



COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

21 JULY 2026

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**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:30AM**

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 (Videotelephony)
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
Mr D Morrison – General Manager Communities & Lifestyle (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities Committee of 16 June 2026 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Mathers

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No: 10097

Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

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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.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 PROJECT DELIVERY CAPITAL REPORT - COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - JUNE 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 – June 2026 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 OPEN SPACES & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS REPORT - JUNE 2026

File No: 15225
Authorising Officer: Christine Bell - Acting Manager Growth and Community Partnerships
Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator

SUMMARY

This report outlines progress and key updates on significant capital projects delivered across the Open Spaces & Recreation and Growth & Community Partnerships teams for the period to June 2026 (FY2025/26).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Open Spaces & Community Partnerships Significant Capital Projects Status Report for the month of June 2026, be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 2027 ROCKHAMPTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY**File No: 14298/3192****Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle****Author: John Webb - Manager Communities & Culture**

SUMMARY

Each year the Queensland Government invites Council to nominate a date for the granting of a special public holiday for the holding of the annual agricultural show. The proposed date for this holiday in 2027 is Thursday 10 June.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate), nominating Thursday 10 June 2027 as a special agricultural show holiday for the Rockhampton Region Local Government Area.

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

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

Councillor Hilse presented to Mayor Williams and Council a commemorative number plate from the organisers of the Goldrush Hill Sprint in recognition and appreciation to Council for its sponsorship support of the 2026 event.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:03am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE