



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

9.00AM



"Canvas to Catwalk" now open at Mulga Lands Gallery. Celebrating NADIOC Week

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025 AT 9.23AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), J Barton (Director of Engineering Services), R Richen (Manager Tourism, Marketing and Events), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Provided by Fr Peter Doohan at the start of today's proceedings and Special Budget Meeting.

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 that she has a Prescribed conflict of interest in the matter of Item 14.2 - as she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Charleville Performing Arts Festival.

Cr Ebsworth declared that she has a Prescribed conflict of interest in the matter of Item 14.2 - as she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Charleville Dance House.

The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in item 16.1 – as he has an interest in the nearby land.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 194/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 June 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings with the below amendments being: the record of the Councillors Ebsworth and Sommerfield conflicts of Interest declarations from Declared to Prescribed as presented, and the order of Resolution 169/25 to 167/25, 167/25 to 168/25, and 168/25 to 169/25

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS****RESOLUTION 195/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received post the June 2025 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CARRIED**10.2 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT JUNE/JULY 2025****RESOLUTION 196/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for July 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED**10.3 MURWEH SHIRE 2026 SPECIAL HOLIDAY REQUESTS****RESOLUTION 197/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council notifies the Office of Industrial Relations that it requests Friday 15 May 2026 of the nominated Charleville Show dates (14 – 16 May 2026) as the Murweh Shire 2026 special holiday being a public holiday under the *Holiday's Act 1983*, and

A half day holiday be requested for Tuesday 3 November (afternoon only) to coincide with Melbourne Cup Day as a bank holiday only for banks and insurance offices and under the Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990, and under the Public Sector Act 2022 for public service employees.

CARRIED

10.4 DRAFT COMMUNITY BUS POLICY**RESOLUTION 198/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

1. Endorses the Community Bus Policy as presented.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the policy and ensure compliance.
3. Notes that any requests for travel outside the designated shires or for uses not specific to the intent of this policy will continue to require specific Council approval with applications received 30 days prior to the planned departure date.

CARRIED

10.5 HIRE OF THE COMMUNITY BUS BY CHARLEVILLE & WESTERN AREAS ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS COMMUNITY HEALTH (CWAATSICH)**RESOLUTION 199/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council approve the use of the Murweh Shire Council Community Bus by Charleville & Western Areas Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (CWAATSICH) to transport seniors from Quilpie to attend the Seniors Games in Charleville on the following dates:

- Thursday 21 August 2025
- Friday 22 August 2025
- Saturday 23 August 2025

subject to compliance with Council's Community Bus Policy and completion of the necessary hire documentation.

CARRIED

10.6 CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE THE START OF SENIORS GAMES FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2025**RESOLUTION 200/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council:

Approve the change of time to 10am for the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting on Friday 22 August 2025; and

Publish a public notice of the revised meeting date and time in accordance with Section 277 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED

10.7 WESTERN QUEENSLAND SURFACE TROUGH AND ASSOICATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING LOCAL RECOVERY PLAN**RESOLUTION 201/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council endorses the Event Specific Local Recovery Plan – Murweh Shire Council (Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, March–April 2025).

CARRIED

10.8 2025-26 GET READY QUEENSLAND GRANT PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 202/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council nominates the below pre-approved activities for the 2025-26 Get Ready Queensland Grants:

Informative literature

Information for distribution to residents and business owners, which instructs and informs on disaster preparedness tasks and contact details.

Event collateral

Funding could cover items such as banners, signage, displays, leaflets, posters, specifically relating to the grant recipient's disaster preparedness messages.

Technology-based preparedness systems

This may be infrastructure such as flood cameras or alert systems.

CARRIED

10.9 DONATION OR SPONSORSHIP REQUEST ST MARY'S SCHOOL BINGO**RESOLUTION 203/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council provides sponsorship of a Family Pass to the Cosmos Centre, Bilby Experience and the WWII Secret Base, and a donation of 6 promotional packs as prizes for the St Mary's School Bingo to raise funds for the years 5 & 6 Students Camp in October 2025.

CARRIED

10.10 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL – REVISED CRABS HALF MARATHON ROUTE SUNDAY 27 JULY**RESOLUTION 204/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approve the holding of the Charleville Runners and Bikes (CRABS) Half Marathon Route for Sunday 27 July starting at Charleville Showgrounds where runners will proceed along Partridge Street, turn left onto Diversion Road, then right onto Wellwater Road, continuing to the 10.5km turnaround point, before returning to the Showgrounds.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:20 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:45 AM.

Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events entered the meeting virtually at 10.45 AM.

Manager of Tourism, Marketing and Events left the meeting at 11.04 AM.

10.11 TOURISM REPORT**Resolution 205/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the July 2025 Tourism Report.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 11.04 AM.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 206/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 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 June 2025
9. Balance Sheet June 2025
10. Financial Statements Actual June 2025

CARRIED

11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**RESOLUTION 207/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the July Human Resources Report.

CARRIED**11.3 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 208/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

CARRIED**11.4 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 209/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

CARRIED

The Manager of Regulatory Services entered the meeting at 11.50 AM

11.5 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - JULY**RESOLUTION 210/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

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

CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Due to the sensitive nature of this matter before Council, the Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting.

RESOLUTION 211/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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 Application for Conversion Lot3 on RP55290 and Lot2 on RP55290

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (i) 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 a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 212/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED**16.1 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION LOT3 ON RP55290 AND LOT2 ON RP55290****RESOLUTION 213/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council offers no objections to the Application for Conversion of Lot 3 on RP55290 and Lot 2 on RP55290, but advises the Department of Resources that Bradley's Gully traverses these parcels of land and this potential impact on the land should be considered in the freeholding process.

CARRIED

The Director of Engineering Services entered the Meeting at 12.35 PM

The Director of Engineering Services left the Meeting at 12.56 PM

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 214/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for July 2025.

CARRIED**13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**14.1 JUNE MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT****RESOLUTION 215/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the report from the library.

CARRIED

Cr M Ebsworth declared an Prescribed conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting at 1.02 PM

Cr T Sommerfield declared an Prescribed conflict of interest in the following matter and exited the meeting at 1.02 PM.

14.2 COUNCIL ASSISTANCE 2025-2026 ROUND 1 (GENERAL)**RESOLUTION 216/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the Community Assistance Grants for assistance required up to 31 Dec 2025 as tabled for the estimated amount of: \$ 74,388.00.

CARRIED

Cr M Ebsworth returned to the meeting at 1.13 PM

Cr T Sommerfield returned to the meeting at 1.13 PM.

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:05pm.