ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

18 AUGUST 2026

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 11:32AM

1 OPENING

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

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Hilse tendered his apology as he is attending the Cockscomb Vietnam Veterans Day on behalf of Council.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

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 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No:	**10097**
Authorising Officer:	**Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services**

SUMMARY

Portfolio Councillor for Economic Development and Rockhampton Airport will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Portfolio Update for Economic Development and Rockhampton Airport be received.

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

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATE

File No:	**16725**
Authorising Officer:	**Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development** **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Amanda Hinton - Senior Advisor Economic Development**

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on projects and engagements lead by the Economic Development unit.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Economic Development update report be received.

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

11.2 TOURISM AND DESTINATION MARKETING UPDATE

File No:	**11715**
Authorising Officer:	**Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development** **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Lauren Law - Coordinator Tourism and Destination Marketing**

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on projects managed by the Tourism and Destination Marketing Unit.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Tourism and Destination Marketing update for July 2026 be received.

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

11.3 LIVE ROCKHAMPTON - 12 MONTH PROGRESS UPDATE

File No:	**16044**
Authorising Officer:	**Amanda Hinton - Senior Advisor Economic Development** **Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development** **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Lachlan Itter - Industry Engagement & Marketing Officer**

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the first 12 months of Advance Rockhampton's rolling live and work campaign, Live Rockhampton.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Live Rockhampton – 12 Month Progress Update be received.

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

11.4 'BUSBYS ON TOUR' DRIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN - PROGRESS REPORT

File No:	**11715**
Authorising Officer:	**Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development** **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Lauren Law - Coordinator Tourism and Destination Marketing**

SUMMARY

This report provides a six-month progress update on the 'Busbys On Tour' Drive Marketing Campaign delivered by the Tourism and Destination Marketing Unit.

12:01PM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
12:04PM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the July 2026 progress update report for the 'Busby's On Tour' Drive Marketing Campaign be received.

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

11.5 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY - BOWEN BASIN MINING CLUB INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

File No:	**8444**
Authorising Officer:	**Wade Clark - Coordinator Economic Development** **Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development** **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**
Author:	**Lachlan Itter - Industry Engagement & Marketing Officer**

SUMMARY

Rockhampton Regional Council, through Advance Rockhampton, has the opportunity to enter into a three-year sponsorship of the Bowen Basin Mining Club (BBMC) Luncheon, ensuring the industry event will be held in Rockhampton annually. BBMC is a key engagement platform for local business and Advance Rockhampton staff to network with the resources industry, in particular executives and decision makers in the Bowen Basin.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council sponsors the Bowen Basin Mining Club Luncheon to be held in Rockhampton from 2026 to 2028 inclusive for $5,000 annually (excl. GST).

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

11.6 SPECIALISED SUPPLIER - DELOITTE

File No:	**16133**
Authorising Officer:	**Amanda Hinton - Senior Advisor Economic Development** **Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor and Economic Development**
Author:	**Jack Barnett - Economic Development & Industry Engagement Advisor**

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to engage Deloitte as a specialised supplier under the provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012. Due to Deloitte's direct involvement in the development of the Central to Defence Business Case and their specialised knowledge of the project, it is considered impractical and potentially disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes or tenders for the continuation of this body of work.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT, pursuant to section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council approves Deloitte as a specialised supplier for the provision of consultancy services relating to ongoing Central to Defence project activities.

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

11.7 AIRPORT MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW

File No:	**1689**
Authorising Officer:	**Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services**
Author:	**Marcus Vycke - Manager Airport**

SUMMARY

Monthly Status Report on Airport Major Projects currently managed by the Airport team.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Airport Major Projects Overview Report July 2026 be received.

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

15 CLOSED SESSION

11.8 AIRPORT PERFORMANCE REPORT

File No:	**1689**
Authorising Officer:	**Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services**
Author:	**Marcus Vycke - Manager Airport**

SUMMARY

This report outlines progress and key updates on Airport performance and statistics delivered by the Airport team for the period ending June 2026.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

12:38PM

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.

11.8 Airport Performance Report

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

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

1:05PM Councillor Oram left the meeting
1:08PM Councillor Oram returned to the meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1:09PM

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

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

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Airport Performance Report for period ending June 2026 be received.

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

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

15 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

16 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:10pm.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE