



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019,
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, W Bethel, W Attwood, E Loudon & T Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Les Morgan, Director Engineering Services
Mrs. Anna Bethel, Executive Assistant
Miss. Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

Mr. Joe Haase

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:10am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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.

DECLARATIONS

Councillors discussed making declarations prior to each agenda item and agreed that this will be the best way forward.

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

That Council passes on its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Joel Kerr.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20 November 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20 November 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2783

4/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Bethel

- Discussed the resolution made regarding cattle entering the Mt Surprise township at the November General Meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Attwood entered the meeting at 8:23am.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Gilbert River Project Officer and the Terrestrial Centre and the Action Taken List from previous General Meetings.

Business arising from the Information Bulletin

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed Mt Talbot Station's road and whether grading of this road was upcoming on the schedule of works.

Cr Devlin

- Discussed correspondence from the Mayor of Carpentaria Shire Council regarding the R.O.S.I funding for the Savannah Way.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Regional Roads and Transport Group (FNQROC RRTG) in response to the letter received from the Carpentaria Shire regarding where the funding is being committed for the Savannah Way Route.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2784
5/0

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed correspondence from Mr. Greg Ryan from Greenhills Station regarding the untidy state of the Road Crew camp left on departure of the job.

Cr Devlin

- Requested an update on the water levels in Georgetown and Forsayth.

Cr Gallagher

- Commented on the Director of Childcare Services resignation and commended her work at the Little Gems. Cr Gallagher requested both Jane and Lex's attendance at the next Council meeting to thank Jane for her dedication to the centre and farewell them both from the community.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Tony Potter, Strategic & Planning Engineer entered the meeting at 9:05am.

Charleston Dam Update

- Mr. Tony Potter gave an update to Council on matters pertaining to the Charleston Dam.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Joe Haase left the gallery at 9:28am and returned at 9:29am.
Mr. Tony Potter left the meeting at 9:32am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:39am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 9:55am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Regional Airports Fund

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Devlin declared that he may have a possible conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS1 as he supplies fuel to aircraft. Cr Devlin determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
(b) If so, whether: -
i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Devlin has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "Regional Airports Fund" and furthermore that Cr Devlin may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2785
4/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the November 2019 General Meeting, Cr Loudon moved a resolution requesting that the Chief Executive Officer investigate current grants available for airport upgrades.

The Federal Government has a Regional Airports Program which provides regional airports or aerodromes with grants to enhance aviation safety and accessibility of aerodromes in regional areas of Australia.

It will support critical air infrastructure that will:

- improve the safety of aircraft, operators and passengers using regional airports or aerodromes***

- *facilitate improved delivery of essential goods and services such as food supplies, health care and passenger air services*
- *improve the connectivity of Australia’s regions to domestic and global market opportunities*
- *meet the operational requirements of aeromedical and other emergency services in the region*

The grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project costs, unless you and a third party are both contributing to eligible project costs. In this case, the grant amount will be up to 33.3% of eligible project costs.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer’s report and furthermore that Council investigate the upgrade of the Georgetown Airstrip in readiness for the next round of the Federal Government Regional Airports Program and furthermore that this project be considered within the 2020/21 Budget.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2786
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

This project has been identified within Councils Corporate Plan (2018-23) under Strategic Objective 1.3.3 - Strengthen and extend the runway at the Georgetown airfield to 1,500m.

GMCCS2.

Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To access funds through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Council needs to identify and nominate Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) and submit an application to the Local Regional Road Group (LRRG) for acceptance and approval.

TIDS funding is on a 50/50 basis and is allocated as a lump sum amount to the LRRG which is then distributed on a competitive ranking basis to Councils within that LRRG.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer’s report and furthermore that Council make an application to the Far North Queensland Regional Road Group to have part of O’Briens Creek Road included as a Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS) from Chainage 3.6 to Chainage 39.9.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2787
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Tourism plays an important role in the local and regional economy, bringing tourist and economic benefits to the Shire. Continued exposure and ready access to Etheridge Shire’s businesses and attractions is important for sustaining and enhancing tourism in the Shire.

GMCCS3.

To make the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme under the Planning Act 2016, Section 18

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme (the planning scheme) has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Act 2016 (the Act) as a framework for managing development in a way that advances the purpose of the Act.

In seeking to achieve this purpose, the planning scheme sets out Etheridge Shire Council's intention for the future development in the planning scheme area, over the next 20 years.

The planning scheme applies to the entire area of Etheridge Shire including all premises, roads and internal waterways, and interrelates with the surrounding local government areas

In accordance with Step 8 of Stage 3 of the prescribed plan-making process that was issued by you the Department of the 11 April 2018 (prescribed process), the proposed scheme was publicly consulted for 40 business days between 23 September 2019 and 18 November 2019.

Consultation on the proposed scheme occurred in accordance with the approved Community Engagement Strategy.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve the following:

- i. Endorse the Submission Review Report (Attachment A) providing a summary of the matters raised in submissions on the proposed Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme and proposed changes in response to the submissions;*
- ii. Endorse the amended version of the proposed Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme (Attachment B) with changes detailed in the Submission Review report*
- iii. Confirm that the amended version of the proposed Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme is not considered to be significantly different to the public consultation version*
- iv. Pursuant to step 10 of stage 3 of the prescribed plan-making process (issued by the Chief Executive of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning on 11 April 2018), respond to the persons who made properly made submissions about the planning scheme advising how the council has dealt with the submissions*
- v. Pursuant to step 14 of stage 4 of the prescribed plan-making process, write to the Minister of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning requesting approval to adopt the proposed planning scheme.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2788
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

A local government preparing a new planning scheme must follow the process under a notice pursuant to section 18(3) of the Planning Act issued by the Director General of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.

Under section 18(6) of the Planning Act, Etheridge Shire Council must make its planning scheme by following the process as outlined in the notice.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Attwood left the meeting at 10:43am and returned at 10:44am.

GMCCS4.

Savannah Way Art Trail

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has partnered with the Regional Arts Services Network to establish an artwork representative of the region as part of the Savannah Way Art Trail project being delivered by Arts Queensland. In order for the project to progress, commitment to and approval from Council is sought for the site, size and type of art form to be completed.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore commits to location three (3), an area of 20m² in part of Lot 5 on SP146611, adjacent to the TerrEstrial as the site for the Georgetown Artwork to be part of the Savannah Way Art Trail and in addition approval is given for the art form to be a significant sculpture.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2789
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- Etheridge Shire Council was successful in receiving funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund.
- This project has the capacity to compliment other attractions in Georgetown and to contribute to an increased length of stay in the town.
- There is the opportunity for Council to engage positively with residents around a feel good project that will add to local aesthetics, enhance the visitor experience, depict local stories and give local aspiring artists the chance to build their skills and capacity.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Anna Bethel, Executive Assistant left the meeting at 10:53 and returned at 10:56.

GMCCS5.

Local Government Reform Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The next stage of the rolling Local Government reform agenda which is based on the principles of: integrity; transparency; diversity; and consistency in the system of Local Government in Queensland was introduced into Parliament on 28 November 2019, the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019.

Reforms in the Bill include:

- *new register of interest requirements*
- *new and clarified conflict of interest requirements*
- *new requirements for political advisors*
- *provisions relating to the dissolution of a local government and administrators*
- *changes for filling councillor and mayor vacancies.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2790
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Etheridge Shire Council has developed a Corporate Governance Framework to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice democratic local government. The Framework is not a policy or statement of intent, but rather a document which outlines council's governance policies and practices. It provides an overview of the governance program that has been put in place in order to assist elected members, management and employees in meeting their governance responsibilities. Council is committed to high standards of corporate governance and accountability and seeks continuous improvement in this regard.

GMCCS6.

Arrangements for the Caretaker Period during the 2020 Local Government Quadrennial Elections

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The caretaker period commences when the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) publishes the notice of the quadrennial elections calling for nominations and will conclude when the ECQ publishes the declaration of poll notice for Etheridge Shire Council.

During the caretaker period, Council must not publish or distribute election material. Election material is anything able to, or intended to:

- influence an elector about voting at an election, or***
- affect the result of an election***

Additionally, the Council should prepare for the caretaker period by planning to make any major policy decisions before or after the election period.

The provisions for the Caretaker period are outlined in Part 5, Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act 2009.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report in relation to the provisions contained under Chapter 3, Part 5, Section(s) 90A, 90B, 90C, 90D of the Local Government Act 2009 which pertains to the 2020 Caretaker Arrangements.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2791
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

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GMCCS7.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

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:

Resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report which incorporates the monthly statutory financial statements (Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Cashflows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 November 2019.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2792
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government and furthermore that the financial statements must be presented if the local government holds its ordinary meetings monthly or less frequently to each meeting and the Financial Report presented to a meeting must be for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the previous month.

OPEN SESSION ADENDUM

GMCCS10.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS10 as he owns land on the Gilbert river, and he stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter

He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 11:19am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 11:43am.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS10 as he has family that own land on the Gilbert river. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether: -
 - i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "Gilbert River Irrigation Project" and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2793
3/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019 Jacobs was awarded the contract to deliver a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the proposed Gilbert River Irrigation Project. The DBC was to be formulated in accordance with the Building Queensland Business Case Development Guidelines and further include enough information to enable the formulation of an Initial Advice Statement (IAS) for submission to the QLD Coordinator General to facilitate Coordinated Project designation, and to inform decisions around the requirements for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

As part of their submission Jacobs undertook to deliver a draft DBC for consideration by Etheridge Shire Councillors at the December General Meeting. Jacobs have honored that undertaking and have delivered a draft DBC for consideration by Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the draft Detailed Business Case (DBC) for continuation to detailed review by relevant Government Agencies and review entities.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2794
4/0

Cr Bethel did not discuss or vote on this matter due to a declared Material Personal Interest.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Detailed Business Case (DBC) can proceed to finalization according to the formal agreement between Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) and the Queensland State Government.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Devlin left the meeting at 11:43am and returned at 11:44am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Raised the issue of minor outstanding works on the Multipurpose Center in Georgetown.
- Discussed a request from community members regarding the netting of the squash court and safety concerns regarding children climbing on the net.
- Raised the 150 year celebration of Georgetown in 2020.
- Discussed upgrading the catering shed at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to the Georgetown Cricket Club seeking their support in applying for a Grant (Community Gaming Fund) to assist Council with additional funds regarding the upgrade of the catering shed at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2795
5/0

Cr Loudon

- Discussed the identification of the Einasleigh common becoming a potential area for growing of Fodder in the future.
- Discussed the matter raised at the Forsayth Community Consultation regarding the flushing at the Forsayth Water Treatment Plant being conducted multiple times per day.

Cr Bethel

- Discussed the fencing of the Mt Surprise town common.
- Raised the possibility of Council lobbying to have the shire drought declared.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a maintenance review of the Mt Surprise town boundary fence and furthermore that Council write to the adjoining property owners and also liaise with the land owner regarding the repairs to the said fence.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2796
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to commence the process for Drought Declaration for the Etheridge Shire.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2797
5/0

Cr Attwood

- Gave an update to Council on the Aged Care Steering Committee.

Cr Devlin

- Raised correspondence received from Bram Collins from Undara who has recently taken up the position as Chair of Savannah Way LTD.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer write to Savannah Way Ltd requesting further information regarding their request for financial assistance of \$10,000 per year over the next five years and how these funds will be effectively spent and furthermore that Council seeks additional information on Savannah Way Ltd.'s tourism strategies, and new organisational structure.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2798
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.45pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:25pm.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Anna Bethel, Executive Assistant was not in attendance after lunch.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 1:25pm.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2799
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

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;

- *Tender ESC2019-006 Upgrade to the Visitor Information Centre.*
- *2020 Australia Day Awards Nominations.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2800
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant left the meeting at 1:25pm and returned at 1:45pm.

Miss Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant returned to the meeting at 1:45pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 1:45pm.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2801
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS8.

Tender ESC2019-006 Upgrade to the Visitor Information Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council issued a Request for Tender (ESC2019-006) for the Design & Construct of the Upgrade of the Visitor Information Centre on the 20th September 2019 with Tenders closing on the 18th October 2019.

At the Special General Meeting dated 13th November 2019, council was presented with a report regarding the Tender applications for the Design & Construct of the Upgrade of the Terrestrial Centre.

In accordance with Resolution No.2019/GM2765 the Chief Executive Officer wrote to the Tenderer on Wednesday 20th November 2019 regarding the tender seeking clarification and confirmation as per the resolution dated 20th November 2019.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to re-confirm its decision dated 13th November 2019 under Resolution No.GM/2761 for the awarding of the Tender ESC2019-006 to Tenderer A (RBS) for the design & construction of the upgrade of the Terrestrial Centre as per their tender submission and furthermore that Council request that items 15,21 & Additional Item No.3 be removed from the scope of works and furthermore that Council is satisfied that the Tenderer has satisfactorily met the requirements as outlined under Resolution No.GM/2761 & GM/2765 and furthermore that Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to issue and sign the contract.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2802
3/2

Cr Bethel and Cr Gallagher voted against the motion due to the cost of the upgrade of the Terrestrial Centre.

GMCCS9.

2020 Australia Day Awards Nominations

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS9 as Cr Gallagher submitted a nomination under one of the Australia Day categories. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by not participating in the discussion and not voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

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- (b) If so, whether: -
 - i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
 - ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a conflict of interest in Item titled "Annual Australia Day Awards" and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may not participate in the meeting in relation to this matter, including voting on the matter.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2793
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Gallagher left the meeting at 1.40pm while this matter was being discussed.
Cr Gallagher returned to the meeting at 1.45pm

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 2019. Nominations closed as at Friday 6th December 2019.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to award the 2020 Australia Day Awards to the following applicants (recipients are confidential until Australia Day awards):

- 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 -***
- 6. Mayoral Award -***

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2803
4/0

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 1:54pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 22nd January 2020.

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MAYOR

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DATE