



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

9.00AM



Tourism and Business Consultation

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026 AT 9.00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (CEO), J Barton (Director of Engineering), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), T Martin (Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure), K Crosby (Regulatory Services Manager), R Richen (Tourism, Marketing & Events Manager)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter Doohan delivered the 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 Sommerfield declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in agenda item 14.06, as she is Vice President of the Charleville and District Show Society.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 117/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 March 2026 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

11.6 USE OF OLD HANGAR BY ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE FOR BLACK TIE BALL

Remove "It is recommended that Council approve the use of the hangar.." and Replace with "Council approves the use of the hangar..."

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

General Discussion

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS
<p>RESOLUTION 118/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes correspondence received since the 17 March 2026 Council Meeting that may be of interest to Councillors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2026
<p>RESOLUTION 119/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for the April 2026 Council Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.2 COUNCIL POLICIES
<p>RESOLUTION 120/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council adopts the following Policies as presented, with minor amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOV-020 Complaints Management Policy • GOV-021 Complaints Management Procedure • GOV-022 Human Rights Policy • GOV-023 Information Privacy Policy <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.3 MARCH 2026 SURPLUS SECONDHAND PLANT — VIRTUAL PUBLIC AUCTION RESULTS**RESOLUTION 121/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the excellent results of the March surplus second-hand plant virtual public auction conducted by Ray White NASCO, which returned total auction proceeds of \$494,123.00 (inclusive of GST) against a combined reserve of \$269,000.00, representing 184% of reserve.

CARRIED**10.4 REQUEST FOR A SEAT FOR CHARLEVILLE CEMETERY****RESOLUTION 122/26**

Moved: Cr S Radnedge

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council;

1. approves the suggestion from Mrs Evelyn Purvis for the provision of a seat surrounding one of the large trees at the Charleville Cemetery close to the lawn cemetery section.
2. Council to also investigate the signage for parking within the cemetery.

CARRIED**10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION****RESOLUTION 123/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor Cr Peter Alexander, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott at the Local Government Association of Queensland Bush Councils Convention to be held in Longreach between 26 and 28 May 2026.

CARRIED**10.6 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY****RESOLUTION 124/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott at the 2026 Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly to be held in Brisbane on 25 – 27 August 2026.

CARRIED

10.7 ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

RESOLUTION 125/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott, at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) 2026 to be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from 23 to 25 June 2026, including the Tuesday Regional Forum on 23 June 2026.
2. Approve travel by Murweh Shire Council corporate vehicle between Charleville and Canberra (return) with travel dates of on or about 22 June 2026 and return on or about 26 June 2026.
3. Approve early bird registration fees of \$999.00 per delegate and Regional Forum fees of \$350.00 per delegate (NGA delegate discount rate), totalling \$4,047.00 (GST inclusive) for three delegates.
4. Note that accommodation, meals not provided at the event, travel and incidental expenses will be met in accordance with the Councillors Remuneration, Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities Policy (FIN 010) and the Training and Development Policy (HR-033), with accommodation selected on the basis of value for money and proximity to the National Convention Centre.

.CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:47am.

Mr Michael Wex, TAFE Community Engagement Officer South West Queensland joined the meeting for morning tea.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:19am.

Mr Michael Wex, TAFE Community Engagement Officer for South West Queensland addressed the meeting regarding his role.

The Director of Corporate Services was present when the meeting resumed.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION 126/26

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 March 2026, including;

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

<p>4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual</p> <p>5. Road Works – budget vs actual</p> <p>6. Capital Funding Detail</p> <p>7. Rates Summary</p> <p>8. Income Statement March 2026</p> <p>9. Balance Sheet March 2026</p> <p>10. Financial Statement Actual March 2026</p>	CARRIED
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11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-26 QUARTER THREE REPORT	
RESOLUTION 127/26	
<p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council as per section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, receives the Third Quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2025-26.</p>	
CARRIED	

11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT	
RESOLUTION 128/26	
<p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the April 2025 Human Resources Report.</p>	
CARRIED	

11.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT	
RESOLUTION 129/26	
<p>Moved: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.</p>	
CARRIED	

11.5 2027 LAND VALUATION PROGRAM - VALUER-GENERAL CONSULTATION
<p>RESOLUTION 130/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advise the Valuer-General that it supports a revaluation of residential (urban) rateable land within the Murweh Shire as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program, taking effect 30 June 2027, on the basis that residential property sales activity has demonstrated sufficient growth to warrant an updated valuation. 2. Advise the Valuer-General that it does not support a revaluation of rural rateable land within the Murweh Shire as part of the 2027 Land Valuation Program, on the basis that the rural property market remains reasonably stable since the last valuation was completed. 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to communicate Council's position to the Valuer-General by 15 May 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the Land Valuation Act 2010. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.6 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 131/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the April 2026 Council Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.7 PA7898 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT – REARRANGING THE BOUNDARY (2 LOTS INTO 2 LOTS) – MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL – 13 KYTE STREET, CHARLEVILLE						
<p>RESOLUTION 132/26</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p><i>That Murweh Shire Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot – rearranging the boundary (2 lots into 2 lots) on land located at 13 Kyte Street, Charleville, formally described Lot 13 C14023 and Lot 2 SP130272.</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">1.1</td> <td style="width: 60%;">The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">At all times.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.2</td> <td>The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">At all times.</td> </tr> </table>	1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.	1.2	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.
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2.0	Approved Plans and Documents										
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plan, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.		At all times								
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3.0	Services										
3.1	All existing services must be wholly contained within the proposed lot boundary, relocated or contained within easements (as required).		Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan and at all times.								
4.0	Removal of structures										
4.1	Any structures located over the proposed new boundary must be removed.		Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.								
5.0	Compliance										
5.1	All relevant conditions of this development permit must be complied with prior to the Plan of Survey being submitted to Council for endorsement.		Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan and at all times.								
6.0	Outstanding Charges										
6.1	All rates, service charges, interest and other charges levied on the land are to be paid prior to Council endorsement of the Plan of Survey.		Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.								

B. ASSESSMENT MANAGER (COUNCIL) ADVISORY NOTES

1. This approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the relevant provisions of s85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
3. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

5. The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* applies to action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance. Further information on the EPBC Act can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural, Water and the Environment website <https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/about>.

CARRIED

The Regulatory Services Manager entered the meeting at 12.20pm.

11.8 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION 133/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for April 2026.

CARRIED

11.9 TENDER SEVEN ALLOTMENTS WITHIN BOLLON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

RESOLUTION 134/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approve the following seven allotments located within the Bollon Road Industrial Estate be advertised for sale by tender, commencing Tuesday 5 May 2026 and closing Monday 1 June 2026:

1. Lot 2 on SP 323795
2. Lot 3 on SP 313219 and Lot 4 on SP 305929 (as one portion)
3. Lot 5 on SP 305929
4. Lot 6 on SP 313219
5. Lot 7 on SP 313219
6. Lot 8 on SP 305929

[Refer to attachment 1 – Map of Bollon Road Industrial Land]

CARRIED

11.10 TENDER OF LOT 2 ON SP130272

RESOLUTION 135/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the sale of land and residence on Lot 2 on SP130272, Charleville for sale by tender under section 227 and section 228 of the *Queensland Local Government Regulation*.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services exited the meeting at 12.50pm.

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 136/26 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for April 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

14.1 APRIL MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 137/26 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel That Council receives and notes the April 2026 Library Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

14.2 CHARLEVILLE TOWN POOL – APRIL 2026 MONTHLY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 138/26 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel That Council receives and notes the Charleville Town Pool Monthly Report for April 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

14.3 CHARLEVILLE AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION - CONTINUED USE OF STORAGE FACILITY AT CHARLEVILLE SHOWGROUNDS**RESOLUTION 139/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Endorse the continued shared use of the 'old canteen' building at the Charleville Showgrounds by the Charleville and District Cricket Association for the storage of cricket equipment, until such time as a suitable replacement facility is constructed or an alternative arrangement is established.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to formalise the arrangement through an appropriate licence or usage agreement with the Charleville and District Cricket Association, at no cost to the Association, consistent with Council's support for local sporting organisations.
3. Note that no budget allocation is required as this matter relates to the in-kind use of an existing Council-owned building.

CARRIED**14.4 REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FESS - MORVEN TOWN HALL BY THE MORVEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. AND SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE (TRACC)****RESOLUTION 140/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council:

1. Agree to the use of the Morven Town Hall by the Morven Progress Association Inc. and South West Hospital and Health Service — Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) for the Just a Farmer Free Community Film Screening to be held on Saturday 6 June 2026, commencing at 4:30 pm and concluding at 9:30 pm.
2. Waive the applicable hire fee as per Council's current Schedule of Fees and Charges for this event, noting this represents an in-kind contribution to a free public health awareness event being delivered during Men's Health Week 2026.
3. Note that the standard conditions of hire, including that the hall is left in a clean and tidy condition and that a current Public Liability Insurance policy naming Council as joint assured is maintained for the period of hire, apply in full.

CARRIED

14.5 CHARLEVILLE SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF VENUE HIRE FEES 2026**RESOLUTION 141/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Agree to waive venue hire fees for the Charleville School of Distance Education for use of the Charleville Racecourse Complex and Showgrounds Pavilion for the following two field events in 2026: - Whole School Muster: 25 to 29 May 2026; and - Term 4 Field Event: 19 to 23 October 2026.
2. Agree to provide the use of tables, chairs and related equipment at no charge for both events.
3. Note that this approval is granted on an in-kind basis outside the Community Assistance Policy framework and does not set a precedent for future applications under that policy.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue written notification of Council's decision to Mrs Rickie Itzstein, Principal, Charleville School of Distance Education.

CARRIED

Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure entered the meeting at 1.28pm.

Cr Sommerfield declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in agenda item 14.06, as she is Vice President of the Charleville and District Show Society and exited the meeting while this discussion took place at 1.29pm

14.6 IN-KIND ASSISTANCE - PROVISION OF LOAM FOR 2026 CHARLEVILLE SHOW RODEO ARENA**RESOLUTION 142/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Approve the provision of up to 100 cubic metres of loam as in-kind material assistance to the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society Inc for use as the rodeo arena surface at the 2026 Charleville Show.
2. Note that the estimated total cost to Council, inclusive of materials, plant, transport, and operator time, is approximately \$6,000 (ex GST), to be funded from the Community Assistance Budget.
3. Condition the assistance on the Show Society's written commitment that all loam and associated infrastructure will be fully removed from the Charleville Showgrounds upon conclusion of the event, with the site returned to its original condition.
4. Council be acknowledged as a major sponsor of the event.

CARRIED

The Tourism and Events Manager entered the meeting at 1.38pm.

Cr Sommerfield entered the meeting at 1.39pm.

14.7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - MORVEN STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION - GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT WORKS**RESOLUTION 143/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council not approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Morven State School P&C Association

.CARRIED

14.8 WAIVER OF COMMUNITY BUS HIRE FEE - RIDEWEST AUGATHELLA COMMUNITY EVENT**RESOLUTION 144/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Approve the request from Natalie Newell of 'Biddenham', Augathella, to waive the Murweh Shire Council Community Bus hire fee for the transport of students and community members from Augathella to Biddenham on Wednesday 29 April 2026 to support the RideWest fundraising event for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Wellbeing out West programme.
2. Note that the hire of the Community Bus is subject to compliance with Council's Community Bus Policy and completion of all necessary hire documentation prior to the departure date.

CARRIED

14.9 TOURISM MARKETING AND EVENTS REPORT - APRIL 2026**RESOLUTION 145/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Tourism, Marketing & Events Report for April 2026.

CARRIED

14.10 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2032**RESOLUTION 146/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council:

1. Receive and adopt the Murweh Shire Council Tourism Strategic Plan 2026–2032 as per agenda as a living strategic document, noting that specific targets, data, and operational details are subject to revision in accordance with the review schedule prescribed within the plan while the strategic intent and direction of the plan remain in effect.
2. Express in-principle support for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct as OMOA Stage 2, acknowledging the Bidjara community's endorsement and subject to co-design processes and satisfactory feasibility outcomes.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community, Community Services & Community Infrastructure to commence formal engagement with Bidjara People and other Traditional Owner bodies, and with CWAATSICH, to establish a Traditional Owner Reference Group.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to develop and lodge grant applications in accordance with the funding strategy set out in Section 5.8 of the Tourism Strategic Plan.
5. Authorise the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to engage with the Queensland Minister for Tourism, the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Federal Member for Maranoa, and the National Indigenous Australians Agency regarding the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct.
6. Note that a further report will be presented to Council recommending a budget allocation for a business case and feasibility study for the Bidjara Community Tourism Arts and Cultural Precinct ahead of the adoption of the 2026–27 budget.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a break at 1.58pm.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 2:18pm.

14.11 MURWEH BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY - FUEL COSTS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS RESULTS**RESOLUTION 147/26**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council:

1. Receive and note the results of the Murweh Business Impact Survey on Fuel Costs and Regional Economic Conditions as presented in this report.
2. Note that a second community-wide survey is currently being administered to gather broader sentiment from the Murweh community, with results to be presented to Council upon completion.

CARRIED

14.12 KATHERINE BENNEL-PEGG VISIT**RESOLUTION 148/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the Katherine Bennell-Pegg visit which occurred in March 2026.

CARRIED

14.13 AUSTRALIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE 2026 INVITATION**RESOLUTION 149/26**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council endorses the Tourism Marketing and Events Manager's attendance at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE26), recognising the strategic value of participation in promoting the Murweh Shire and supporting growth in visitation and regional tourism outcomes.

CARRIED

14.14 WE'RE ONLY A DAY AWAY TV CAMPAIGN**RESOLUTION 150/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Endorse participation in the WIN Television Network campaign "Murweh - We're Only A Day Away!"; and
2. Approve a budget allocation of \$7,500 to support the delivery of the campaign.

CARRIED

14.15 SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCALIS TOURISM INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM**RESOLUTION 151/26**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council

1. Approve the subscription to the Localis Tourism Intelligence Platform at the Platform Access tier, at a cost of \$12,000 (excluding GST) per annum, funded from the Economic Development operational budget, effective from the date of execution of the subscription agreement.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the subscription agreement with Localis on behalf of Murweh Shire Council.
3. Note that officers will explore a cost-sharing partnership arrangement with neighbouring local governments — including Quilpie Shire Council, Barcoo Shire Council, Paroo Shire Council, and Bulloo Shire Council — and report back to Council within six months on the outcome of those discussions.
4. Note that a review of platform utilisation and value for money will be presented to Council prior to annual renewal.

CARRIED

14.16 QMF SADDLE UP 3 YEAR PROPOSAL**RESOLUTION 152/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council

1. Note the updated proposal from Queensland Music Festival for participation in the Outback Trails program (2027–2029); and
2. Endorse negotiations with QMF to secure participation at a contribution level of \$15,000 per annum plus in-kind support, reflecting:
 - The scale and positioning of the Charleville event within the Trail
 - The calibre of programming relative to previous QMF events
 - Council's commitment to achieving value for investment

CARRIED

14.17 RESQ+ INSTRUCT DRIVING INDUCTION PROGRAM - PROPOSED MONTHLY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

RESOLUTION 153/26

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council:

1. Receive and note the partnership proposal from RESQ+ Instruct dated April 2026, seeking a monthly financial contribution of \$700 (equating to \$8,400 per annum) to fund driving instruction services for eligible community members in the Murweh Shire region.
2. Decline to commit to the proposed ongoing monthly financial contribution at this time, on the grounds that the proposal as submitted does not contain sufficient information to satisfy Council's due diligence obligations, including the absence of an accountability and reporting framework, defined partnership terms, and termination provisions.
3. Advise RESQ+ that there is external funding available through Qld Department of Main Roads Community Road Safety Grant

CARRIED

The Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure and The Tourism and Events Manager exited the meeting at 2.45pm.

The Director of Engineering entered the meeting at 2.48pm.

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 154/26

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

16.1 Alfred and Wills Streets Asphalt Upgrade - Tender Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (g) of the Local Government Regulations, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 155/26

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

16.1 ALFRED AND WILLS STREETS ASPHALT UPGRADE - TENDER REPORT**RESOLUTION 156/26**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council resolves to:

1. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the tenderers, issuing the proposed contract and requesting confirmation of their tendered price; proposed commencement and completion dates; project duration; nominated key personnel; confirmation that the tendered price will be held for the duration of the works; and any departures from the contract, including associated cost implications.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, subject to satisfactory outcomes from the clarification and negotiation process, to enter into a construction contract with the preferred tenderer based on the negotiated terms.
3. Receive a subsequent report to ratify the Chief Executive Officer's actions at the next available Council meeting.

CARRIED

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.