



ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

23 APRIL 2025

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**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM**

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 E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 8 April 2025 be confirmed.

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

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 QLD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE 2025; COUNCILLOR MARIKA TAYLOR

File No: 8291
Authorising Officer: Nicole Semfel - Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Megan Careless - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

The 14th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference will be held in Brisbane from 4-5 June 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Marika Taylor, Infrastructure Portfolio be approved to attend the 14th Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference to be held in Brisbane from 4 to 5 June 2025.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Latcham
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 2025 ROCKHAMPTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW - APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF PRIZES

File No: 14298
Authorising Officer: Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Author: Eileen Brown - Acting Tourism and Events Manager

SUMMARY

Council's current Payment Exception Authority Procedure requires Council or Committee approval to pay prize monies in cash. This report is seeking formal approval to allow prizes to be paid in cash at the 2025 Rockhampton Agricultural Show.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve the payment of prizes in cash for the 2025 Rockhampton Agricultural Show.

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

11.2 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

File No: 8148
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2025 be received.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 WHOLE OF COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

File No: 1392
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Deputy CEO presenting the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 March 2025 for Councillors' information

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 March 2025 be "received".

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

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ELLIOT HILSE - LEUCAENA MANAGEMENT

File No: 2557

Responsible Officer: Nicole Semfel - Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Elliot Hilse has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 23 April 2025, as follows:

MOTION

THAT:

1. Council conduct a comprehensive report on the spread of Leucaena within Council's boundaries;
2. Lobby the Queensland State Government via the LGAQ for new management strategies and better farming education;
3. Investigate the financial feasibility of providing spray units and refills to landowners at no cost; and
4. Explore the use of correctional facility inmates for clearing tasks.

Moved by: Councillor Hilse

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

Amendment

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillor Mathers moved an amendment:

THAT:

1. Council conduct a comprehensive report on the spread of Leucaena within Council's boundaries;
2. Lobby the Queensland State Government to have feral leucaena declared to LGAQ for new management strategies and better farming education;
3. Investigate the financial feasibility of providing spray units and refills to landowners at no cost; and
4. Explore the use of correctional facility inmates for clearing tasks.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers

Seconded by: Councillor Hilse

Councillors Mathers, Hilse and Rutherford and Taylor voted in the affirmative

Councillors Williams, Wickerson, Oram and Latcham voted in the negative
Mayor Williams used his casting vote in the negative
The proposed amended Motion was lost.

MOTION LOST

THE ORIGINAL MOTION IS NOW THE MOTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Moved by: **Councillor Hilse**

Seconded by: **Councillor Rutherford**

DIVISION:

Councillors Hilse, Rutherford and Mathers voted in the affirmative

Councillors Williams, Taylor, Wickerson, Oram and Latcham voted in the negative

MOTION LOST

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

15 CLOSED SESSION**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****9:41AM**

THAT Council move into Closed Session pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Legal Matters Report - 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

In accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**9:44AM**

THAT pursuant to s5.12 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Oram

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 LEGAL MATTERS REPORT - 1 JANUARY 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2025

File No: 1830

Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Manager Workforce and Governance
Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Author: Shannon Jennings - Coordinator Legal and Governance

In accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

SUMMARY

Presenting an update of current legal matters that Council is involved in as at 31 March 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the legal matters report containing updates on legal matters for Rockhampton Regional Council as at 31 March 2025 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Oram

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Notice of Motion - Councillor Hilse - Leucaena Management



