

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019

PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:03am
were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox and Cr Kennedy

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Works – Bart Servaas, and
Minutes Secretary – Judy Norton.

PRAYER

Cr Wharton read the prayer.

APOLOGIES

Cr Pattel unavoidably delayed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20190319.1

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on Tuesday 19 February 2019 be adopted as tabled.

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

Cr Wharton gave an overview of the new development taking place in Richmond.

The Mud Hut Hotel is expanding with the installation of six new accommodation buildings consisting of four rooms each and one new laundry building.

In addition, twelve accommodation trailers consisting of thirty-five rooms have been placed on a hard stand base at 31 Pattel Drive by Landtrak to accommodate the influx of Railway workers.

Incitec Pivot Limited (Southern Cross Fertilisers Pty Ltd) have entered into a Land Use Agreement with Council for the use of 29 Pattel Drive. They have prepared a hardstand pad, installed a relocatable donga and connected water and power to the site at their own expense.

Cr Wharton further discussed the visits from the Governor and other Government Officials throughout the month with whom he has met to discuss the restoration of the Shire infrastructure as a result of the disastrous February rain event.

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Cr Pattel entered the room at 08:16am.

Cr Wharton discussed the Governments \$1 million dollar funding and advised that more funds are required to complete the Shires recovery process. The rate relief for the current quarter awarded to the Shire rate payers, the carcass removal plan, the Shires fencing repairs and the cost of helicopter hours to drop food, hay, medical supplies as well as saving livestock equate to well over \$1 million dollars.

WORKS AND SERVICES

WORKS COORDINATORS REPORT

ITEM 2.0 WORKS COORDINATORS PROGRESS REPORT

Nil Report

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 3.0 WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

WORKSHOP FOREMAN REPORT

ITEM 4.0 WORKSHOP REPORT

Noted

AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 5.0 AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

Noted

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

Noted

Council acknowledged that there will be no major works on the Shire roads until after the wet season. The works team have been concentrating on getting the roads opened up.

Cr Kennedy responded that the community is very appreciative of the repairs done by Council to date.

Cr Bawden questioned if scrapers could be put on the rural roads as a more effective method of repair.

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Cr Wharton suggested that the roads should be taken back to a level where table drains are not necessary.

Cr Kennedy discussed the upcoming meeting with Neil Scales the Director General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Cloncurry. Cr Wharton advised that Mr Scales would be in Richmond the following day and would be inspecting the damage to the roads.

Cr Pattel advised that at a recent meeting of the Australian Dinosaur Trails a topic of discussion was the complete sealing of the Winton Richmond Road.

Cr Wharton enquired if the damage to the Racetrack had been picked up under Flood Damage. Cr Fox responded in the negative but advised that Qld Racing was soon to arrive to inspect the track and assist with the grant application for repair.

Council in unison expressed their concern for the damage to infrastructure of the local sporting clubs.

Cr Wharton advised that the fill from the earthworks at the site of the new service station would be dropped at the Golf Course to reestablish the fairways.

Cr Pattel advised that the Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program provides not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with funding to re-establish their facilities and activities after extreme natural events.

Funding of up to \$5000 (Level 1) and \$20,000 (Level 2) may be available for eligible sport and recreation organisations located in areas declared under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

Cr Wharton expressed his concern that events are being cancelled owing to damage to facilities.

Attendance

Cr Wharton left the room at 8:52am.

Cr Kuhl took the chair.

Councillors Fox and Pattel mentioned the removal of the shed at the Racecourse without consultation or discussions with the clubs impacted by the decision.

It was acknowledged that the shed would be relocated to another site as directed by the Turf Club, the shed being their property, in readiness for the construction of the new amenity block.

Council discussed the DOWs betterment proposal for the construction of a new overflow pipe at Lake Fred Tritton and agreed to include the work in the next budget.

As a safety measure the existing arrangement will be left in place and temporarily repaired with stone fill.

Attendance

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 8:56am.


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Cr Kuhl vacated the chair.

Cr Pattel commented on the new cement slab at the Football Oval and expressed concern that there had been no communication with the clubs using the facility. Cr Pattel further advised that a lot of infrastructure at the Councils sporting venues is the property of the Club and not the Council.

Cr Wharton responded that owing to the funding arrangement for the completion of the Racecourse Amenity Block there was very little time to act. The decision to move the shed from the Racecourse to the Football Oval was made in consideration to both parties.

Cr Kuhl commented that owing to the timeframe for construction and the acquittal of the funding being 30 June 2019 the subsequent discussions with the stakeholders had obviously been overlooked.

Cr Wharton further advised that \$118,000.00 to extend the Lake footpath had been acquired through the Drought Communities Funding.

RURAL LAND OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 7.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICERS REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the re-opening of the Stock Routes. Cr Wharton advised that drovers from the areas still in drought are in dire need of grass for their stock. Longreach and Winton still have their Stock Routes closed so TMR have issued permits for the cattle to travel on the roadside which saves the need for slashing and eliminates the hazard of fire.

Council agreed unanimously to re-open the Richmond Shires' Stock Routes to the drovers.

SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 8.0 SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

Nil Report

AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 9.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

Nil Report until after muster

LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 10.0 LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

Noted

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Cr Kuhl enquired if Council is still fogging the township for mosquitos.

Council agreed to conduct the animal inspection program in the second part of the year after the registration period is over.

Council discussed the removal of the requirement to register cats in the Richmond Shire. In regard to the LLOs suggestion that cat owners can buy a registration tag if required it would be just as easy to keep the registration fee to a minimum to cover the cost of the tag.

RESOLUTION 20190319.2

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Fox and carried to continue the requirement to register cats within the township but to keep the registration fee to a minimum to cover the cost of the tag.

Council further agreed to the preparation of an 'Animal Handing Over Form' for signing in the instance of the surrender of an unwanted animal.

The Animal Control fees and charges will be reviewed at the Pre Budget meeting in May 2019.

REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 11.0 REFUSE TIP CONTRACTORS REPORT

Noted

Council agreed to restrict access to the existing concrete and tyre piles by the general public at the Refuse Tip. Contractor to action.

A new carcass pit will be dug at the earliest opportunity.

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 12.0 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

Noted

Council commented on the improved appearance of the township and acknowledged the hard work of the Town Services gang.

Cr Pattel enquired if there was a reason why so many of the trees in the Main Street had died.

Cr Wharton advised that preparation was underway for new plantings of different varieties of trees.

Council unanimously agreed in keeping the street planters the one uniform colour.

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20190319.3


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It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 9:45am.

Attendance

Rodney Moylan, Dennis Friend and Keith Summers joined the Councillors for Morning Tea to be presented with their Length of Service Awards of twenty-five, fifteen and ten years respectively.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20190319.4

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the meeting resume at 10:24am.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Pattel, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Bart Servaas, and Judy Norton.

Cr Kuhl excused herself to attend a Teleconference at 10:25am.

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM 13.0 SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Noted

BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 14.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Nil Report

The matter of the lack of development applications received owing to the amount of building currently being undertaken was questioned by Council.

Cr Wharton advised that all Building/Development/Town Planning enquires are forwarded to Milford Planning who are on retainer to handle same.

The applications are expected in due course.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 15.0 FINANCE REPORT

Nil Report

The CEO advised that Peta Mitchell from IT Vision had attended to provide staff with more training in the new accounting system.

Arrangements are underway to engage a Finance Manager and Finance Officer on a three month contract to cover the recently vacated positions.



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Council discussed the expending of funding prior to end of June and requested that the DOW draft a plan for the Dinosaur Park upgrade for approval and completion as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 16.0 CEO REPORT

Noted

Item 16.1 Acquisition of Land for Unpaid Rates

RESOLUTION 20190319.5

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 12 Subdivision 3 Section 148 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council proceed with the acquisition of land for overdue rates on L409-410 M5593:PAR RICHMOND and L5 RP720670:PAR WYANGARIE.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

ITEM 17.0 RDA REPORT

Nil Report

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 18.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Item 18.1 & 18.2 Donations

Council thankfully acknowledged the donations from Tie Up the Black Dog and the Western Downs Regional Council to assist with the recovery expenses after the devastating floods in the Shire.

The funds will be held in Trust and distributed within the next two or three months.

Attendance

Cr Kuhl re-entered the room at 10:57am.

Item 18.3 Simpson Street Road Closure

Council discussed the charges associated with the application for the road closure on Simpson Street. The matter is to be discussed further with the land owners.

Item 18.4 Aerodrome Lighting

Council viewed the quote for the design and construction of the Aerodrome lighting and intend to apply for funding to cover cost of same.

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POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 19.0 MONTHLY REPORT

Council reviewed the following policy.

Item 19.1 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY**

RESOLUTION 20190319.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council adopt the reviewed Dispute Resolution Policy as presented.

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 20.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the new Cemetery fence design. The DOW to draw a plan showing the requirements.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 11:25am.

Attendance

Cr Pattel left the room at 11:27am.

RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 21.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

Attendance

Cr Kennedy re-entered the room at 11:28am.

Attendance

Cr Pattel re-entered the room at 11:29am.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 22.0 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the need for appropriate speed signage in both Crawford and Simpson Streets from the turn offs at Larsen Street and at the other ends.

Cr Wharton will mention the 50k/hour speed limit in the Mayors Message.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 23.0 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Noted

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 24.0 POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

Noted

TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 25.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

Nil Report

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 26.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

Noted

Council discussed the repairs to the flooring of the new amenities block at the Van Park and decided to source a different supplier.

The upgrade to the power supply is to be a priority.

Attendance

Bart Servaas left the room at 11:52am.

Attendance

Bart Servaas re-entered the room at 11:53am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 27.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Kennedy questioned the possibility of having a fuel storage facility at the Airport. Cr Wharton responded that one of the local fuel companies might be interested in providing the service with a card operated system. Cr Kennedy suggested that if Council provide the infrastructure a supplier may be more interested in operating the service. Cr Kennedy will contact suppliers and source more information.

Cr Kuhl advised that she is still partaking in teleconferences furthering discussions toward recovery from the rain event.

Cr Kuhl also enquired if the remaining PPE Packs should be sent on to other affected Shires or stored in Richmond for future use.

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Cr Pattel gave an overview of the recent Dinosaur Trail meeting. The topics included the spending of money on the short drive market, a letter of support for the full seal of the Richmond Winton Road and the availability of funding for Destination Events e.g. The Outback Fossil Festival. There is an amount of \$15,000.00 available for marketing and promotion.

Cr Pattel also discussed the Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (TRAIC) grants program. This grant encourages community-based groups to develop and promote mental health support networks in regions affected by natural disasters. The events targeted in the Richmond Shire are the Maxi Races, Melbourne Cup Day and a Football Game. Cr Pattel enquired if Council would be the custodian of the funds by holding it in the Trust Account.

Cr Pattel explained an idea for Richmond to hold the Lake Fred Tritton Challenge – an open water swim. This even would run in conjunction with the annual Swimming Carnival held in November. The carnival attracts at least 130 attendees on the Saturday most of whom would stay for the open swim on the Sunday.

Suggested inclusions for the day included a skiing demonstration and miniature jet boats.

Cr Wharton advised of an enquiry from a musician to have a selection of well-known country artists perform at the Bush Races. He will provide more information as it comes to hand.

Information Reports

RESOLUTION 20190319.7

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the information reports be received and noted.

Meeting closure

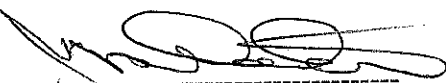
RESOLUTION 20190319.8

It was moved Cr Pattel, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that the meeting close at 12:27pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting

16 April, 2019

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 19 March, 2019.



Mayor