



# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

**Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville**

**Wednesday, 21 May 2025**

**9.00AM**



QMF Outback Sounds in Charleville

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Barton (Director Engineering), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services), R Richen (Manager Tourism Marketing and Events) E O'Brien (Genesis Hydrology)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

Fr Peter Doohan delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Apologies**

Nil

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Applications for Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Eckel declared that he has a conflict of interest in the matter of Item 11.7 - as he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Charleville & District Historical Society.

**4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

Cr Ebsworth has provided the Chief Executive Officer with an updated Register of Interests.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 110/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

The Chief Executive Officer has advised that the monument to commemorate the Qantas first flight from Charleville to Cloncurry has arrived.

Lifeline Darling Downs – Charleville Water Tower has been coloured in purple lighting in support of Domestic and Family Violence Month.

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**8 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION****9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Received and Noted.

**10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE****10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 111/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO THE \$2 BILLION RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND****RESOLUTION 112/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approve for the Chief Executive Officer to make application to the Queensland Government \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund to develop stages 1-5 of Stage 2 of the Charleville Aurora Estate project and;

If successful, Council will provide ten blocks to the Queensland State Government for government employee housing.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 MURWEH BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PLAN****RESOLUTION 113/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council adopts the Murweh Bushfire Mitigation Plan as presented.

**CARRIED**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 114/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council suspend standing orders to receive a presentation from Mr Evan O'Brien, Genesis Hydrology - regarding matters relating to the Augathella and Charleville Flood Levee operations and maintenance.

**CARRIED**

Mr Evan O'Brien entered the meeting at 9.43am

**RESUME STANDIND ORDERS****RESOLUTION 115/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council resumes standing orders.

**CARRIED**

Mr O'Brien exited the meeting at 10.02am

**10.4 MONTHLY TOURISM REPORT****RESOLUTION 116/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the May 2025 Tourism Report.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 QUEENSLAND MUSIC TRAILS OUTBACK SOUNDS REPORT AND 2026 PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION 117/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the outcomes of the Outback Sounds event, and confirms support for continued collaboration with Queensland Music Trails for the 2026 Trail.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 2026 TOURISM PRICING****RESOLUTION 118/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council adopts the recommended pricing for the 2026 Tourism portfolio, from 1 June 2025 for 2026 group bookings and from 1 January 2026 for all advertised pricing.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:41am.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:07am.

The Director of Engineering was present when the meeting resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 119/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That standing orders be amended to enable the Engineering Services Reports to be brought forward for consideration by Council.

**CARRIED**

**12 ENGINEERING SERVICES****12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 120/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for May 2025

**CARRIED**

**12.2 ADOPTION OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (TIDS) 4 YEAR WORKS PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 121/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council adopts the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) 4 years works program as presented below, for pavement rehabilitation of Alfred & Wills Street Charleville, various rural roads reseals, and resurfacing of Charleville Airport assets.

**CARRIED**

**12.3 ADOPTION OF ROADS TO RECOVERY FY25/26 RESEAL PROGRAM****RESOLUTION 122/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approve the allocation of \$875,685 from Roads to Recovery funding towards Charleville town street reseals in FY25/26

**CARRIED**

**RESUME STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 123/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council resumes standing orders.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Engineering Services exited the meeting at 11.48am.

The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 11.50am.

**11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY****11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 124/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 30 April 2025, including;

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data

4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual
5. Road Works – budget vs actual
6. Capital Funding Detail
7. Rates Summary
8. Income Statement April 2025
9. Balance Sheet April 2025
10. Financial Statements Actual April 2025

**CARRIED****11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-25 QUARTER THREE REPORT****RESOLUTION 125/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, receives the Third Quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2024-25.

**CARRIED****11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 126/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the May Human Resources Report.

**CARRIED****11.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 127/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

**CARRIED****11.5 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 128/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the May 2025 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11.6 MAKING A MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2017: MAJOR AMENDMENT - HOUSING AND PLANNING IMPROVEMENT****RESOLUTION 129/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That this report be received and that:

1. Council decides for the purposes of Chapter 2, Part 4, section 16.1 of the Ministers Guidelines and Rules (MGR), to commence making a major amendment to its planning scheme, and;
2. Council give notice to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations of the decision to amend the planning scheme, and, in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4, section 16.2 of the MGR, request early confirmation of state interests.

**CARRIED**

Cr Eckel declared that he has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Agenda Item 11.7 and exited the meeting at 1:27pm

**11.7 CHARLEVILLE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLIC AMENITIES COST SUPPORT****RESOLUTION 130/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate Services to negotiate an annual ex-gratia payment to the Charleville & District Historical Society to cover the expected utilities costs of the Public amenities located at 93 Alfred Street, Charleville.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a lunch break at 01:29pm.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 01:43pm and Cr Eckel was in attendance.

**11.8 USER AGREEMENT AND CHARLEVILLE RACECOURSE USER AGREEMENT**

Council directed:

That the matter lay on the table until additional advice can be sought regarding the agreements.

In the meantime users be advised that there are to be no leading horses from vehicles on the course proper and training track.

Cr Alexander exited the meeting at 3:00pm.



**11.9 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - MAY****RESOLUTION 131/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for May 2025.

**CARRIED**

**11.10 CONSIDERATION FOR ANNUAL VALUATION EFFECTIVE 30 JUNE 2026****RESOLUTION 132/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council recommend the Valuer General not carry out an unimproved capital valuation (UCV) of rateable land within the Murweh Shire effective 30 June 2026, but recommend a valuation be completed not later than effective 30 June 2028, as it is usual practice for unimproved capital valuations to be conducted every three to five years.

**CARRIED**

The Director of Corporate Services exited the meeting at 3:12pm.

**11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 133/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the May 2025 Economic Development Report.

**CARRIED**

**12 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES****14.1 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 134/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Community and Health Services Report for the May 2025 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**14.2 APRIL MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORTS****RESOLUTION 135/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the May 2025 Library Report.

**CARRIED****14.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR IMPACT REPORT****RESOLUTION 136/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Community Services Coordinator Report.

**CARRIED****14.4 SUPPORT OF NAIDOC CLOSING CEREMONY 2025****RESOLUTION 137/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council continue its support of NAIDOC week with provision of catering supplies for the barbeque at the closing ceremony on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.

**CARRIED****14.5 SUPPORT OF RADSCHOOL ASSOCIATION "SCOOTAVILLE 2025" EVENT****RESOLUTION 138/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council support the "Scootaville 2025" event by waiving all fees for use of Charleville Showgrounds on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

**CARRIED****13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**15 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:36pm.