



# ADDENDUM

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**Meeting:** General Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Location:** Council Chambers,  
Georgetown

**Commencing:** 9.00am

**Councillors:** Cr B Hughes, L Royes, J Haase, T  
Gallagher, C Barns

## Open Session Addendum Attached

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## Local Government Act 2009

The principles (s4(2)) of the Act are:

- Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services
- Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement
- Good governance of, and by, local government
- Ethical and legal behavior of councillors and local government employees

## S.275 – Local Government Regulation 2012

### 275 Closed meetings

- (1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss –
  - Appointment, dismissal or discipline of a CEO or a BCC senior executive employee
  - Legal advice obtained by the Council or legal proceedings involving the Council
  - Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or group
  - Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the Council
  - Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the Council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
  - A matter required to be kept confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State
  - Industrial matters affecting employees
  - The Council budget
  - Rating concessions
- (2) A resolution that a meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the meeting is closed.
- (3) A local government or committee must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a closed meeting.

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# Etheridge Shire Council

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Briefing Report

#### 1 Update

Welcome to my March 2024 "Briefing" Report.

The relentless rainfall across the Shire is playing a major issue with ability to do or undertake emergent work and planned maintenance.

With major issues with drainage at Mt Surprise, raises the issue for more long term planning. Possible solutions going forward will be undertaken by the Director Engineering Services.

At the time of writing this report Council is working with QRA to not only restore our road network but make arrangements for assistance to residents in need, whether business, rural landholders or personal suffering hardship caused by this event. Further to this, Council is working closely with QRA for options to correct the drainage at Mt Surprise.

To all that assisted during the recent event and ensured safety of the communities, thank you.

#### 2 Operational Plan Matters

Operationally Council has progressed well through the strategies set by Council and the outcome for the 23/24 financial year.

Special projects are still being managed as follows.

1. Robert Jaggar - remotely
  - a. Housing (Independent Living and Staff housing)
2. Justin Fischer - remotely
  - a. Charleston Dam
3. Both of these areas will managed by the Director Engineering Services going forward.

Resourcing personnel is becoming a major issue.

- Some works may have to be deferred.

#### 3 Evolving Issues

Work Health & Safety, Federal Accreditation, National Heavy Vehicle – Fatigue Management and Charleston Dam audits and Earth Check accreditation over the next 3 months.

#### 4 Projects

I am currently working on the following projects, and if you have any comments do not hesitate to ask.

- **Charleston Dam – Justin Fischer and DES**
  - Alterations of land tenure (actual water footprint) has Native Title considerations.
  - Regulator issues
    - Certification
    - Risk study has been commissioned
    - OMP Operational Management Plan
    - EAP Emergency Action Plan
  - Reestablishment of the Fish ladder is also pending

- **Ewamian People**
  - Access to the cultural site is being planned
  - Proposed meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April
  - Others
- **Economic Development Plan – Belinda Down**
  - Status of an Economic Development Strategy
    - Working with State Development to develop a new Strategy for the shire
    - will be presented to the new Council for consideration.
- **Road User Agreements**
  - Genex/wind farm
  - Savannah Goldfields / Cobbold Gorge
  - Quartz mine
- **Road works and funding**
  - Amount of pending work and ability to deliver should be looked at closely
- **QRA Flood Damage – Shepherd Services – Clinton Mervis**
  - **Gravel Pits**
    - Council is currently working through the new arrangements
  - **Update of current and previous works**
    - 23 event - Program to finalise the schedule of works
    - The new 23/24 event
- **Developments – Liz Taylor**
  - Genex / Powerlink
    - Current Road User agreement and fulfilling conditions
    - Meeting with the Coordinator General of a proposal for a Wind Farm
      - Including proposed road user agreement
  - Quartz Mine
    - Meeting with the Coordinator General, re Mt Surprise impacts
  - Future of other Gold / Mining exploration
  - Caravan park in Mt Surprise
  - Extension to fuel outlet in Georgetown
- **Tourism Master Plan – Griffith, Brent Moyle and Co.**
  - Funded projects
    - Master Plan – Totems, Entrance Signs and Pavilions
    - Funding application for Growing Our Region, as per attached
    - Building Bush Tourism application – Cumberland Bird Hides
    - Missed the recent TED funding round
- **The Lynd Drop-in Centre**
  - Subject to an assessment of this Centre and land tenure issues, Management will scope out works and arrange to undertake same.
- **Rodeo Grounds – Georgetown**
  - Subject to the Industrial Estate in Georgetown.

**Over the past month**

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| • 22 <sup>nd</sup>                   | CEO Office | Einaleigh common           |
| • 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | CEO Office | Finance                    |
| • 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | Teams      | BDO auditors               |
| • 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | Board Room | EMT Meeting                |
| • 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> | Brisbane   | CEO Forum                  |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | Cairns     | Moray & Agnew              |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | Board Room | Recent flooding            |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | Board Room | QPS matters                |
| • 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | Teams      | Office Coordinator General |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup>                    | Teams      | QTC update                 |
| • 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | CEO Office | EMT Meeting                |

- 11<sup>th</sup> CEO Office Works Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Council Earth Check
- 13<sup>th</sup> Board Room Council meeting

**Next month**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Board Room Sport and Rec
- 16<sup>th</sup> Council Elections
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Kurumba Fishing
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Georgetown QFES Training
- 26<sup>th</sup> Council Election Decision
- 28<sup>th</sup> Council Council ceremony
- 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Easter

**6 Other**

I would like to take this time to thank the Mayor and Councilors for the last 4 years. Job well done; it is a challenging task.

To the Mayor, Barry Hughes congratulations on being re-elected – unopposed.

To Tony Gallagher who is retiring, enjoy. Thank you for your service to Council over the last 8 years.

Also, I'd like to thank the 3 Councillors seeking reelection, thank you and I wish you all the best.

Ken Timms PSM  
CHIEF EXECUTICE OFFICER