



ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

20 JANUARY 2026

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**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 8:30 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

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 9 December 2025 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No: 11715
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is being presented in order for matters that have been laid on the table at previous meetings to be formally lifted from the table prior to being dealt with at this meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the following matter be lifted from the table and dealt with accordingly:

- Development Application for Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Battery Energy Storage System) and Reconfiguring a Lot for a Lease (24 years)

Moved by: Councillor Mathers
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR AN UNDEFINED USE (BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM) AND RECONFIGURING A LOT FOR A LEASE (24 YEARS)

File No: D/25-2025

Authorising Officer: Amanda O'Mara - Coordinator Development Assessment
Doug Scott - Manager Planning & Regulatory Services
Damon Morrison - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Author: Kathy McDonald - Principal Planning Officer

SUMMARY

Development Application Number: D/25-2025

Applicant: Capricorn BESS Pty Ltd as Trustee for Capricorn BESS Trust c/- Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd

Real Property Address: Lot 2 on RP613051 and Lot 1 on RP610887

Common Property Address: Lot 742 Cherryfield Road, Gracemere and 52949 Burnett Highway, Bouldercombe

Area of Site: 128.656 hectares

Planning Scheme: Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015 (v4.4)

Planning Scheme Zone: Rural Zone and Special Purpose Zone

Planning Scheme Overlays: Biodiversity Areas Overlay
Bushfire Hazard Overlay
Steep Land Overlay

Existing Development: Lot 1 on RP610887 – Bouldercombe Substation
Lot 2 on RP613051 – The subject of Development Permit D/18-2017 for a Renewable Energy Facility (solar park) Approved but not yet constructed. Valid until June 2027

Approval Sought: Development Permit for a Material Change of Use and Reconfiguring a Lot for Undefined use (Battery Energy Storage System) and Reconfiguring a Lot for a Lease (exceeding 10 years)

Category of Assessment: Assessable subject to Impact assessment

Submissions: 173 submissions received

Referral Agency: Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (State Assessment and Referral Agency) and Powerlink

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve the request dated 6 January 2026 to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, seeking the exercise of Ministerial powers to call in and assess Development Application D/25-2025 under the Planning Act 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 2024-27 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (ROUND 5)

File No: 12534
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Andrew Collins - Manager Project Delivery

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to allocate savings from current Works for Queensland (W4Q) round 5 program towards the funding of early works associated with Stage 1 of the New Rockhampton Sports Precinct. Subject to Council endorsement a variation request will be submitted to the State Government for consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the matter lay on the table until a more detailed report can be presented.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 PRINCIPAL CYCLE NETWORK UPDATE

File No: 5732
Authorising Officer: Stuart Harvey - Coordinator Infrastructure Planning
Martin Crow - Manager Infrastructure Planning
Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Jamie Meyer - Infrastructure Planning Engineer

SUMMARY

The Rockhampton Regional Council Principal Cycle Network has been updated and the Department of Transport and Main Roads is seeking Council endorsement of the network.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorse the Rockhampton Regional Council Principal Cycle Network.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Hulse

MOTION CARRIED

11.4 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS

File No: 8944
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

SUMMARY

The Rockhampton Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) offers community grants for artists and arts projects within the Rockhampton region. This report describes the RADF assessment process and seeks endorsement for the Chief Executive Officer to approve RADF grants.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

1. delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (General Manager Communities & Lifestyle) to approve RADF Grants up to the value of \$10,000, acting on the recommendation of the RADF Committee; and
2. approve the Regional Arts Development Fund: Guidelines-2026-2028.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Latcham and Councillor Hilse voted against the motion.

**11.5 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
30 NOVEMBER 2025**

File No: 8148
Authorising Officer: Megan Younger - Acting General Manager
Organisational Services
Author: Tisin Simon - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

Manager Finance presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 30 November 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 30 November 2025 be received.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Latcham

MOTION CARRIED

**11.6 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025**

File No: 8148
Authorising Officer: Megan Younger - Acting General Manager
Organisational Services
Author: Tisin Simon - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

Manager Finance presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 December 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

9:07AM

That the meeting be adjourned until 9:20AM.

Moved by: Councillor Oram**Seconded by: Mayor Williams****MOTION CARRIED*****Meeting Resumed*****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

9.20 AM

That the meeting be resumed

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

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

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

15 CLOSED SESSION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:21AM

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 October 2025 to 31 December 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: Councillor Latcham

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9:22AM

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

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 LEGAL MATTERS REPORT - 1 OCTOBER 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

File No: 1830
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Shannon Jennings - Acting General Manager Workforce 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 December 2025.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford
MOTION CARRIED

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:22 am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE