



COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

18 AUGUST 2026

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next
Communities Committee Meeting 15 September 2026

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**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:16AM**

1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr D Morrison – General Manager Communities & Lifestyle (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Hilse is representing Council at the Cockscomb Vietnam Veterans' Day

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities Committee of 21 July 2026 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

File No: 10097

Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

Author: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding Table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee meetings. The current Business Outstanding Table for Communities Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Communities Committee be received.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

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10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No: 10097

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

SUMMARY

Portfolio Councillors for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Planning and Regulation; Parks, Sport and Public Spaces; Environmental Sustainability will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.

10:19AM Councillor Oram attended the meeting

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Portfolio Updates for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Planning and Regulation and Parks, Sport and Public Spaces be received.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 PROJECT DELIVERY CAPITAL REPORT - COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - JULY 2026

File No: 16255
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Andrew Collins - Manager Project Delivery

SUMMARY

Monthly Status Report on Organisational Services and Communities and Lifestyle Services Capital projects currently managed by the Project Delivery Unit.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Project Delivery Capital Report – Communities Committee – July 2026 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 2026/2027 ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES: SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS - FLEET AND FACILITIES

File No: 10097
Authorising Officer: Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services
Author: Emma-Jane Dwyer - Manager Fleet and Facilities

SUMMARY

This report presents the draft proposed list of nominated significant projects included in the 2026/2027 capital program for Fleet and Facilities for the consideration and endorsement of the Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorses the following significant projects for future reporting:

1. Mount Morgan Cemetery extension
2. Amenities Program Renew & Upgrade
3. Playground Equipment Renewal

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO SHOWGROUNDS EVENT CURFEW - SALOON CAR CLUB SEASON 26-27**File No:** 11039**Authorising Officer:** John Webb - Manager Communities & Culture
Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle**Author:** Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

SUMMARY

The Rockhampton Saloon Car Club Inc. has requested an exemption to the Rockhampton Showgrounds event curfew to enable the operation of licensed bar only until 11.59pm during its 2026/27 speedway season running from September 2026 until March 2027. All racing activities and amplified noise would continue to cease at 10.30pm.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve an exemption to the Rockhampton Showgrounds event curfew for Rockhampton Saloon Car Club Inc. speedway events conducted during the 2026/27 season, permitting operation of the Club's licensed bar until midnight, subject to:

1. racing activities, engines and amplified noise ceasing by 10.30pm;
2. compliance with all liquor licensing requirements and conditions; and
3. Council reserving the right to revoke the exemption should noise or operational impacts not be managed to Council's satisfaction.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram**MOTION CARRIED**

11.4 SOLE SUPPLIER MINI GRAND STAND HAND RAILS

File No: 2253
Authorising Officer: John Webb - Manager Communities & Culture
Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

SUMMARY

Council has approved funding within the 2026/27 Capital Budget for the purchase of additional handrails for the Mini Grandstands at the Rockhampton Showgrounds. Due to the bespoke nature of the Grandstands, handrails that fit the grandstands must come from the supplier of the Grandstands to ensure a safe fit. In accordance with s235(a) of the Local Government regulation, Council approval is sought to deem the nominated supplier as a sole supplier.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to s235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council approves the use of the nominated supplier, Steel Post and Rail Pty Ltd, as the sole supplier for the manufacture and supply of additional handrails for the Mini Grandstands located at the Rockhampton Showgrounds

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL LIBRARIES HISTORIC DEBT

File No: 164
Authorising Officer: John Webb - Manager Communities & Culture
Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Erin Wallace - Coordinator Library & Child Services

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to write off and remove historic library overdue fine debt currently recorded in the Library Management System. Council's external auditors have advised that the balance should not be recognised as revenue and, given its age and unrecoverable nature, it is proposed that the debt be removed from the system.

11:05AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room
11:16AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the room

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve the write-off of historic library overdue fine debt currently recorded in the Library Management System.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson
MOTION CARRIED

11.6 QLD GOVERNMENT GAMES ON! PROGRAM - ROCKHAMPTON CRICKET GROUND SPORTS LIGHTING RENEWAL AND UPGRADE PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION

File No: 4965
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of a funding application submitted under the Queensland Government's Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program - Field of Play Stream for the Rockhampton Cricket Ground Sports Lighting Renewal and Upgrade Project. Following a successful Registration of Interest outcome and a limited timeframe to lodge a full application, an application was submitted to preserve Council's eligibility for funding and now seek Council's endorsement of the application and associated commitments.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. endorse the funding application submitted under the Queensland Government's Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program - Field of Play Stream for the Rockhampton Cricket Ground Sports Lighting Renewal and Upgrade Project;
2. note that Council's adopted 2026/27 Budget includes an allocation of \$100,000 for sporting infrastructure upgrades and, should the funding application be successful, budgetary consideration be given to the balance of Council's required contribution to deliver the project; and
3. delegate, pursuant to section 257(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to negotiate, execute and manage any funding agreement associated with the project.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:19am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE