. Queensland Planning Provision (QPP) and the Sustainable Planning Act (SPA). SPA is now and has been under review by the state government for over 12 months. We are led to believe that a totally new planning act will be proclaimed sometime over the next 12 months.

The current Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme is still suitable and appropriate for future development in the Etheridge Shire.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Accepts the officers’ report and furthermore resolves to carry out a full review of the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme, this review is to coincide with the shire urban planning activities.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1579
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10.38am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.58am

GMCCS7.

Scenic Lookout Restoration Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local Governments can now nominate for funding under the Palaszczuk Government's new \$3 million Scenic Lookout Restoration Fund. The fund was set up to help local councils revitalise existing lookouts and to encourage tourism in Queensland by improving safety, accessibility and amenity on our road network.

Sites will be focused on existing formal scenic lookout facilities on both state controlled and local government road networks

- *nominations for sites on local government-controlled roads will be managed under established Regional Roads and Transport Groups (RRTG) processes and will require RRTG endorsement to progress;*
- *state funding will be capped at \$300,000 per site to maximise the benefits across the state;*
- *funding of sites on local government-controlled roads will be on a 50:50 state to local government funding basis;*
- *nominations are due to your local Department of Transport and Main Roads' Regional Director by 8 January 2016. An approved program is currently expected to be finalised in the first quarter of 2016.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to apply for funding under the Scenic Lookout Restoration Fund to develop and enhance the partially constructed lookout on the Gulf Developmental Road located on the eastern side of the Newcastle Range and a further application for Flags lookout on the Einasleigh Road.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1580
5/0

GMCCS8.

Appointing an Acting Chief Executive Officer – S.195 of the Local Government Act 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council must appoint a qualified person to act as the chief executive officer during any period, or all periods, when the chief executive officer is absent from duty or cannot, for another reason, perform the chief executive officer's responsibilities.

The Chief Executive Officer will be on annual leave from the 24 December 2015 to the 22 January 2016.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to appoint the Director of Corporate & Community Services as Acting Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009 for the period from 24 December 2015 to 22 January 2016.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1581
5/0

GMCCS10.

Charleston Dam Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been forging ahead with the design and development of a Dam located on the Delaney River north of the Forsayth Township for the purpose of water security, recreation use and economic development.

The attached report provides a brief summary of the activities that have transpired over the past month.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to submit a grant application under Round 3 of the National Stronger Regions Fund for the Charleston Dam Project.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1583
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiations with the DLGIP and Queensland Treasury Corporation for a finance facility for the construction of the Charleston Dam for \$10,000,000 as an alternative option to cover the construction cost of the Dam and furthermore pending the approval of this finance facility Council then formally consider whether to draw down on the loan.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1582
3/2
Cr Royes and Cr Bethel voted against the motion

RESOLUTION:

That Council submits an expression of interest under the National Water Infrastructure Fund for the conduct of a feasibility study for the securing of water supply.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1584
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate alternative sustainable water supplies for the townships of Georgetown and Forsyth and furthermore an options analysis be conducted to present to Council for consideration under Value For Money principals.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1585
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Arnett left the meeting at 11.37am and returned at 11.44am
Rohana Samarasekera left the meeting at 11.58am and returned at 12.08pm
Cr Bethel left the meeting at 12.06pm and returned at 12.08pm

GMCCS11.

DA2011-002 – Permissible Change to Application

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 19 February 2014 council approved with conditions an application for a wind farm located between Forsayth and Einasleigh. This wind farm was later to be known as the Forsayth Wind Farm. Council is now in receipt of a request for a Permissible Change to this Development Approval.

In summary the Permissible Change seeks to change the existing layout of the wind turbines, total number of turbines, increase permissible internal access road widths, remove the requirement to bitumen seal specific roadways and remove the requirement as a council condition the inclusion of concurrence, advice and third party conditions and advice.

The Department Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM), Queensland Rail (QR) and Department Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) have assessed the proposed changes and have provided no objection to the changes and have not required further referral.

The request for the Permissible Change is recommended subject to relevant amendments of original conditions.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Accepts the officers' report and furthermore resolve to approve the following recommendations in relation to the changes sought to original conditions of approval through this Permissible Change:

1) Condition 1 states:

"the development shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the approved drawings and/or documents and in accordance with the specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application and subsequent amendments (Gilvear Planning Ref:J000149:FWF:SR – 13/02/2014) submitted to Council. (Refer Appendix 5 – Site Location and Indicative Turbine Layout Plans)"

Given the proposed changes to the layout request to amend Condition 1 as follows-

"the development shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the approved drawings and/or documents and in accordance with the specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application and subsequent amendments (Gilvear Planning Ref:J000149:FWF:SR – ~~13/02/2014~~ 09/11/2015 submitted to Council and as shown on Catcon drawing WAD131099 C04 dated 16/09/15. (~~Refer Appendix 5 – Site Location and Indicative Turbine Layout Plans~~)"

It is recommended that council resolve to approve Condition 1 in this amended format.

2) Condition 9 states:

"Internal access roads shall be designed and located to have a maximum cleared width of 7m within the remnant vegetation, to avoid any natural drainage lines, to have low-impact, environmentally sensitive drainage and to require minimal maintenance"

Due to the topography of the site and nature of the use greater flexibility to provide for the establishment of larger tracks is necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of construction and ongoing operation and maintenance of the development. It is requested that Condition 9 be amended as follows:

"Internal access roads shall be designed and located to have a maximum cleared width of ~~7m~~ up to 10m within the remnant vegetation, to avoid any natural drainage lines, to have low-impact, environmentally sensitive drainage and to require minimal maintenance"

It is recommended that council resolve to approve Condition 9 in this amended format.

3) Condition 12 states:

"The road shall be bitumen sealed for the full length of the frontage of the Einasleigh – Forsayth Road and associated access road intersections"

The applicant has requested through representations that this condition be deleted due to access to the wind turbines through the new layout will not impact on council roads.

It is recommended that despite representations by the applicant council resolve to decline this request and retain Condition 12 as noted above.

4) Condition 31 states:

“The concurrence, advice and third party agency conditions provided by DERM, DTMR and Ergon Energy within Appendices 1, 2, 3 & 4 shall be included as conditions of this approval. “

These issues have been addressed by the applicant separately with the appropriate department.

It is recommended that council resolve to approve the removal of any third party advice (wetlands and other matters) included within the letter dated 22 December 2011, and included as Appendix 3 in the original Decision Notice.

And furthermore all other conditions of the Decision Notice dated 25 February 2014 remain unchanged.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1586
5/0

GMCCS12.

Etheridge Economic Development Forum 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2015 Etheridge Shire Council hosted an Economic Development Forum to stimulate economic development in the region. Following on from the success of the 2015 Etheridge Economic Development Forum (EEDF), Council has resolved to hold a 2016 EEDF to showcase the economic achievements over the past twelve months and to develop a stronger economic, one which leverages the region’s natural advantages, industry strengths, emerging opportunities and future potential.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Allocates a budget for the 2016 Etheridge Economic Development Forum of \$25,000, furthermore approves proposed dates of 17 & 18 February 2016 to hold the forum.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1587
5/0

ATTENDANCE

David Munro left the meeting at 12.21pm and returned at 12.27pm

GMCCS13.

Urban / Master Planning (Etheridge Shire Townships)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire has been identified by a number of developers as a potential area for large scale irrigated agricultural developments, large scale alternative energy developments (wind, solar) and rare earth mineral mining (lithium & gold).

If these projects go ahead, there will be an impact on Councils townships, therefore based on the development that may occur over the next 12-24 months, Council has been discussing the future of our townships within the Etheridge Shire. While Council has in place its Planning Scheme to deal with Development Applications per say, Council wants to develop an Urban Plan / Master Plan for each of our townships to look at future areas of development (residential, commercial, industrial, open space, traffic management etc...)

Council resolved at the November General Meeting to seek quotes from various firms to undertake this work on behalf of Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council enter into a contract with RPS for the development of the Etheridge Shire Development Plan as per the attached quote.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1592
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a conflict of interest in GMCCS14 and remained in the room.

GMCCS14.

Economic Development Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council's Economic Development Fund Grant aims to provide encouragement and support to groups within the community to make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region. With an emphasis on development of community capacity, encourage participation and develop vibrant engaged resilient local communities.

Council has received an application from the Etheridge Tourism Advisory Group (ETAG).

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes Officers report and approves the allocation of \$10,000 under the Economic Development Grant Fund for the Etheridge Tourism Advisory Group (ETAG) project.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1593
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 12.28pm and returned at 12.30pm

9. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Monthly Engineering Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a review of the performance of Engineering Services for the month of November 2015, bench-marked against Council's Corporate and Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes the report from the Director Engineering Services in respect of the work performed and services offered for the month of November 2015 by the Engineering Section.

Resolves to approve the transfer of funds, within the current budget to meet the costs determined for the installation of the Booster Pump System as detailed in the paragraph titled Water Treatment Plant.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1588
5/0

GMES2.

Wash Down Bay at Mt Surprise

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

High operational costs and ongoing maintenance led Council to pass a resolution at the April 2015 General Council Meeting to decommission the Wash Down Bay at Mt Surprise.

A report was presented at the August General Council Meeting requesting direction from Council for the relocation, disposal or retention of the equipment. A resolution was passed to investigate the costing for the installation of an upgraded automatic system versus a manual operating system.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Instructs the Chief Executive Officer to decommission the Wash Down Bay at Mt Surprise and furthermore that the Director of Engineering Services be authorised financial expenditure to the value of \$10,000 for the decommission.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1589
4/1
Cr Bethel voted against the motion

RESOLUTION

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate alternative vehicle wash down options for the bore.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1590
5/0

GMES4.

Etheridge Shire Rural Road Network

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An extensive investigation has been undertaken to confirm/correlate all rural road names within the Etheridge Shire boundary with records held by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM). The need for this investigation became apparent after queries by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) regarding road names and asset numbers. The QRA sources road identification data from DNRM.

Presently Council records (Council Road Register ref doc A) provide names for some roads which are different to that recorded by DNRM. Additionally within the townships of Forsayth, Mt Surprise and Einasleigh the DNRM records indicate roads and names which are non-existent in the Council Road Register.

The above and other “deficiencies” such as; incorrect road names, obsolete roads within the townships of Charleston, Goldsmith and Einasleigh, changed road names due to separation or splitting of grazing properties, and local/colloquial road names replacing the names detailed in the DNRM register have been identified by Mr Rob Duffy (Business Manager, Landcentre, Land and Spatial Information, Department of Nature Resources and Mines, Brisbane). As advised by DNRM an updated road register needs to be lodged with the department as gazetting of Local Government roads are no longer required.

Under the Land Act 2009 Council has the authority to change the name of a road and in keeping with the Queensland Naming Policy the recommended changes are as detailed in the “new” road register which will replace the current Register held by Council.

The amendments recommended will remove any confusion and help maintain a more correct register of names for roads which the QRA is supportive.

RESOLUTION

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a full review of all road names within the Shire, including the Council Road Register, DNRM road register and accident reference point for TMR to ensure they are consistent across the shire and furthermore that all road signage be costed to be upgraded to a consistent standard.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1591
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 1.02pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE

Terri Cranwell left the meeting at 1.43pm

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

That in accordance with Section 275(1) (e & h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;

- *Request to Purchase Lot 28 on SP217269 (Georgetown Residential Estate)*
- *2016 Australia Day Award Nominations*
- *Industrial Land – Lease of Lot 98 on SP206971*
- *Tender ESC2015-008 – Supply and Delivery of Diesel Fuel*
- *Register of Preferred Suppliers for Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment – ESC2015-007*

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1594
5/0

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 3.42pm

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1595
5/0

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS4.

Request to Purchase Lot 28 on SP217269 (Georgetown Residential Estate)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has developed “Residential Land” within the township of Georgetown which went to Public Auction on the 24 September 2011. Council can now deal with offers from the public on a case by case basis after the Auction date which is in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, subject to the offer being higher than the Auction Bid on the day of the said Auction. Council has received a written offer for the purchase of Lot 28 on SP217469.

RESOLUTION

*That Council:
Resolve to approve the purchase of the allotment Lot 28 on SP217469.*

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1596
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Terry Whitaker left the meeting at 2.11pm and returned at 2.55pm

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Tincknell and Cr Arnett declared a conflict of interest in GMCCS5 and left the meeting at 2.57pm
Cr Tincknell and Cr Arnett returned to the meeting at 3.01pm

GMCCS5.

2016 Australia Day Award Nominations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council has prepared nominations packs for the annual Australia Day Awards.

Council invited the community to be involved by nominating individuals and/or groups who have made a significant contribution to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2015. Nominations closed as at Friday 4th December 2015.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to award the 2016 Australia Day Awards to the following applicants:

- 1. Australia Day Citizen of the Year –*
- 2. Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year –*
- 3. Australia Day Organisation of the Year Award –*
- 4. Australia Day Senior Sports Medallion –*
- 5. Australia Day Junior Sports Medallion -*

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1597
3/0

GMCCS9.

Industrial Land – Lease of Lot 98 on SP206971

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has requested details of the lease conditions over Lot 98 on SP206971 which is located within the Industrial Estate, Georgetown.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore endorses the conditions contained within the lease agreement over Lot 98 on SP206971.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1598
5/0

8. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMES3.

TENDER ESC2015-008 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DIESEL FUEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request calling for an Expression of Interest to Supply and Deliver Diesel Fuel to Etheridge Shire Depot and a mobile tanker located within the Shire was advertised in August 2015 with the objectives being to streamline Council's fuel procurement process and reduce related procurement costs for Council.

Four submissions were received at the close of Tender with one submission being determined as non-compliant for failure to sign submitted documents. The three remaining submissions were evaluated and under Local Government Regulations Chapter 6 Part 3 Subsection 6b two companies were shortlisted to submit written tenders.

Written tenders were received on Wednesday 11 November 2015. The evaluation process has been completed and details of each tender are provided in this report.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Accept the tender from Marano's Fuel for the supply and delivery of diesel fuel for a period of twelve (12) months with and option of one (1) twelve month extension by mutual agreement of both parties.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1599
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel and Terry Whitaker declared a conflict of interest in GMES5 and left the meeting at 3.29pm
Cr Bethel and Terry Whittaker returned to the meeting at 3.41pm

GMES5.

REGISTER OF PREFERRED SUPPLIERS FOR WET AND DRY HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT-
ESC2015-007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tenders were invited for the Register of Preferred Suppliers for Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment from 29 March 2016 to 28 March 2017 with the option to extend the period a further twelve (12) months if so decided by Council.

At the close of tender, 19 October 2015, sixty (60) submissions were received. One Tender was considered to be non-compliant as Form C (Submission of Prices) was not completed.

Assessment of the Tenders has been within the guidelines of the Council Procurement Policy and Legislation, namely: Local Government Act Qld 2009 S.106 (3) in respect of sound contracting principles with a register of preferred suppliers to be maintained by Council in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 sections 233.

Importantly Council needs to note that the table of registered Preferred Suppliers is not in any specific order and is only a “register” of suppliers under the Tender. It DOES NOT provide guarantee of work by Council.

The selection of a Tenderer will be governed by the sound contracting principles referred to above and requirements on the day for the work including the suitability of the subject plant and equipment.

Council is to kindly note that the engagement of any Contractor maintained on the preferred list will be subject to stringent conditions in accordance with the Tender Conditions and Specifications, These conditions are:

- Possession of current licenses, registration certificates, insurance policies as applicable, public liability and workers compensation cover, condition of the equipment WHEN REQUIRED to commence work.
- Availability of plant and machinery at the time when required.
- Experiences and capabilities of the operators which will reflect on the performance and adherence to Council Policies and Procedures with special reference to the Council’s and Legislated Code of Conduct.

RESOLUTION

That Council notes and receives the report and accepts the plant hire tenders listed in Table One titled, “Preferred Suppliers of Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment” as the panel of providers for the supply of plant and equipment for the period from 20 March 2016 to 28 March 2017 with the option to extend the period a further twelve (12) months if so decided by Council.

That Council notes that the non-conforming tenders listed in Table 3 may not be considered until they conform.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1600
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Attwood left the meeting at 3.48pm and handed the chair to the Deputy Mayor Cr Tincknell.
Cr Bethel left the meeting and returned at 4.15pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Arnett

- Georgetown Race Track
- Etheridge Shire Planning Workshop

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the conditions of operation for the Georgetown Race Track, including land tenure, trusteeship and required change for any future use.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1602
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Cr Bethel

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a basic concept design on tourism activities along the rail link between Mt Surprise and Forsayth.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1601
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Cr Royes

- Function at the Lynd Junction
- Updating Council Website

Cr Tincknell

- Etheridge Learning Facility
- Bores in Etheridge

RESOLUTION:

That Council instructs the CEO to ensure that all infrastructure has been subject to the appropriate building and development application process in the event of a material change of use.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

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RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1603
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ATTENDANCE

Rohana Samarasekera, Terry Whittaker, David Munro and Tanya Robinson left the meeting at 4.28pm. David Munro and Tanya Robinson returned to the meeting at 4.35pm.

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the Department of Education for the professional development of the Etheridge Learning Facility's Teachers Aide to the maximum value of \$3,000.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1604
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RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate potential water sources for the construction of the Charleston Dam and furthermore that basic preparations be considered to be presented at the January General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1605
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.45pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 27 January 2016.

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