



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 August 2026

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor), Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Maurice Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (CEO), Jane Vaschina (Minute Taker)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Cr Stewart Morton

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
 - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
 - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 16 JULY 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/167**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 16 JULY 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/168**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS**11.1 MAYORS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/169**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of July 2026.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/170

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of July 2026.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETING PROCEDURE

RESOLUTION 2026/171

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the reviewed Standing Orders for Council Meetings document & Model Meeting Procedures, as presented.

CARRIED

14.2 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 - REGISTRATION TO ATTEND

RESOLUTION 2026/172

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council

- (a) Endorse the attendance of two Councillors as delegates to attend the LGAQ Annual Conference in line with Councils Membership subscription.
- (b) Endorse the attendance of an additional Councillors in conjunction with the CEO to attend the Conference as observers.

CARRIED

14.3 THARGOMINDAH SPORTING INC - REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR 2026 EVENT**RESOLUTION 2026/173**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

1. Approves the provision of in-kind assistance to Thargomindah Sporting Inc. for the Thargomindah Motorbike Gymkhana and Enduro to be held from 18–20 September 2026;
2. Waives the hire fees associated with the use of the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds;
3. Provides a skip bin and wheelie bins for waste management purposes during the event;
4. Makes available generators for the canteen and camping facilities should mains power not be restored prior to the event;
5. Makes available a Council PA system for the duration of the event; and
6. Authorises the use of Council plant and machinery, including a bobcat, backhoe/loader and grader, subject to operational requirements, staff availability and Council resource availability.

CARRIED

14.4 THARGOMINDAH SPORTING INC - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION**RESOLUTION 2026/174**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approves the allocation of \$5,000 to the Thargomindah Sporting Inc under the Community Grants program to support the delivery of the Thargomindah Motorbike Gymkhana and Enduro in September 2026.

CARRIED

14.5 THARGOMINDAH SPORTING INC - JUNIOR MOTORBIKE TRACK**RESOLUTION 2026/175**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approves the provision of in-kind assistance to Thargomindah Sporting Inc. to re-establish the Junior Motorbike Track for the Thargomindah Motorbike Gymkhana and Enduro to be held from 18–20 September 2026 including a bobcat, backhoe/loader and grader, subject to operational requirements, staff availability and Council resource availability.

CARRIED

14.6 HUNGERFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION - REQUEST TO IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR 2026 EVENT**RESOLUTION 2026/176**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approve the request from the Hungerford Sports Association and waive plant hire fees for the use of the Council Water Truck, and provide support for the installation and display of the Hungerford Flood Plaque during the Hungerford Horse and Motorbike Gymkhana 2026 Event, subject to operational requirements.

CARRIED

14.7 HUNGERFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION**RESOLUTION 2026/177**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approves the allocation of \$5,000 to the Hungerford Sports Association under the Community Grants program to support the delivery of the Hungerford Horse and Motorbike Gymkhana from 2–4 October 2026.

CARRIED

14.8 NOCCUNDRA GYMKHANA RODEO CLUB INC - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION**RESOLUTION 2026/178**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approves the allocation of \$5,000 to the Noccundra Gymkhana Rodeo Club Inc under the Community Grants program to support the delivery of the Noccundra Gymkhana on 09 - 11 October 2026.

CARRIED

14.9 NATIONAL BARREL HORSE AUSTRALIA D4 SOUTHWEST - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/179**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council

1. Approves the provision of in-kind assistance to National Barrel Horse Australia (NBHA) D4

Southwest for the NBHA D4 Southwest Round 12 & 13 event to be held from 5-6 September 2026;

2. Waives the hire fees associated with the use of the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds;
3. Makes available generators for the canteen and camping facilities should mains power not be restored prior to the event;
4. Makes available a Council PA system for the duration of the event; and
5. Authorises the use of Council plant and machinery, including a tractor, subject to operational requirements, staff availability and Council resource availability.

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager, attended the meeting 9.43am.

14.10 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/180

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for July 2026.

CARRIED

14.11 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/181

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st July 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.12 ASSET REVALUATION REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/182

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council endorse the Comprehensive Report and Indexation Report presented in Attachment 1 and 2 to be applied for the 2025-2026 Financial Year.

CARRIED

14.13 DIESEL - INVENTORY WRITE-OFF**RESOLUTION 2026/183**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council:

- a) endorse a stores adjustment to write off 600 litres of diesel at \$1,278.00 from Plant 1196 – Trailer Fuel 1,200L, recorded in the 2025-2026 financial year;
- b) endorse a stores adjustment to write off 4,485 litres of diesel at \$9,239.10 from Plant 185 – Tank 12,000L, held at Warri Gate Camp, recorded in the 2025-2026 financial year; and
- c) note a budget proposal will be presented at the Q1 Budget Review to recommend the purchase of a Data Fuel Management Console to be installed on Plant 185.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.13am and resumed the meeting at 10.35am

14.14 TENDER EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**RESOLUTION 2026/184**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Criteria and associated weightings for public tenders as presented in Attachments A and B;
- 2. Adopt Attachment A for DRFA/QRA-funded works and procurement processes managed by Shepherd Services;
- 3. Adopt Attachment B for all other Council procurement activities, including plant hire, civil construction works, professional services and management contracts; and
- 4. Require all tender evaluation panels to assess submissions in accordance with the endorsed criteria and weightings unless alternative project-specific criteria are approved by Council.

CARRIED

14.15 CONTRACT VARIATION APPROVALS - DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**RESOLUTION 2026/185**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

PART A - ONGOING CONTRACT VARIATION APPROVAL

1. Notes that section 5.5.3 of Procurement Policy 2.74.1 presently requires financial variations to Council-approved expenditure to be approved by Council unless Council has previously authorised an officer by resolution.
2. For the purposes of section 5.5.3 of Procurement Policy 2.74.1 and, to the extent required, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 238 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, authorises and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to approve and execute financial variations to contracts previously approved by Council up to, but not exceeding, the CEO's financial delegation limit recorded in the Financial Delegation Register, as amended from time to time (currently \$280,000 ex GST).
3. Determines that the authority in Item 2 is subject to the following conditions: the variation is within an approved budget and/or confirmed project funding; remains within the general nature, purpose and scope of the original procurement; is supported by a written contractual and value assessment; and does not otherwise require a Council resolution under legislation or Council policy.
4. Determines that, for the authority in Item 2, the applicable financial limit is the net additional expenditure arising from the individual variation or a series of related variations, and that a variation must not be divided or staged for the purpose of avoiding the CEO's delegation limit.
5. Directs that the authority in Item 2 is not to be further delegated and that all variations approved by the CEO under this authority are to be recorded in Council's contract variation register and reported to Council at the next ordinary meeting or through the established monthly contract reporting process.
6. Adopts the amendments to section 5.5.3 of Procurement Policy 2.74.1 set out in Attachment 2 and directs the CEO to update the Delegations Register, Financial Delegation Register and associated procurement/contract administration procedures as required to give effect to this resolution.
7. Requires any variation exceeding the CEO's financial delegation, any variation for which sufficient approved budget or funding is unavailable, or any variation that materially changes the original procurement to be referred to Council for approval before commitment, except where an applicable emergency provision lawfully permits otherwise.

PART B - CURRENT OUTSTANDING CONTRACT VARIATIONS

8. Approves the outstanding contract variations listed in Attachment 1 at the values stated in that attachment and authorises the CEO and relevant contract administrator to complete the administrative actions necessary to formally notify the contractors and update the applicable purchase orders and contract registers.
9. Notes that Part B is intended to be capable of being considered independently of Part A so that the current outstanding variations can be determined even if Council does not support the proposed ongoing delegation.

CARRIED**14.16 AUCTION OF STREET SWEEPER****RESOLUTION 2026/186**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council accept the offer for \$2,727.27 ex GST for Pant 7004 – 2012 Rosmech Street Sweeper.

CARRIED**Attendance**

Kate Humphries left the meeting at 11.08am.

14.17 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/187**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of July 2026.

CARRIED**14.18 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/188**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for July 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

Chris Woodland, Project Manager attended the meeting at 11.36am.

14.19 SPECIAL PROJECTS**RESOLUTION 2026/189**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Special Projects report for the month for July 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

Chris Woodland, Project Manager left the meeting at 12.09pm.

George attended the meeting at 12.10pm

14.20 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/190**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for July 2026.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS**15.1 VARIATION REQUEST - T2025-2026-211 - NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP FENCE****RESOLUTION 2026/191**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council approve the contract variation of \$35,024.00 (inclusive of GST) for Tender T2025-2026-211 Noccundra Airstrip Fence with Cross Country Fusion for additional works associated with unforeseen hard rock ground conditions encountered during the installation of exclusion fencing at Noccundra Airstrip, increasing the total contract value to \$437,484.00 (inclusive of GST).

CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held 17th September 2026.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 12.28pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 September 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON