



**Bulloo**  
Shire

# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**21 May 2026**

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492  
ON THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tiffany Dare (CEO)

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:08am.

**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**

Nil

**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.

Councillors	COI	Meeting Item
Cr Glyn Dare	T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street	14.19
Cr John Ferguson	T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street	14.19

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 16 APRIL 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2026/75**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 April 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 2026/76**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

**CARRIED**

**12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS****12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/77**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of April 2026.
- b) Write to Natalie Cook inviting her to visit Bulloo Shire, with Council to fund reasonable travel and accommodation costs.

**CARRIED**

**13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING****13.1 MINUTES OF LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING - 15 APRIL 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/78**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the Minutes of the LDMG Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**13.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 MAY 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/79**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS****14.1 STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETING PROCEDURE****RESOLUTION 2026/80**

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 PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE – TICKALARA ROAD TO BULLOO DOWNS ROAD****RESOLUTION 2026/81**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approve the renaming of the entire length of Tickalara Road to Bulloo Downs Road, effective upon resolution, and authorise officers to update all relevant Council registers, mapping systems and undertake all necessary notifications accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**14.3 THARGO BULLS FOOTBALL CLUB - REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR THARGOMINDAH SPORTS OVAL****RESOLUTION 2026/82**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council:

1. Endorses the waiver of hire fees for the Thargo Bulls Football Club for the use of the Sports Oval for the 9 May 2026 home game; and
2. Notes that approval was provided by Councillors via email due to the timing of the request.

**CARRIED**

**14.4 THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CLUB - REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR 2026 CARNIVAL****RESOLUTION 2026/83**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Thargomindah Polocrosse Club for the Annual Polocrosse Carnival to be held on 13–14 June 2026, including:

- Use of a tractor for field preparation (approximately 2 hours)
- Use of the water truck for the duration of the event
- Provision of wheelie bins and a skip bin
- Provision of generators and associated equipment to supply power

Further, that the use of the Shire bus be approved in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges, subject to completion of the required hire documentation.

**CARRIED**

**14.5 THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CLUB - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION****RESOLUTION 2026/84**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approves a Community Grant of \$4,438.16 to the Thargomindah Polocrosse Club for the 2026 Polocrosse Carnival to be held on 13–14 June 2026, to assist with ambulance and entertainment costs.

**CARRIED**

**14.6 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES - REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR HIRE OF RODEO GROUNDS****RESOLUTION 2026/85**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council approve the waiver of the hire fee for the Rodeo Grounds for use by the State Emergency Service (SES), as requested.

**CARRIED**

**14.7 CONSIDERATION OF OUTSOURCING SEWERAGE OPERATIONS****RESOLUTION 2026/86**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council enter into negotiations with Flovac to finalise a formal agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Thargomindah sewerage system from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026, subject to amendments that strengthen performance accountability, cost control, and risk allocation in favour of Council.

**CARRIED****14.8 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/87**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

**CARRIED****Attendance**

Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager, attended the meeting at 10:12am.

**14.9 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/88**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

**CARRIED****14.10 2025-2026 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/89**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the QAO Interim Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

**CARRIED**

**14.11 T2025-2026-110 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) NEW MEDIUM SUV****RESOLUTION 2026/90**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council replace the April 2026 resolution accepting the tender from Black Toyota Dalby for a Toyota Landcruiser Prado GX, with acceptance of the tender from Tait Motors for the supply and delivery of one (1) Toyota RAV4 GX for \$52,691.09 (excluding GST).

**CARRIED**

**14.12 T2025-2026-109 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) NEW LARGE SUV'S****RESOLUTION 2026/91**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council amend the April 2026 resolution accepting the tender from Charleville Ford Nissan for the supply and delivery of two (2) new Nissan Patrol Warrior vehicles for a total cost of \$237,214.55 (excluding GST).

The vehicles are currently available as follows:

- One (1) White
- One (1) Gun Metal Grey

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Kate left the meeting at 10:44am.

**Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:45am.*

*Council resumed the meeting at 11:05am.*

**Attendance**

The Principal of Thargomindah State School, Cameron Churchill, and students attended the meeting at 11:05am

- Nate Girdler
- Braith Donaldson
- Sabrina Warterton

The left the meeting at 11.25am.

**Attendance**

Tamie Warner, Community Culture & Places Manager, attended the meeting at 11:28am.

**14.13 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/92**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Tamie left the meeting at 11:57am.

**Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm*

*Council resumed the meeting at 12:28pm*

**14.14 2WEB PROMOTIONAL PACKAGE****RESOLUTION 2026/93**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council accept the 2026/27 Unlimited Package from 2WEB Outback Radio at a cost of \$10,000.00 (excluding GST).

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager attended the meeting at 12:30am

**14.15 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/94**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Donna left the meeting at 12:39am.

Gillian Strong, Community Recovery & Resilience Officer, attended the meeting at 12:40pm.

**14.16 COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE OFFICER REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/95**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Gillian left the meeting at 1:01pm.

Kevin Bradley, CEO of Save the Bilby Fund, attended the meeting at 1:02pm to provide an update of the Bilby's at Currawinya National Park.

Kevin left the meeting at 1:28pm

Chris Woodland, Project Manager, attended the meeting at 1:30pm

**14.17 SPECIAL PROJECTS****RESOLUTION 2026/96**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

George Inocentes, Engineer, attend the meeting at 2:05pm.

**14.18 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/97**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

**CARRIED**

**15 LATE ITEMS****CONFLICT OF INTEREST – 14.19**

I, Councillor John Ferguson, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 14.19 'T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Sams/Frew Street'. The nature of my interest is that my son in law and daughter own a business that submitted a tender.

As a result of this conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr John Ferguson left the meeting at 2:10pm

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 14.19 'T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Sams/Frew Street'. The nature of my interest is that my sister owns a business that submitted a tender.

As a result of this conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Glyn Dare left the meeting at 2:10pm

**14.19 T2025-2026-114 WATER MAIN EXTENSION - FREW / SAMS STREET****RESOLUTION 2026/98**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) accept the tender submitted by Ago Vires for Tender T2025-2026-114 – Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street, subject to the resubmission of pricing based on DN100 PN18; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Cr Glyn Dare and Cr John Ferguson returned to the meeting at 2:22pm.

Chris left the meeting at 2:22pm.

George left the meeting at 2:56pm

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 2026/99**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

**CLOSURE OF MEETNG****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 2:57pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

**16.1 Assistance with Electricity Costs for Tenants in Temporary Caravans on Council-Owned Properties**

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with the local government's budget.

**To be discussed:**

This matter is confidential in accordance with section 245J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it relates to Council's financial affairs and consideration of an unbudgeted expenditure which could prejudice Council's financial interests if disclosed.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2026/100**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 3:09pm

**CARRIED**

**16.1 ASSISTANCE WITH ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR TENANTS IN TEMPORARY CARAVANS ON COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTIES**

**RESOLUTION 2026/101**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

1. Approve reimbursement of electricity costs incurred during the restoration period for affected Council properties, based on the following approach:
  - a. **Residents remaining on-site in caravans:**  
Council reimburse verified electricity costs in excess of \$100 per month per property, recognising this amount as a reasonable baseline contribution for typical household electricity usage.
  - b. **Residents who relocated off-site:**  
Council reimburse verified electricity costs incurred at the affected property during the period it was unoccupied, excluding any service fees.
2. Require that all reimbursement claims be supported by reasonable evidence, such as electricity accounts or other supporting documentation, to substantiate costs incurred.

**CARRIED**

**17 NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**18 CLOSURE**

**The Meeting closed at 3:13pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**