

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, Manager of Communities – Angela Henry; Director Of Works – Michael Wanrooy and Minutes Secretary – Judy Norton.

PRAYER

Cr Bawden read the prayer.

APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 20171121.1

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that leave of absence be granted for Cr Pattel.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20171121.2

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Boardroom, Richmond on Tuesday 24 October 2017 be adopted as tabled.

ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

Cr Bawden advised that the Rural Lands officer will arrange a program for the poisoning of the Shire roadsides in the New Year.

Michael advised that the toddlers pool sealant was finished with luxury beading that shouldn't graze the skin. The contractor will return to inspect and offer advice as to how to rectify the situation.

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1.0 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

WORKS AND SERVICES

WORKS COORDINATORS REPORT

ITEM 2.0 WORKS COORDINATORS PROGRESS REPORT

Nil Report – Officer on Annual Leave

WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 3.0 WATER AND SEWERAGE OFFICER PROGRESS REPORT

Noted

WORKSHOP FOREMAN REPORT

ITEM 4.0 WORKSHOP REPORT

Noted

Council has taken delivery of a new grader this week. The delivery of the new garbage truck is scheduled for early 2018.

AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

ITEM 5.0 AERODROME REPORTING OFFICER REPORT

Nil Report – Officer on Annual Leave

DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

ITEM 6.0 DIRECTOR OF WORKS REPORT

Noted

Michael advised that Council plant and operators had been working at Julia Creek aerodrome.

The Kalda airstrip fencing has been completed.

The new Water Park is scheduled for delivery on Thursday 23 November 2017. Installation to be completed by close down.

The prefabricated walls for the new Tennis Court building are ready to be transported.

Council have requested that the new Fod Boss be utilised to sweep the CBD streets.

The white ant issue at the RV Park will be addressed in early December.

The pontoon will be repositioned in Matrons Bay at Lake Fred Tritton before close down in December. Council also requested that the spraying of the lake for weed take place twice annually in the future.

Cr. Kuhl enquired when the irrigation system would be replaced in the Bush Tucker Gardens. Cr Kuhl also questioned if when the retaining wall behind the Van Park is established could the upgrade sweep around to the Bush Tucker Garden. Michael advised that steps would be installed from the Bush Tucker Garden up to the Van Park.

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RURAL LAND OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 7.0 RURAL LANDS OFFICERS REPORT

Noted

Council resolved to close the commons to any new applicants until such time as the feed improves.

LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

ITEM 8.0 LOCAL LAWS OFFICERS REPORT

Nil Report

Cr Bawden questioned if the Local Laws officer had inspected overgrown allotments and the growth of noxious weeds in the township.

SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

ITEM 9.0 SALEYARD CONTRACTORS REPORT

Nil Report

AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

ITEM 10.0 AGISTMENT ON TOWN COMMONS REPORT

Noted

TOWN SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 11.0 TOWN SERVICES REPORT

Noted

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

ITEM 12.0 SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Noted

BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

ITEM 13.0 BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Noted

RESOLUTION 20171121.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council approve the development application for building works (new steel framed open carport) on land described as Lot 212 SP 139606, situated at 86 Simpson Street, Richmond.

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Council discussed the non-compliance issues of previous development applications and requested that the matter be followed up.

The wide road frontage to lots in Simpson Street are to be surveyed in the near future to allow for expansion of a selection of existing parcels.

Council requested the DOW to obtain soil samples for the township to assist with the building and development applications.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ITEM 14.0 FINANCE REPORT

Noted

Item 14.1 Confidential Report

Change in Order of Business to discuss confidential report.

Attendance

Cr Pattel contributed to the discussion via telephone.

RESOLUTION 20171121.4

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council enter closed session according to section 275 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss the Confidential Report.

RESOLUTION 20171121.5

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that council exit closed session according to section 275 (1) (c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss the Confidential Report.

RESOLUTION 20171121.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that council purchase the property located at 82 Simpson Street, Richmond, described as Lot 12 on Crown Plan RT 120.

Attendance

Cr Pattel ceased discussion via telephone.

Item 14.2 Confidential Report

Confidential report to be discussed later in the order of Business.

Order of Business resumed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ITEM 15.0 CEO REPORT

Noted



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RESOLUTION 20171121.7

It was moved Cr Bawden, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that council adopt the recommended dates for the 2018 Ordinary and Special meetings of Council.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

ITEM 16.0 RDA REPORT

Nil Report

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20171121.8

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the meeting adjourn for morning tea at 10:01 am.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20171121.9

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting resume at 10:35am.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Angela Henry, Michael Wanrooy and Judy Norton.

CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED ITEMS

ITEM 17.0 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Item 17.1 Lord Pastoral – Gravel

Council decided to discuss the matter with adjoining landholders before responding. The consensus is that any Council owned grids would be removed from private roads and grading by Council would cease. Cr Kennedy advised that a letter to retract the statements in the correspondence would be sent to Council.

Item 17.2 Regional Assessment Service

Council will respond to the Minister for Aged Care to further express the urgency of the need for a Regional Assessment Service in Richmond Shire.

Item 17.3 Thank you from Sister Carmel

Noted

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND LOCAL LAWS

ITEM 18.0 MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 20171121.10

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Special Leave Natural Disaster Policy as presented, to be reviewed again in 2019.

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Change in order of Business to discuss Late Items

Item 17.4 Sponsorship Request from Hughenden Country Music Assoc Inc.

RESOLUTION 20171121.11

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that Council approve the request for Sponsorship to the value of \$300.00 as per previous years.

The CEO presented a quote to supply and install equipment to make ABC Country FM radio service available to the Richmond community. This project will be partially funded by the monies held in trust from the former Richmond Country Music Club.

Council requested that other quotes be sourced.

Order of Business resumed

Attendance

Cr Wharton left the room at 11:35am.

Cr Kuhl took the Chair

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

ITEM 19.0 MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES REPORT

Request for Community Drought Support

RESOLUTION 20171121.12

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Bawden and carried that Council approve the Community Drought Support funding for the Health Pit Stop catering and prizes.

RESOLUTION 20171121.13

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council approve the Community Drought Support funding for the 2018 Fossil Festival.

Christmas Lights Competition

RESOLUTION 20171121.14

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council approve the allocation of cash prizes for the Christmas Light Competition for Best Residence (\$850 prize pool), Best Decorated Gate (\$850 prize pool) and Best Business (\$500 prize pool) including an Accommodation Voucher to match the other two categories.

Attendance

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 11:45am.

Cr Wharton resumed the Chair.

Council discussed the placement of the new War Memorial and agreed that it should be directly lined up with the statue of Colonel Murray on the other side of the Cenotaph at the Jack Brown Lions Park.


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Two cement culvert tops will be placed on the hill to provide a more suitable site for the Fire Pit which is lit on Anzac Day.

RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 20.0 RICHMOND AGED CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

ITEM 21.0 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Noted

Meeting adjournment

RESOLUTION 20171121.15

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the meeting adjourn for lunch at 12:01pm. Invited guests Gary and Barb Flewelling and Michelle Johnston.

Meeting resumption

RESOLUTION 20171121.16

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting resume at 12:58pm.

Attendance

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Kennedy, Peter Bennett, Angela Henry, Michael Wanrooy, and Judy Norton.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ITEM 22.0 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Noted

POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 23.0 POOL MANAGER'S REPORT

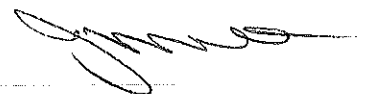
Noted

Council discussed the request from the Pool Manager to re-open the Pool on 29th December, 2017 and decided that the Pool should re-open on the 27th December, 2017.

TOURISM AND MARKETING REPORT

ITEM 24.0 TOURISM AND MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

Noted



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Cr Wharton advised that the new Drive Route has gone live and will be launched in Cairns or Townsville early in 2018.

Council discussed the 'Pit Stop to the Creek' concept and decided to be involved in the concept but not at the monetary cost of the previous years.

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 25.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

Noted

Change in order of Business to discuss Late Item

Noted

Cr Wharton suggested that flowering vines should be planted along the Lakeview Caravan Park fence to enhance the view from the street. Two varieties discussed were Mandevillas and Allamanda.

Order of Business resumed

Item 14.2 Late Confidential Report

Change in Order of Business to discuss confidential report.

Attendance

Angela Henry and Judy Norton left the room at 1:25pm.

Attendance

Cr Pattel contributed to the discussion via telephone.

RESOLUTION 20171121.17

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council enter closed session according to section 275 (1) (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss the Confidential Report.

RESOLUTION 20171121.18

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that council exit closed session according to section 275 (1) (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discuss the Confidential Report.

RESOLUTION 20171121.19

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council reward the full time employees with a Christmas Bonus, and pro-rata amounts for casual, permanent part-time and staff who commenced employment during the year.

Attendance

Cr Pattel ceased the discussion via telephone.

Attendance

Angela Henry and Judy Norton re-entered the room at 1:42pm.



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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 26.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Kuhl advised that she would be attending the 2018 WQLGA Annual Conference being held at Emerald in May 2018.

Cr Bawden questioned when the depth sign would be replaced at Alick Creek.

Cr Bawden asked if Council would have a need for the greenhouses that he fabricated for SORT as they may be offered for sale.

Cr Kennedy has been approached by a resident at Maxwellton who is of the opinion that the street in front of his dwelling is not all weather access.

Cr Kuhl questioned when the cameras on the creek crossings would be repaired and able to be viewed on Councils website.

Cr Kuhl suggested that Shire photos could be displayed as a continuous feed on the televisions in the office foyers.

Cr Kuhl enquired when the new movie would be launched at Kronosaurus Korner and Cr Wharton suggested that a media event could be arranged for the start of the tourist season in 2018.

Cr Fox enquired if the repairs had been done to the Maxwellton loading ramp. Cr Bawden advised that the work would take place when there was a two day window of opportunity.

Cr Wharton requested that the footpath in front of the Early Education Centre be replaced when time and manpower are available.

Information Reports

RESOLUTION 20171121.20

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

Meeting closure

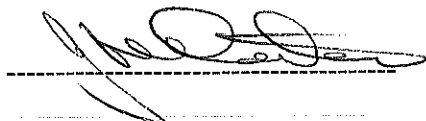
RESOLUTION 20171121.21

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that the meeting close at 2:07pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting

12 December 2017

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 21 November, 2017.



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Mayor