COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

17 FEBRUARY 2026

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REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

1 OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson (Chairperson)
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 and Lifestyle (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor, Councillor Williams tendered his apology as he is attending to Council Business.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities Committee of 18 November 2025 be confirmed.

Moved by: **Councillor Oram**
Seconded by: **Councillor Rutherford**
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 Mathers**
Seconded by: **Councillor Taylor**
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**

Author: **Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle**

SUMMARY

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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

Moved by: **Councillor Wickerson**
Seconded by: **Councillor Taylor**
MOTION CARRIED

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 FIGHTING ILLEGAL DUMPING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FIDPP) GRANT

File No:	**12534**
Authorising Officer:	**Doug Scott - Manager Planning & Regulatory Services** **Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle**
Author:	**Jon Buckenham - Coordinator Local Laws**

SUMMARY

This report is seeking Council's consideration of a proposal to submit an application for the State Government's Fighting Illegal Dumping Partnership Program (FIDPP) for a total value of $295,000 over three years to continue funding of an Illegal Dumping Compliance Officer and associated program activities.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves to make application for the State Government's Fighting Illegal Dumping Partnership Program (FIDPP) for a total value of $295,000 over three years.

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

11.2 PROJECT DELIVERY CAPITAL REPORT - ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES AND LIFESTYLE SERVICES - JANUARY 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.

10:50AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Project Delivery Capital Report – Organisational Services and Communities and Lifestyle Services – January 2026 be received.

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

10:53AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

11.3 OPEN SPACES & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SIGNIFICANT PROJECT STATUS REPORT - FEBRUARY 25/26

File No:	**15225**
Authorising Officer:	**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 and Community Partnerships teams for the period November 2025 to January 2026 (FY 2025–26).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Significant Capital Projects Status Report for the period November 2025 to January 2026 (FY 2025–26), covering identified projects across the Open Spaces & Recreation and Growth and Community Partnerships teams, be received.

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

11.4 ALLOCATION OF FY 2025/26 CAPITAL – ASSETS TO SUPPLEMENT SPORTING CLUBS

File No:	**15186, 4197, 5191**
Authorising Officer:	**Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle**
Author:	**Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator**

SUMMARY

This report proposes bringing forward three (3) priority community projects, renewing the Cedric Archer tennis courts, restoring the Tom Brady Park clubhouse and completing a lighting design for Tom Nutley Fields, to address safety and access issues, reactivate under-used facilities, and make strategic use of this year's available capital allocation in a period of reduced club-initiated proposals, ensuring Council investment still delivers strong community benefit and future funding readiness.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. Allocate up to $300,000 (ex GST) from the FY 2025/26 Assets to Supplement Sporting Clubs capital line to deliver the following Community Asset Projects:
    a. Cedric Archer Park, Two-Court Renewal: Up to $150,629.55 (ex GST) to deliver refurbished, fit-for-purpose multi-use hard courts, including resurfacing, structural repairs, colour coating and dual use line-marking;
    b. Tom Brady Park, Clubhouse/Amenities restoration: Up to $60,000 (ex GST) to restore the facility to a safe, usable and compliant condition, including works to address electrical faults, plumbing issues, safety and accessibility requirements, and essential structural and amenity repairs; and
    c. Tom Nutley Park, Detailed Lighting Design: Up to $30,000 (ex GST) to deliver a shovel-ready, compliant lighting design to support community advocacy to deliver renewed lighting infrastructure via future state or federal funding programs.

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

11.5 ROCKHAMPTON PANTHERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC - LEASE EXTENTION & INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES WAIVER

File No:	**5463**
Authorising Officer:	**Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle**
Author:	**Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator**

SUMMARY

The report recommends renewing the Trustee Lease for the Rockhampton Panthers Australian Football Club (Panthers), including a defined lease extension area to accommodate the rebuild of their storage shed facilities supporting community activities at the Rockhampton Cricket Grounds.

It also addresses the Club's request for a waiver of infrastructure charges associated with the shed development.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Pursuant to Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council approve the request to issue a new Trustee Lease over part of lot 134 on LN1166 (Rockhampton Cricket Grounds) as identified in Attachment 1 of the report;
2. Council resolves to grant an infrastructure charges reduction of up to one hundred per cent (100%), to a maximum value of $11,120.79, for Development Approval D/62-2025, conditional upon the applicant submitting any required amendment to the development approval and demonstrating full compliance with all associated approval conditions; and
3. Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (Sports and Active Communities Coordinator) to negotiate the terms and conditions of the agreements in preparation for execution by the delegated officer.

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

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 11:24am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE